



## **PRESS STATEMENT**

### **JOINT MEETING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES AND THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND LANDS**

#### **MT KENYA SAFARI CLUB**

**16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2014**

- Recognizing that agriculture is the backbone of the Kenyan economy and the main source of livelihood of Kenya's population, the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and the Council of Governors Committee on Agriculture and Lands met on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 at the KICC building to discuss various challenges affecting the agricultural sector and the best way forward in strengthening the industry. Key on the agenda was legislation affecting agriculture and aligning it to the devolved system of government.
- At that meeting, it was agreed to hold a two-day workshop to critically look at all legislation affecting agricultural sector and align such legislation to the devolved system of governance.
- The Senate Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Council of Governors Committee on Agriculture and Lands has discussed the relevant policy and related legislation to make agriculture more competitive, sustainable and rewarding to the farmer. This would position agriculture to contribute more

readily to the country's food security requirements, enhanced incomes and create more opportunities for employment.

- They also looked into the various key agricultural commodities to optimize their returns to the farmers. These commodities include coffee, tea, pyrethrum, cotton, horticulture, beef, fish and dairy industries. They explored these strategies to maximize the returns from these commodities for the farmers and in the best interest of the country.
- The joint committee agreed to rise up to the challenge of reinvesting Kenya's agriculture through instituting the necessary legislative framework to ensure Kenya is food secure by 2017.

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