

REMARKS BY DR EDWARD SAMBILI, CBS, THE PERMANENT SECRETARY MINISTRY OF STATE FOR PLANNING, NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND VISION 2030 DURING THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE KNBS STRATEGIC PLAN 2008-2012, ON 24TH MARCH 2010 AT THE KENYATTA CONFERENCE CENTRE (KICC)

Honourable Ministers present

Permanent Secretaries,

Chairman, Board of Directors, KNBS

Director General, KNBS

Other Board Members, KNBS

Representatives of Development Partners,

Universities and other Research Institutions,

Members of the Press,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to join you at this occasion of the launch of the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) strategic Plan for the period 2008-2012.

This Five Year Strategic Plan aims at guiding the implementation of the KNBS core mandate of producing, coordinating and disseminating official

statistics. I note with satisfaction that this Strategic Plan we are launching has been aligned to the overall thrust of Kenya's development agenda as elaborated in Kenya Vision 2030 and its First Medium Term Plan.

Ladies and Gentlemen: The implementation of this Plan entails careful translation of the strategic objectives into actions with very specific indicators. Considering that this will be the first strategic plan under the revised Statistical Act 2006, its implementation will involve creating awareness among staff, key stakeholders and development partners.

In addition, successful implementation of this Plan will improve the quality of statistical information generated by the KNBS based on international best practices as well as quality assurance standards and procedures. Furthermore, the frequency of release of statistics will be improved to inform national development planning process. In this regard, the Bureau should ensure that consistency in data produced by all the stakeholders within the National Statistical System through its mandate to coordinate the System. The Bureau should also continue to maintain and update her field infrastructure, especially the sampling frames and field offices. These initiatives will contribute immensely to reduction of non response rates while leveraging on the current modern information technology both in

terms of infrastructure and skills among its staff to improve on the quality of data.

I believe that this plan will assist the KNBS to provide quality and timely statistical information in line with the fundamental principles of official statistics. In view of this therefore, the Bureau undertakes to enhance its corporate image guided by its core values of Professionalism, Integrity, Confidentiality, Quality Assurance, Customer Focus, Timeliness and Teamwork.

Finally, Ladies and Gentlemen, I challenge the KNBS to strive to support its operations through development and modernization of its Physical and ICT Infrastructure during the Plan period. It is now my pleasure to invite the Hon. Minister, Wycliffe Ambetsa Oparanya to deliver his key note speech.

Thank You