

## OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

## **REMARKS**

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DURING THE 20<sup>TH</sup> GRADUATION CEREMONY AT BOMAS OF KENYA ON FRIDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023.

- Commissioner General;
- Commissioner, Kenya School of Revenue Administration
- Distinguished guests;
- Faculty members;
- Esteemed graduates;
- Ladies and Gentlemen;

## Good Morning!

- Today marks a momentous occasion as we gather here to celebrate the 20th graduation ceremony of the Kenya School of Revenue Administration (KESRA) themed "Building Capacity to Mobilize Revenue for National Economic Transformation". It is an honor for me, as the Director of Public Prosecutions, to address you on this special day.
- 2. Graduates, you have worked tirelessly and demonstrated unwavering commitment to reach this milestone. Your training at KESRA has equipped you with the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in the field of revenue administration which plays a critical role in our nation's economic transformation. I commend you for your dedication and applaud the faculty and staff for their unwavering support in nurturing your talents in making you future stewards of Kenya's financial prosperity.
- 3. In this era of dynamic economic growth, revenue administration is at the heart of our nation's development. Efficient revenue collection is the fuel that powers our infrastructure development, healthcare, education, public services and the BETA development Agenda.
- 4. Building capacity to mobilize revenue for national economic transformation is a multifaceted endeavour. It requires a combination of knowledge, skills, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to public service. The graduates before us have undergone rigorous training to acquire the capacity needed to meet the mandate of revenue administration. They have been equipped with the tools to navigate the complexities of taxation, customs, and revenue administration.

- 5. Furthermore, I encourage you to continue learning and enhancing your skills in your field. The world of revenue administration is constantly changing, with new technologies, laws, and regulations. I have also encouraged the ODPP in my Strategic Agenda to continuously embrace changes and be innovative when discharging the office mandate. Your dedication and efforts will greatly benefit our nation.
- 6. Let us not forget that true transformation goes beyond mere financial figures. I urge you to observe ethical values and to be guided by the National values and principles of governance espoused in Article 10 of the Constitution.
- 7. As a prosecutor, I have witnessed first-hand impact and dangers of corruption and economic crimes. It is a detriment to our society and a barrier to the economic transformation we aspire to achieve.
- 8. Graduates, as you take on the mantle today, I implore you to be the agents of change. Stand against corruption, uphold the rule of law, and be advocates for good governance.
- 9. As I conclude, it is my utmost confidence that through your skills and knowledge you will not only contribute to the growth and development of our nation but also participate in transforming the revenue administration sector.
- 10. My office appreciates Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) as a critical stakeholder in the realization of the ODPP's constitutional mandate. I look forward to strengthen the collaboration between the two institutions.

11. Congratulations once again, graduates. I wish you all the best as you embark on this noble journey and may you continue to carry the torch of responsible revenue administration with honour and integrity.

Thank you and God bless Kenya.

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