

Remarks by Mrs. Hannah W Muriithi; EBS, Chairperson of the Board of Directors, KDIC, During the Inaugural Depositors' Insurance Conference, Held at the Kenyatta International Convention Center, Nairobi, 15th to 16th November 2023.

A. Preliminaries

**Dr. Chris Kiptoo, Principal Secretary, The National Treasury and Economic Planning,
Dr. Susan Koech, Deputy Governor Central Bank of Kenya,
Board Members of the Kenya Deposit Insurance Corporation,
Mrs. Hellen Chepkwony, the Chief Executive Officer, KDIC,
Florette Nicolette- CEO Namibia Deposit Guarantee Authority
Representatives from the Ghana Depositors Protection Corporation, Madam Sandra Anaman
Mr. Mohamed Mahraoui, from the Moroccan Deposit Insurance Corporation,
Mr. Pap Malick Ndiaye from, FGDR UMOA
CEOs from our Member Institutions,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen**

B. Introduction: A Visionary Path Towards Economic Transformation

On behalf of the Board of Directors of KDIC, I welcome each of you to the Corporation's inaugural Depositor's Conference. This Conference is a demonstration of KDIC's commitment towards continuous stakeholder's engagement and indeed a contribution to a stable financial sector for a prosperous economy is a pivotal journey towards the Corporation's contribution to a prosperous and economically resilient Kenya. In this regard, I reckon that the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), initiated by the Government of Kenya, aims not only to nurture economic growth but also to create tangible wealth for Kenya's citizenry.

C. The Role of Financial Sector in BETA Implementation

Central to this critical endeavor is the indispensable role of our financial sector, particularly the banking sub-sector, in the mobilization of resources through savings. This ultimately,

serves as the bedrock for supporting investments and fostering growth across various economic fronts.

D. Building a Sustainable National Savings Culture

Bwana PS, we are critically aware of the need to prioritize the development of a sustainable national savings culture in support of the government's vision of cultivating a vibrant and globally competitive financial sector. Our county needs a culture that champions high-level savings to meet her investment needs. This conference will, among other things, focus on promoting the development of a sustainable national savings culture. As a corporation, we believe that our collective commitment to this cause will underpin the success of BETA and contribute to the economic well-being of our citizens.

E. KDIC: Safeguarding Deposits and Ensuring Financial Stability,

I am delighted to report that the Kenya Deposit Insurance Corporation (KDIC) has strategically positioned itself and stands as a guardian of citizens' hard-earned savings. Through its mandates of Deposit Insurance, incentivizing sound risk management, and ensuring prompt resolution, KDIC in collaboration with its stakeholders, plays a pivotal role in promoting stability within the financial sector.

F. Governance Measures at KDIC: Ensuring Reliability and Effectiveness

To further accelerate our envisioned strategic objectives, The Board of Directors of KDIC, has implemented governance measures to fortify the corporation's role as a reliable Deposit Insurer and resolution authority. Towards this end, KDIC continues to be a stalwart protector of depositors, enhancing public confidence in the financial system by championing sound risk management practices and ensuring timely bank resolutions.

Our Chief Guest

Our Chief Guest, today, KDIC is pleased to share with you some exciting news about our partnership and engagement with our members, regarding sensitization and information dissemination.

Upon realization of the urgent need to close the gaps in knowledge sharing with our members, in 2020, KDIC developed the first ever **module online course** for bank employees. It is envisaged that this online course for bankers will increase knowledge of deposit insurance and build confidence in the banking system. It is also expected to incrementally drive growth of deposits and help bankers create awareness among customers on the value of keeping money in a bank

The course can be accessed through a microsite and will be available to branch managers, relationship managers, tellers and other employees as well. This is a six-part

series which exposes the participants to the mandate of KDIC, its roles and responsibilities and how bankers can actively participate in deposit mobilisation and protection.

KDIC recognises the key role banks play in mobilizing deposits. Therefore, a clear understanding of KDIC is paramount in their engagement with depositors.

The online module will be piloted with several banks to gauge user experience and perfect the system, before we move countrywide. Each bank will be allocated time to undertake the course and a certificate of participation be issued to all participants upon completion.

This key milestone could not have been achieved without the support of two of our key industry partners, namely the Kenya Bankers' Association and the Association of Microfinance Institutions.

G. The Power of Collaboration and Partnership

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Recognizably, the significance of collaboration and partnership among all stakeholders within the financial system cannot be gainsaid. Indeed, as a Corporation, we acknowledge that through this collective effort, we have recorded great milestones especially around bank resolution and implementation of the Differential Premium System. Our engagement, partnerships, and collaboration have played a pivotal role in strengthening our preparedness in resolution, minimizing operational disruptions in the event of bank failure, and bolstering our capacity to intervene effectively. We look forward to further strengthening this collaboration through strategic engagements in areas of mutual interest.

H. The Invitation: Joining Hands for a Shared Vision

This inaugural Depositor Conference and exhibition, stand as a unique opportunity for all stakeholders to join hands, engage, and actively work towards our collective strategic mission. Together, we can foster a savings culture, protect depositors, and contribute to the overarching goal of ensuring financial stability in our great nation.

I. Conclusion: A Collective Commitment to Kenya's Prosperity

I wish to conclude by extending a warm welcome to you all, on behalf of the Board of Directors of KDIC. May I invite each one of you to actively participate in this conversation. We consider your involvement and commitment to this cause as critical pillars to the successful realization of KDIC's mandate and, by extension, the prosperity of our beloved Kenya. Allow me to most sincerely welcome our international delegates and encourage them to create time after the conference to enjoy the country's hospitality, beauty and splendor.

It is now my singular duty and honor, to invite the Deputy Governor Dr. Susan Koech to give her address and to invite Page 4 of 4our **Chief Guest Dr. Chris Kiptoo, Principal Secretary of the National Treasury and Economic Planning to deliver the Key Note Address** and officially open our inaugural Depositor Conference 2023.

Thank you.