

CEC Lands, ICT and Planning, all CECs present, C.Os, Directors, Sub county administrators, Invited guests, ladies and gentlemen. I welcome you to this important forum to validate our ICT roadmap.

I am excited to be part of the process to deliver this important tool and framework in defining our status, needs and focus in ICT. Not only is ICT quite emphasized in our constitution, vision 2030 and other frameworks, but also a key pillar item in our CIDP. This means we appreciate and are fully aware of the great results that can be harnessed by a systematic speedy implementation of ICT.

To realize our enormous growth and development expectations, efficiency and effectiveness, we must exploit the power of technology especially internet and mobile devices. It's to our advantage that the penetration of mobile devices in the country stands at 82.6% and growing. Currently over 70% of all phones sold are smart phones. Thus technology is leading our way and we need to deploy solutions on the platforms. Let us take our services to every home and to every individual. Let us listen to every conversation because we can.

ICT affects every aspect of lives. It enables communication, collaboration, service delivery, trade and commerce, agriculture, health, education, security and public participation. It changes the flow of things and reduces overheads in procedures, timelines, management and overall delivery. It makes every process a conversation in near real time breaking barriers of distance, time and resources.

We must move in speed and implement connectivity, systems and build solutions that add value and focus heavily on customer or public experience. We must start conversations that give maximum results fast and easily to our people. This is a great start but we must move it forwards faster and quicker.

We have had our challenges but am sure we shall roll our sleeves deliver in this area. I cannot over emphasize the numerous benefits of a robust ICT implementation in any organisation. This being a cross-functional and inter departmental function, it must work. It must deliver advisory, support, solutions and efficient ICT resource management to all. Keenly observing the energies exerted by the national government to use ICT in all sectors such as e-government, e-citizenry, e-farming, e-procurement and many other initiatives this cannot be over emphasized. Same efforts and even greater is made by the private sector.

ICT has to work, it must work. Ladies and gentlemen I welcome you once more. Please share with us your solutions, give all input, partner with us, walk with us and make our county a model in ICT implementation. Let us build a strategic roadmap that drives us to heights greater than our ambitions.

Thank you.

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