

**PS ANNE WANGÓMBE SPEECH DURING THE CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP FOR THE GAZETTED NGAAF COUNTY COMMITTEE MEMBERS.**

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**NGAAF Board Members Present,**

**NGAAF CEO**

**National Government Administration Officers Present**

**Distinguished members of the NGAAF county committee,**

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

It is with great pleasure and honour that I stand before you today to officially open this capacity building workshop for the gazetted NGAAF county committee members. This workshop marks an important milestone in our collective journey towards achieving the socio-economic empowerment of the affirmative action groups in our beloved country.

Firstly, I would like to commend all of you for your commitment and dedication to serving the affirmative action groups in our communities. Your role as county committee members is crucial in ensuring that projects are identified, approved, and implemented effectively to bring about positive change and uplift the lives of women, youth, persons living with disabilities, vulnerable children, and the elderly.

This capacity building workshop has been carefully designed to equip you with the knowledge and skills necessary to carry out your responsibilities with professionalism and efficiency. Over the course of the next four days, you will delve into topics such as the roles of county committee members, project identification, financial management and reporting, access to funds guidelines, public procurement policy, communication, stakeholder engagement, strategic planning, and resource mobilization.

The aim of this workshop is to empower you to become more effective in your service delivery. By enhancing your capacity, we can ensure that the projects funded by NGAAF are implemented above board, corruption-free, and in line

with the vision of our Kenyan government. We want to achieve a zero-fault audit regime by the financial year 2023/2024, and your dedication to transparency and accountability will play a vital role in realizing this goal.

I urge you to seize this opportunity to learn, ask questions, share your experiences, and collaborate with your fellow committee members. The knowledge and insights gained during this workshop will guide your decision-making processes and improve the impact of the projects implemented in your respective counties. Remember, you are part of the NGAAF family, and by working together as a team, we can make a significant difference in the lives of those we serve.

Furthermore, I encourage you to embrace open communication and information sharing between the headquarters and the field. Effective communication is key to ensuring that our efforts align with the priorities of the Kenya Kwanza Government and its Bottom Up Economic Transformative Agenda (BETA). By keeping the flow of information seamless, we can strengthen our commitment to serving the needs of our communities and achieving our shared objectives.

I wish you all a successful and fruitful workshop. May the knowledge gained during these four days empower you to serve with excellence, integrity, and dedication. Let us remember that our purpose is to uplift the lives of the affirmative action groups and contribute to the socio-economic transformation of our nation.

Thank you and bless you all.