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All Regional Commissioners

All County Commissioners

REF: ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL, COUNTY AND SUB-COUNTY MULTI-SECTORAL COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION FORUMS ON PEACE AND SECURITY

As you are all aware, our Country is experiencing unique challenges on matters of Peace and Security, Conflicts and National Cohesion. To mitigate this, it's recommended that inclusive Multi-Sectoral Coordination and Collaboration Forums be established at the County and Sub-County levels bringing together both state and non-state actors, with immediate effect.

Rationale for Establishing Multi-Sectoral Coordination and Collaboration Forums:

1. **Promoting Peace and Security**: The forums will help in fostering dialogue and collaboration among different sectors such as government agencies, non-state actors, civil society organizations, community leaders, and partners to promote peace and Security in the Kenya.

- 2. Conflict Prevention and Resolution: Identifying potential sources of conflict, addressing grievances, and working towards resolving disputes before they escalate into violence.
- 3. Enhance Communication and Information Sharing, exchanging ideas, and coordination efforts to address emerging issues and challenges related to Peace and Security
- 4. **Building Trust and Social Cohesion**: Promoting interactions and collaboration among diverse stakeholders, to build trust, understanding, and social cohesion within communities, thereby reducing the likelihood of conflicts.
- 5. **Creating Sustainable Solutions**: These forums will facilitate the development of comprehensive and sustainable solutions to complex challenges by leveraging the expertise and resources of different sectors.

The purpose of this letter is, therefore, to request you to establish and convene these Stakeholders' Forums. The broad categories of stakeholders from whom membership of the Forum should be drawn include but is not limited to the following: -

Organized Youth-led Organizations	Local Peace Committees
Security and Intelligence Committees	Nyumba Kumi
National Government Departments and Agencies	Elders
Independent Offices and Commissions	Business and private sector
County Governments	Bodaboda Operations
Relevant Non-Governmental Organizations	Matatu Operations
Relevant Civil Society Organizations	Media Organizations
Relevant Community Based Organizations	Opinion Leaders
Transport Sector	Women led Organizations

Research-based organizations	Social Media Influencers
Inter-faith Groups	Special Interest Groups including Persons Living with Disabilities
University and/or Technical training Institute or Teachers' Association	Any other entity that may be deemed relevant

Roles and Responsibilities of the Forums:

The roles and responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:

- (a) Promote regular consultations, collaboration and coordination on Peace and Security matters;
- (b) Enhance collaboration, consultation and co-operation on peace and security;
- (c) Facilitate sustained information sharing among the relevant stakeholders;
- (d) Facilitate Peace education and Peace outreach campaign initiatives by relevant stakeholders at the grassroot level;
- (e) Identify Peace and security related threats and risks and propose recommendations to mitigate or prevent them;
- (f) Identify and address thematic areas of focus related to Peace and Security;
- (g) Develop and approve County and Sub-County Work Plans on Peace and Security;
- (h) Coordinate the implementation of peace and nation building programs and strategies;
- (i) Promote mainstreaming of conflicts sensitive approaches to Peace and Security;
- (j) Enhance conflict early warning and response;
- (k) Facilitate conflict resolutions and disputes settlement;
- (1) Conduct monitoring and evaluation of Peace and Security initiatives;
- (m) Prepare regular (monthly) reports on the progress of the Peace and Security initiatives;
- (n) Perform all other responsibilities necessary for the realization of the objectives of the Forum.



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Convening and Chairing of the Forums

- The Forums shall be convened and chaired by the respective Regional Commissioner, County Commissioner and Deputy County Commissioner.
- During its first meeting, the Forum shall identify a Co-Chair from one of the Non-State Actors.
- The forum shall also identify a Secretary.

Reports of the Forums

- The Sub-County Forum shall prepare and submit reports to the County Forum at least once every month.
- The County Forum shall consolidate Reports from the Sub-County Forums and submit them to the Regional Forum at least once every month.
- The Regional Forum shall submit its reports to this office at least once every month.

You are therefore required to expedite implementation of the contents of this Circular and submit reports of the establishment of the Forums not later than 22nd August, 2024.

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