

#### THE NATIONAL TREASURY AND ECONOMIC PLANNING

### **BUDGET PROCESS FOR THE FY 2025/26 AND THE MEDIUM TERM PERIOD**

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## **1.0 Introduction**

- Following the issuance of Treasury Circular No.11/2024 and the launch of the budget process, we are expected to immediately commence the preparation of the FY 2025/26 and the Medium-Term Budget
- To facilitate timely finalization and approval of key budget policy documents and Bills, MDAs will be required to strictly adhere to the timelines outlined in the Budget Calendar.

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As we embark on the preparation of the FY 2025/26 Budget, the following should be emphasized:

#### **Stakeholder participation:**

- SWGs should build on the countrywide stakeholder participation for the medium term;
- In addition, you are required to identify your key stakeholders, conduct meaningful engagement and annex public participation reports to the Sector Reports.

### **2.0 The Budget Calendar**

- The Government is required to prepare key documents for approval by Cabinet and Parliament within stipulated timelines provided for in the Constitution and the PFM Act, 2012.
- The FY 2025/26 and the Medium Term Budget Calendar is to ensure timely submission and approval of the key Budget Documents and the Budget.

To ensure that these timelines are adhered to, the following Calendar will be applicable in the budget preparation process:

- □ Programmes Performance Review 20<sup>th</sup> Sep. 2024
- □ Budget Review and Outlook Paper **30<sup>th</sup> Sep. 2024**
- □ Preparation of MTEF Sector Budget proposals 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. 8<sup>h</sup> Nov. 2024
- □ Validation of Budget Proposals -Public Hearing 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 2024
- □ Submission and review of Sector Budget Proposals 28<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2024
- □ Develop Draft Budget Policy Statement **20<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2024**

- □ Submission of Budget Policy Statement to Parliament– 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2025
- □ Issuance of guidelines on finalization of Ministerial Budgets 5<sup>th</sup> Mar. 2025
- Consolidation of draft Budget Estimates  $-1^{st}$  Apr. 2025
- □ Submission of draft Budget Estimates to Parliament 29<sup>th</sup> Apr. 2025
- $\Box \quad \text{Budget Statement} \text{by } \mathbf{12^{th} Jun } \mathbf{2025}$
- □ Approval of Appropriation bill by **30<sup>th</sup> Jun 2025**

#### **3.0 Sector Working Groups**

- Sector Working Groups (SWGs) are responsible for formulation and prioritization of sector budget proposals. SWGs are the only recognized avenue for bidding for resources.
- SWGs to convene immediately and elect Sector Chairpersons to be submitted to the National Treasury by 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.
- Accounting Officers to nominate Technical Officers to their respective Sector Working Group.

The Composition and mapping of the Sectors is as indicated below:

| S/NO | SECTOR   | CONVENER            |
|------|--|---------------------|
| 1    | Agriculture, Rural and Urban Development               | Mr. Rustus Shikuku  |
| 2    | Energy, Infrastructure and ICT                         | Mr. Micah Origa     |
| 3    | General Economic and Commercial Affairs                | Mr. Isaiah Ochelle  |
| 4    | Health   | Mr. Peter Wanjiku   |
| 5    | Education  | Ms. Eunice Kigen    |
| 6    | Governance, Justice, Law & Order (GJLO)                | Mr. Alexander Sasa  |
| 7    | Public Administration & International Relations (PAIR) | Mr. Isaac Sichangi  |
| 8    | National Security                                      | Mr. Kariuki Kimemia |
| 9    | Social Protection, Culture and Recreation (SPCR)       | Mr. Felix Oulo      |
| 10   | Environmental Protection, Water and Natural Resources  | Mr. Silas Muyela    |

□ SWGs shall comprise the following:

- i. **Chairperson** One Principal Secretary/Accounting Officer chosen by consensus by other Principal Secretaries/Accounting Officers in the SWG
- ii. Sector Convenor appointed by the National Treasury
- iii. **Sector Co-Convenor** appointed by the State Department for Economic Planning
- iv. **Technical Working Group** appointed by individual MDAs;
- A SWG Secretariat To be appointed by the individual Principal Secretaries/Accounting Officers to assist the Chairperson in coordinating the activities of the SWG;
- vi. Representatives from Development Partners to be coopted
- vii. Civil Society and Community Based Organizations to represent the public in line with article 201 of the constitution – to be coopted
- viii. **Representatives from the Private Sector** to be coopted

#### **Costing of Programmes**

- To support standardized costing of programmes, a costing tool has been developed within the IFMIS budgeting module to estimate the budget baseline.
- The budget baseline will comprise requirements for ongoing policy, new approved policy and verified pending bills.
- The National Treasury has been conducting comprehensive trainings on the new system to all MDAs;
- MDAs are expected to provide the budget baseline through the IFMIS system by C.O.B 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 in line with the Budget Calendar.

#### **5.0 Way Forward**

Due to strict timelines the, the following are the next steps in the preparation of FY 2025/26 Budget:

- □ MDAs to submit Budget Baseline by 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2024;
- MDAs to immediately nominate the Technical Working Group for the Sector process;
- Elect Sector Chairpersons after confirmation of Principal Secretaries and forward the same to the National Treasury;
- The former Sector Chairpersons to continue guiding the process awaiting appointment of new Chairpersons;

Submit Programme Performance Review Reports to the National Treasury by 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2024;

Preparation draft Sector Budget Proposals by 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024;

Hold Public Sector Hearings from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2024; and

Finalize the preparation and submit the final Sector Budget Proposals to the National Treasury by 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024;

