

Remarks by CPA Mr. Makokha Wanjala

On the occasion of the 4th Annual Governance & Ethics Workshop

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Our National Vice Chairperson, FCPA Julius Mwatu

Council members present – CPA Obare Nyaega and Ms. Damaris Kimosop

Our Team Leader at ICPAK CPA Dr. Patrick Ngumi

The Chief Manager – Member Services – Mr. Tom Nyagare

My seniors in the esteemed accountancy profession

Peers and colleagues in the accountancy profession

Delegates with us who are not members of ICPAK, we welcome you in a special way

Good morning

It is not in place and really this is not my occasion to give speeches. On behalf the organizing committee, allow me to recognize the presence of delegates from various organizations and with the kind permission of my seniors here to say a word or two. In no particular order and with no intention of mentioning the over 50 organizations that are represented here; I salute the following organizations that are represented here today; STATE DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE, National Social Security Fund (NSSF), National Housing Corporation, National AIDS Control Council, Kenya Wildlife Service, SOL and Associates, KENYA REVENUE AUTHORITY, Kenya National Highways Authority, Kenya Forest Service, Kenya Civil Aviation Authority, Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti, FARM AFRICA, Elgeyo Marakwet County Assembly, Eldoret Water and Sanitation Company, County Governments of Kisumu, Uasin Gishu, Busia, Nyamira and Samburu, Kitui and Lamu, COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICE, ETHICS AND ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION, Capital Markets Authority, BOMAS OF KENYA LIMITED, Export Promotion Council, KENYA

REINSURANCE CORPORATION LTD, Office of the Controller of Budget, PHARMACY AND POISONS BOARD, SACCO SOCIETIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY, Tourism Fund, and University of Kabianga.

There is good reason on why ICPAK thought it wise to establish Governance & Ethics training four years ago. We were convinced then as we are today that Governance and Ethics are the twin challenges that bedevil our country Kenya. And the order is deliberate, Governance before ethics.

If I was to ask is your organization grappling with governance, ethical challenges or both? Governance is about the architecture of the organization, systems and the rules. If your corporation is grappling with adherence to policy then you are still at the governance stage. How many of our organizations, and we are many here that can attest to having ethics as agenda at their management or board meetings?

Ladies and gentlemen, Governance and Ethics is a wonderful title for a training program but if that is the only way we see it, then I am afraid my country Kenya and her people have a long journey to cover. I believe and perhaps pray that a take-home from this seminar is to make governance and ethics an agenda in your management or board meetings even if it is only once a year. That may be the magical first step in the journey of a thousand miles.

Let me end by reminding us all, that the principles we live by create the world we live in.

Allow me then, ladies and gentlemen to invite Mr. Tom Nyagare who will make his remarks

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