



**NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

**REMARKS BY THE CHAIR, NCPD BOARD CHAIR RTD. GEN  
DR. JULIUS KARANGI DURING THE WORLD POPULATION  
DAY MEETING AT PANAFRIC HOTEL ON 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2024**

## **Salutations**

Principal Secretary, State Department of Economic Planning, Mr. James Muhati, CBS;

Dr. Mohamed Sheikh, Director NCPD;

Ms. Shaheen Nilofer, Country Director UNICEF;

Mr. Paul Makwinja International Operations Manager UNFPA;

Senior Government Representatives;

Development Partners;

Civil Society Organizations;

Invited Guests.

## **Ladies and Gentlemen**

### **Good Morning!**

1. It is my pleasure and honour to welcome you to 2024 World Population Day celebrations. NCPD Board and staff appreciates that you spared time to join us as we commemorate this great day.
2. The Council is committed to advancing the population and development agenda which emanates from its mandate which including:
  - a. Research and analyse population issues and develop policies relating to population;
  - b. Provide leadership and mobilize support for population programmes, including coordination and implementation by different organizations;

- c. Assess the impact of population programmes and make recommendations arising from such assessments;
- d. Identify and advise on population issues that may not be adequately or appropriately dealt with by the government;
- e. Coordination of the implementation of Population and Development activities being carried out by various stakeholders in Kenya; and
- f. The Council is the Focal point on all matters relating to Population and Development Policies and Programmes in the Country.

## **Ladies and Gentlemen**

- 3. The 2024 World Population Day theme which is **Embracing Data for Decision-Making: Using Evidence to Invest in Adolescents and Young People** is at the heart of NCPD as we use data as evidence to advance the programming for adolescents and adolescents.
- 4. The Council has been at the forefront as a population data producer and user especially in development of policies, programmes and materials. The Council utilized data in the development of the:
  - i. Sessional Paper No. 1 of 2023 on Kenya Population Policy on Sustainable Development
  - ii. State of Kenya Population Reports;
  - iii. Annual demographic divided implementation reports;

- iv. ICPD25 Kenya Commitments reports;
  - v. Policy briefs and advisory papers just to name but a few.
5. The Council has prioritized and mainstreamed the Triple Threats of Adolescent Pregnancy, HIV and STIs and Sexual Gender-Based Violence in its policies, programmes and activities.
  6. Further, in looking beyond the numbers, the Council has partnered with Kenya Commercial Bank Foundation to support teenage mothers from poor background return to school by providing scholarships.
  7. In addition, the Council is committed to continue conducting research, analyzing data and advocating for prioritization of issues that hinder the adolescents and young people enjoying quality life.
  8. As I conclude, I wish to appeal to all our partners to put the adolescents at the forefront in programming

Thank you.