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PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE OUTCOME OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORUM ON THE PROPOSED NAIROBI CITY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SECTOR STEERING AND COORDINATION MECHANISM (CASSCOM) BILL 2024

The Nairobi City County Government proposes to establish a ward based process of developing the county agricultural sector steering and coordination mechanism (CASSCOM) aiming at establishing the Nairobi city county Agriculture sector steering and coordination committee to facilitate and enhance coordination, cooperation and consultation among agricultural sector stakeholders in the county.

Pursuant to Article 10 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, Section 115 (1) of the County Government Act 2012 and Section 6 (a) iv of the Nairobi City County Public Participation Act 2015, that provides for Public involvement and engagement in making decisions affecting them, the County Executive organized public participation forum on the proposed county agricultural sector steering and coordination programme. It invited interested members of the public and interested stakeholders to the public participation forum held on Friday, **2nd of August 2024** at Charter hall from 9:00am till noon.

This initial feedback to residents should help citizens follow through with the rational proposal.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PARTICIPATION FORUM WERE:

- i. To inform and sensitize the stakeholders about CASSCOM Bill through comprehensive presentations and discussions
- ii. To get stakeholders input for the CASSCOM Bill, effectively gathered during public participation sessions to provide valuable insights and feedback to refine the CASSCOM Bill
- iii. To prepare the stakeholders for the commencement of the CASSCOM Act once gazetted through informative sessions to ensure they are ready to engage

INVITED STAKEHOLDERS

i. Suppliers of agricultural inputs – seeds, breeding stock, fertilizers, tools and equipment ii. Agricultural producers iii. Agricultural traders iv. Agricultural processors v. Food waste management enterprises vi. Animal Welfare institutions. vii. Livestock Farmers. viii. Dog and Cat owners. ix. Resident Association x. Education Department. xi. Dog breeders xii. Security Firms xiii. Animal Health and Vaccine manufacturers xiv. Animal trainers xv. Jockey Club –Kenya. xvi. Livestock Traders. xvii. Livestock Transporters. xviii. Civil society networks engaged in food security xix. Special Interest groups xx. Private sector representatives xxi. Development partners xxii. Community based organization xxiii. Political and religious leaders xxiv. Research and Academia.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORUMS REPORT

i. ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	BELOW 35	ABOVE 35	PWD
1. Total number of participants	35	28	63	6	57	0

SUMMARY OF STAKEHOLDERS VIEWS AND GOVERNMENT'S TAKE

CITIZENS INPUT AND QUESTIONS	GOVERNMENT'S TAKE
On the disqualification of a member from appointment, a participant asked why only those who had been convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction for a criminal offence that is subject to imprisonment for a period exceeding six months and not others generally convicted?	The disqualification criterion is set for those who have been convicted of a criminal offense that is subject to imprisonment for a period exceeding six months, rather than anyone convicted of any offense, to ensure fairness and proportionality in the selection process. The reasoning behind this is that shorter sentences, often associated with minor or petty offenses, may not necessarily reflect a serious lack of character or integrity. In some cases, individuals may be unable to pay fines for minor infractions, leading to short-term imprisonment. Disqualifying individuals for such minor offenses could be overly punitive and exclude capable and otherwise qualified individuals from consideration. However, it's acknowledged that this issue requires careful consideration, and the criteria will be reviewed to ensure it strikes the right balance between maintaining high ethical standards and being fair to those who have committed minor

	offenses.
A participant from Dagoretti who is a farmer said as farmers they were the stakeholders and that they should be in the committee, as agriculture is from production to consumption.	The committee is designed to be inclusive and represent all key stakeholders within the agricultural sector, from production to consumption. Your involvement as stakeholders is crucial, as the committee aims to ensure that every part of the agricultural value chain is adequately represented. The purpose of the committee is to bring together diverse voices, including producers, consumers, agribusinesses, and other relevant parties, to facilitate coordinated efforts and comprehensive decision-making.
A participant asked how the county had been running the important agricultural sector without this bill and committee since devolution came in 2013?	The county has been operating without a legally constituted Agriculture Sector Steering and Coordination Committee since the onset of devolution in 2013, which has presented certain challenges in effectively coordinating agricultural activities and policies. The absence of a formal committee meant that there was no centralized body to ensure cohesive decision-making, cooperation among stakeholders, or consistent implementation of agricultural policies within the county. This gap has likely led to inefficiencies, fragmented efforts, and less effective governance in the agricultural sector. The introduction of this bill is intended to address these issues by formally establishing a committee that will provide the necessary structure and legal framework for better coordination, oversight, and collaboration among all relevant parties. This is a crucial step in strengthening the agricultural governance framework within the county, ensuring that all stakeholders work together in a more organized and efficient manner moving forward.
A participant asked whether this shall be the first committee in the sector?	This would be the first legally constituted committee in the sector, established to address the lack of proper coordination identified by the department.
A stakeholder asked what will be the key roles and responsibilities of the Nairobi City County Agriculture Sector Steering and Coordination Committee?	The committee will play a crucial role in coordinating, overseeing, and ensuring collaboration among various stakeholders in the agricultural sector within Nairobi County. Its responsibilities include formulating and implementing policies, facilitating resource allocation, and monitoring agricultural projects to enhance productivity and sustainability. The committee will also serve as a platform for

	resolving conflicts, addressing challenges, and ensuring that the sector's activities align with both county and national agricultural goals.
Another stakeholder wanted to know how the formation of this committee will impact small-scale farmers in Nairobi County.	The formation of the committee is expected to have a positive impact on small-scale farmers by providing them with a structured platform for representation and ensuring their voices are heard in policy-making processes. The committee will work to streamline support services, improve access to resources, and foster better collaboration between farmers and government agencies. This will help address issues such as market access, resource allocation, and the implementation of sustainable agricultural practices, ultimately benefiting small-scale farmers and enhancing their productivity.

The broader report before validation meeting where we shall engage you again, will be out in a month's time and it shall be shared with you our esteemed customers through our Website, Facebook, Twitter, Civic Voices and all other county channels of communication. Physical copies will also be available in the sub county and ward offices.

Please learn about the 6 Boroughs Service Centers, coming soon after your endorsement in the public participation held last year.

Borough	Sub County
1. Western	1. Westlands 2. Dagoretti North 3. Dagoretti South
2. Southern	1. Lang'ata 2. Kibra
3. Central	1. Starehe 2. Kamukunji 3. Mathare
4. Eastern	1. Embakasi North 2. Embakasi West 3. Embakasi Central
5. South Eastern	1. Embakasi South 2. Embakasi East 3. Makadara
6. Northern	1. Ruaraka 2. Roysambu 3. Kasarani

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