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**REMARKS BY DR. FRED MATIANG'I, CABINET SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY DURING THE KENYA ALLIANCE OF RESIDENT ASSOCIATIONS (KARA) ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON AT LAICO REGENCY HOTEL ON 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015 AT 12:00 PM**

Mr. Richard Nyaga, KARA Chairman,  
Kara Members, friends and partners  
Members of the press  
Ladies and Gentlemen

I am glad to join you today as you mark the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary since your establishment. I wish to add my voice in congratulating the Alliance for the journey they have walked this far and gains made in mobilizing citizens through residents associations to constructively engage the Government on service deliver issues. Through the Associations, we have seen citizens being more proactive in finding solutions to service provision challenges and also increasingly getting interested in decision making processes as envisaged by the Constitution.

The last decade has seen tremendous transformation in the use of technology in regard to service provision both at the Government and private sector level. Kenya has placed ICT at the core of **Vision 2030** the blueprint for the country's national development; the intention is to make *Kenya an ICT Hub* while creating a *globally competitive Digital Economy*.

The Ministry of ICT, through the National ICT Master Plan has provided a clear roadmap that serves as the blue print upon which we are using to create an enabling policy, legal and regulatory environment; provide e-government services that are simple to use and convenient for citizens and businesses; increase the productivity, efficiency and effectiveness of critical economic sectors. It is our position that technology has a very central role in regard to service delivery efficiency and effectiveness in Kenya and must be embraced by all players.

The Government recognizes the critical role of technology in all aspects of service delivery and continues to invest heavily in putting in place policies, infrastructures and frameworks to facilitate use of technology in planning and execution of services to the public. My Ministry, has realized several milestones:

**a. Legal and Regulatory Framework**

- i. National Broadband Strategy
- ii. Access to Information and Data Protection
- iii. Critical Infrastructure Bill
- iv. Broadcast Regulations
- v. Cyber Crime Bill

**b. Infrastructure:**

- i. National Optic Fibre Infrastructure (NOFBI II)/County Connectivity, i.e. intended to reach all the 47 counties
- ii. Konza Techno City: a futuristic technology city with an integrated ICT ecosystem
- iii. Digital Migration this has yielded a digital dividend and we are challenging the sector to take advantage of the feed spectrum for further ICT economic activity.

**c. Innovation:**

- i. Formation of **Enterprise Kenya** to tap into ICT ideas and innovation; so far government has pledged Sh 1 billion; KCB has pledged another Sh 1 billion;
- ii. Presidential Digital Talent Programme, now one year done; expected to grow to include counties and other state agencies.

**d. Enhanced e-Government**

- i. Huduma, eCitizen Portal: one stop for all government services
  - We have facilitated various Government agencies to embrace e-services for ease of access to services by the public. Our target is to have 60% of government services available on the digital platform by December 2015.
  - Through the e-citizen portal Kenyans can apply and check the status of their applications for passports and ID. These are just some examples of my Ministry's initiatives aimed at enhancing access to services by the public using technology.

The power of partnerships and collaboration cannot be gainsaid. This is especially true in the ICT sector where we have witnessed public-public partnerships, public-private partnerships and even regional and international partnerships. Today I recognize and appreciate the role played by Kara and

its members and we are keen to collaborate with you to promote use of technology in your engagement with the Government.

My Ministry is ready to work with Kara to provide the needed support to make resident associations more effective and efficient in their roles. Thank you.

Thank you,