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**ON BEHALF OF THE PRIME CABINET SECRETARY H.E. (DR)
MUSALIA MUDAVADI, EGH, I HERE BY DELIVER HIS REMARKS
DURING THE INDUCTION AND CAPACITY BUILDING
WORKSHOP FOR PARLIAMENTARY LIAISON OFFICERS ON
FRIDAY, 31ST MARCH, 2023 AT THE PRIDEINN PLAZA HOTEL**

The Leader of the Majority Party, National Assembly

The Majority Leader, Senate

The Clerk of the National Assembly

The Clerk of the Senate

Our Parliamentary Liaison Officers

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. I extend my warmest congratulations to you following your designation as Parliamentary Liaison Officers in your respective Ministries and State

Departments. **YOU are now key actors in Government who should stand with us as partners in ensuring the delivery of the National Government Legislative Agenda and the cordial institutional relationship between the Executive and the Legislature.**

Notwithstanding the challenges we may all individually have in our respective institutions, I have no doubt that with our combined efforts and

commitment to serve we will make significant progress in achieving the mandate that we have all been called upon to execute.

2. The National Government Legislative Agenda, is institutionalized in the Executive Order No.1 of 2023, which my Office is mandated to Chair and Co-ordinate. It is in this capacity, amongst others, that I “Assist the President and the Deputy President in the coordination and supervision of government”.

3. What is a Legislative Agenda? You may ask. There is consensus that the terms “Legislative Agenda” means a program of proposed legislations to support policies and programs of government. This Workshop should give

YOU, good people, the opportunity and tools, as Parliamentary Liaison Officers to ensure that the policies and legislation proposed and originating from your institutions;

- a) Are aligned to the Government’s Development Agenda;
- b) Are processed more efficiently and in a timelier manner; and

- c) That any challenges to the processes are picked out and mitigated onset.

These challenges should not be left to fester under your watch.

- 4. For avoidance of doubt, let me state that **the success of Government will depend on the Synergy, Team Work and the Partnership between My Office and yourselves under the Philosophy of Delivering as One.** You will be our boots on the ground in the MDAs in

relation to a number of areas such as; **reporting on progress of the development of policy and legislation, inter-ministerial liaison on cross cutting policy and legislative development issues,**

- 5. Supporting your Cabinet Secretaries and Principal Secretaries to effectively and efficiently prepare to appear before Parliament as they expound the executive's government development agenda, respond to Parliamentary Questions, address petitions and follow up on the status of implementation of Parliamentary Resolutions.**

6. As a first charge, YOU are expected to be fully conversant with the core functions, as well as the policy, legal and administrative framework that either governs your MDA or that your MDA administers. **This understanding is critical because of what I shall be drawing your attention to next.**

7. SYNERGY AND UNITY OF PURPOSE IN GOVERNMENT

Whole of Government Approach:

There is need to embrace and adopt the ***Whole-of-Government Approach within the Collective Responsibility Principle*** in the

conduct of Government business. This means the **elimination of the prevailing Silo Mentality and the enhancement of Networks and Partnerships** within and between MDAs to yield excellent results;

Open-Government Approach:

- a) Embrace the ***Open-Government Partnership Strategies and Initiatives based on the Principles of Transparency, Integrity, Accountability and Stakeholder Participation for consensus and ownership.*** The aim is to facilitate the Citizenry to effectively be included in the national government policies and programs.

b) Develop innovative and pragmatic intervention and solutions, and make use of new technologies, sharing best Practice within institutions and

Counties as part of **Government's commitment to good governance.**

8. IDENTIFICATION OF AREAS OF POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE DEFICIT

One of the cardinal characteristics of a democratic Government is strict adherence to the **Rule of Law** which entail engagement of the **citizenry** in Governance, and formulation of competitive policy, institutional and legislative frameworks. The following issues are pertinent:

- a) As best practice, **Policies precede Legislation.** Consequently, there is need to audit **legislations that are not backed by policy or require improvement through amendment or**

repeal and cure the same by ensuring legislation development is preceded with policy.

- b) **You should be in the know about the Parliamentary Calendar. Keen interest must be made on Parliamentary matters affecting your MDAs ranging from Bills, Motions, Statements, Questions and Petitions.** This will be critical as your CSs commence appearance before the Floors of Parliament and for the purpose of avoiding a situation where Parliament and the Executive proceed on cross purposes in the execution and progression of the national development agenda; and

c) **The three Arms of Government:** The Executive, Parliament and Judiciary, **are constitutionally intertwined and in same breath functionally differentiated for the realization of the Rule of Law. Synergy of purpose is imperative under the principle of the whole-of-Government approach** to enhance cooperation of the three Arms of Government on matters of the National Interest, notwithstanding the Doctrine of the Separation of Powers.

9. CONCLUSION

As I conclude this **Address** at this critical meeting, our resolve to delivering as one government, shall exorcise the demons of silos. That will call for strong character and steady mind which I believe can only be a product of discipline.

Remember

“discipline refers to consistency of action and methods, consistency with values, with long-term goals, with performance standards, and with

sustainable consistency over time. True discipline requires Patriotism, independence of mind, self-discipline and the inner-will to deliver excellent outcomes, whatever it takes and no matter how difficult.”

You notice, therefore, Discipline is not merely Regimentation, Measurements, Hierarchical Obedience or Adherence to Bureaucratic Rules and Codes, even though they could be important. True Discipline, entails Humility and Servant Leadership.¹

Am persuaded with no doubt that our commitments to these ethos will guarantee us our desired aspiration of Growth, Equity and Sustainability.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.