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Dear

INVITATION TO ATTEND AND SPONSOR THE HEALTH INVESTMENT AND EXHIBITION CONFERENCE, LAKE REGION ECONOMIC BLOC 29-31, MARCH 2017, KISII COUNTY

Kenya Vision 2030 is the country's development blueprint covering the period 2008 to 2030. It aims to transform Kenya into a newly industrializing, "middle-income country providing a high quality life to all its citizens by the year 2030". The Constitution of Kenya 2010 provides the broad framework for focusing on achieving this Vision. The key transformative chapter in the Constitution is the one on Devolution. Through Devolution, Kenyans voted to bring services "closer to the people".

It is in line with this overarching vision that over the past few years, Governors from 13 Lake Region counties have been meeting to chart a common way forward to address the challenges they face on a daily basis. Out of these consultative meetings was born the idea of a Lake Region Economic Bloc. The Bloc consists of the counties of Kakamega, Bungoma, Busia, Vihiga, Trans Nzoia, Migori, Homa Bay, Kisumu, Siaya, Kisii, Nyamira, Bomet and Kericho.

The Lake Basin Region recognises that regional economic growth cannot happen in a vacuum and must be anchored on a foundation that addresses and is anchored in national and county economic development objectives. As such, the proposition would be to ensure that the joint strategy draws upon and aims to achieve the objectives outlined in a number of policy documents including, Kenya's Vision 2030, The Medium Term Economic Plan II (MTEPII) and the individual county integrated development plans (CIDPs).

The objective of the Bloc is therefore to leverage economies of scale (it has a population of about 14million people) in the Region, create synergies and optimize utilization of shared resources such as Lake Victoria to achieve improvements in the livelihoods of the people of the Region. There is a felt need for “mini-lateral” cooperation among counties around the Lake Victoria Region and nearby counties and, indeed, partnerships to address common challenges and seize opportunities that transcend county frontiers.

In order to move towards execution, The Governors of the region commissioned Deloitte and Touche, with the support of Ford Foundation, to develop the Lake Region Economic Blueprint. **Upon completion, the Blueprint was launched by H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta in April 2015.** It is anchored on seven pillars; Agriculture, Tourism, Health, Education, and three enablers of Financial Services, ICT and Infrastructure. Implementation requires the regional ministers of each pillar to meet, develop a strategy paper around the pillar and agree on a way forward, with the assistance of a specialist.

The Health Pillar, which is headed by Kisii County and deputized by Kericho County, has moved rapidly to conceptualize its thinking and planning around health care in the Region.

The CEC members in charge of health from the 13 counties have been meeting to strategize on the best way forward with regard to improving the provision of health care.

From these meetings a decision was made to hold a Health Investment and Exhibition Conference as a milestone event that would be one of the first steps towards a Health Concept paper and strategy for the Region. However, it recognizes that it cannot do this alone, and requires the support, input and ideas of all stakeholders, including development partners, and health implementing agencies.

It is for this reason that I write to you, on behalf of my other 12 colleagues from this Lake Region, to **invite you**, and **to request for sponsorship for the Health Investment and Exhibition Conference which will be held here in Kisii County, at the Kisii University Grounds, from 29th – 31st March, 2017.**

The theme for the 2016 conference is:

“Strengthening Healthcare Systems through Partnerships for Socio-Economic Prosperity”

The Objectives of this annual event is to engage and rally investors, private sector technology stakeholders, development partners, counties and national government, healthcare providers (including medical service and research providers, pharmaceutical companies, equipment providers and health insurance), healthcare administrators, non-governmental agencies and various institutions in achieving various specific objectives.

I would like to state that we view the **East African Community** as a model that we can replicate at an inter-county level, and we would benefit greatly from collaboration and partnership with your office. Additionally, two of our member-counties, namely Migori and Busia counties border with Tanzania and Uganda respectively. This means that there are cross-border health issues that can be tackled together. We therefore take this opportunity to request you to invite guests from the two countries, on our behalf, to this health Conference.

I am confident that with your support, the health sector in the Lake Region can benefit greatly from your experience and policy initiatives that you are currently undertaking in the East African region.

I look forward to your positive support.

Yours



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