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The Principal Secretary, State Department of Public Works,  
**Maj. Gen (Rtd) Dr. Gordon Kihalangwa, CBS**

The Executive Director, National Construction Authority,  
**Eng. Maurice Akech**

Distinguished Guests  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Morning

- As has been stated earlier, the current Building Code dates back to 1968, and the need for its revision is urgent, if we expect to realize the Authority's mandate of streamlining the construction industry and coordinating its development
- The operationalization of the draft Building Code 2020 in the built environment will achieve a healthier, safer, more convenient industry with optimal use of resources
- Adoption and implementation of the draft Code will result in the following desired outcomes;

1. Enhanced **professionalism** and reduction of corruption;
2. **Streamlined** building approvals;
3. Enhanced **accountability**, which will mean only qualified people are allowed to work in the industry;
4. Reduction of construction **claims** due to the **clarity** of roles of all parties;
5. **Enhanced** collaboration and coordination among the actors;
6. The shift from prescriptive materials to a **performance-based** regime, which will enable creativity, new technologies & materials;
7. Increased number of **investors** in the construction industry due to a predictable framework, which will ultimately lead to industrialization of buildings; and
8. A **safe**, planned, attractive, and inclusive built environment.

- The Draft Code additionally allows for **revision every five years** in order to adapt to changing micro and macro environments;
- It also provides for construction risk management in the built environment; and;
- The Draft Code will apply to all human settlements in Kenya without segregation and discrimination

The future certainly looks bright.

Thank you.

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