



**MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL PROTECTION  
OFFICE OF THE CABINET SECRETARY**

**REMARKS FOR  
THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL PROTECTION**

**DURING THE NATIONAL COMMEMORATION OF THE  
DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD 2021**

**16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2021**

**RADISSON BLU HOTEL, ARBORETUM**

Our Chief Guests, Hon. Lady Justice Teresa Matheka,

Our Cabinet Secretary, Hon. Simon Chelugui,

Principal Secretary, State Department for Social Protection, Mr. Nelson Marwa

Country Representative Save the Children, Ms Yvonne Arunga,

Children representatives present, Ruqayya Omar and Amos Kipyegon

Governments Officials Present,

Representatives of Development Partners,

Children,

Parents,

Members of the Fourth Estate

Distinguished Guests,

## **Ladies & Gentlemen**

Kenya launched this year's Day of the African Child (DAC) on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2021, by kicking off a series of build-up activities to commemorate the day. Media engagements with various radio and TV Stations have been undertaken to popularise the event and sensitize the general populace on the Agenda 2040, and the role each and every one of us should undertake to ensure that our children's rights are upheld.

Children present a key element of the society and to ensure that they fully participate in this year's DAC, a Child Participation webinar was held last week where about 200 children from all the 47 counties engaged child protection experts from both state and non-state actors in discussions on

child rights and welfare. During the webinar, the children raised a number of concerns which they shall be presenting to us today.

In addition, a Child Engagement Tool on the Agenda 2040 was developed and shared with Children Officers and other partners to collect Children's views on the implementation of Agenda 2040, their opinions on how well the aspirations of Agenda 2030 have been achieved.

We note that our Children Officers across the country have also been conducting various activities, engaging children and our partners in commemoration of this day too.

Children are our heritage, and we must protect them. We realize that there are still many challenges that impede the full realisation of children rights. The commemoration of this Day, therefore, gives us yet another opportunity to consolidate effort towards overcoming these challenges.

With those few remarks, allow me to now invite the Cabinet Secretary, Labour and Social Protection, Hon. Simon Chelugui, to deliver his speech

**THANK YOU**