

**REMARKS BY DR. EDWARD SAMBILI, CBS, PERMANENT SECRETARY MINISTRY OF STATE FOR PLANNING, NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND VISION 2030 DURING THE LAUNCH OF KENINFO AND THE INTEGRATED MULTI-SECTORAL INFORMATION SYSTEM (IMIS) TO BE HELD AT KICC LENANA HALL ON 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2009.**

**The Permanent Secretary (ies)**

**Development Partners**

**KNBS Board members**

**Representatives from Government Ministries**

**Representatives of Research Institutions**

**Representatives of NGOs and Civil Society**

**Members of Press**

**Distinguished Guests**

**All protocols observed**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

On behalf of the Kenya Government and the Ministry of State for Planning, National Development and Vision 2030, I wish to welcome you all to the launch of the second release of KenInfo (Version 2.0) and the Integrated Multi-sectoral Information System (IMIS).

Many policy decisions being made today require a basis of accurate and reliable information on the dynamics of the population and other related indicators. The Government is committed to using statistics, both for planning and policy formulation purposes and for tracking progress towards nationally and internationally agreed upon development agenda. In addition, the GOK is using statistics to monitor the extent to which activities in this first national Medium

Term Plan (2008-2012) as well as Vision 2030 are being implemented.

Towards this end, and as part of the Government's commitment to improve transparency, accountability and responsibility of all stakeholders in the implementation of the Vision 2030, the Ministry of State for Planning, National Development and Vision 2030 has been working with stakeholders towards developing an integrated System for Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E). The aim of the integrated M&E System is to provide the Government and stakeholders with reliable mechanisms to measure the efficiency and the effectiveness of public policies and service delivery to the people.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

In an effort to reinforce the existing mechanisms of service delivery to the people, the Ministry of State for Planning, National Development and Vision 2030 has fronted these two data dissemination systems. The two systems have the capability to organize, analyze and present data in a variety of forms including tables, graphs and thematic maps. The systems therefore provide policy makers, development partners and research institutions among other users with a friendly platform for data access. This means that the launch of the two systems goes a long way in increasing data access and availability to users.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,** KenInfo version 2.0, an upgrade of KenInfo version 1.0, is a database that focuses on development indicators, which mainly measure, Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) as well as local development oriented indicators. The system is able to

link different levels: – national, provincial and district information for planning purpose.

The IMIS system on the other hand, provides access to micro-data in addition to indicators. The on-line versions will ensure continuous access to Kenyan indicators at any time wherever one may be on the globe. The system is designed to provide increased availability of quality socio-demographic data for planning and evaluation of Population and Reproductive Health programmes at all levels.

It is envisioned that, through these systems, users will readily appreciate the socio-economic situation in the country by obtaining trends for various indicators. An initial roll-out to line ministries and selected districts and provinces countrywide will be undertaken in an effort to further sensitize users of these systems. Thereafter, the databases will be available in all districts in the country while building on the experiences gained in the pilot areas. Continuous system backup support will be availed to ensure that the systems run without impediment

**Ladies and Gentlemen,** I urge the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) to maintain close collaboration with all stakeholders to ensure sustainability of the databases. Over time, joint partnerships with the United Nations, private sector, universities and research institutions will be expected to provide support in further development of these databases.

Finally, **Ladies and Gentlemen,** I wish to thank all our development partners especially UNICEF and UNFPA for financing this event and

pioneering the development of the systems. To Kenya National Bureau of Statistics, I say thank you for your contribution in the design of the two systems. My sincere thanks to all of you for joining us in this function and look forward to active utilization of the database in the years to come.

Last but not least, Ladies and Gentlemen, I wish to congratulate the organizers of this event for making it a success.

I now officially launch the KenInfo database and the Integrated Multi-sectoral Information System.

Thank you