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**TALKING NOTES BY THE PERMANENT SECRETARY MINISTRY OF
LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT MR KENNEDY LUSAKA CBS DURING THE
CLOSING OF THE COUNTRY PROGRAMME EVALUATION (CPE)
NATIONAL ROUNDTABLE WORKSHOP ON WEDNESDAY 8TH JUNE 2011
AT PANAFRIC HOTEL, NAIROBI**

All protocols observed

Ladies and Gentlemen

- i. I am pleased to join you again today during this important Country Programme Evaluation (CPE) National Roundtable Workshop.
- ii. Let me take this opportunity to thank all the participants for their valuable contributions to this important workshop.

Ass. Vice President



- iii. The workshop has been a learning event for all of us and has deepened our understanding of the CPE. We commend the independent office of evaluation for an excellent CPE. GOK agrees with its recommendation.
- iv. Sharing of experiences from other countries has also helped us to benchmark with those countries in order to improve on our country strategy.

Ladies and Gentlemen

- i. The findings and recommendations generated from this CPE will serve as building blocks for formulation of the next COSOP.
- ii. It has come out very clearly from this workshop that we need to:
 - Strengthen IFAD/GoK integration



- Improve administration and efficiency
- Enhance private sector involvement in implementation
- Enhance community empowerment
- Focus our future investments on value chain analysis and agro-ecologic effectiveness analysis to ensure higher returns to investment
- Expand programme coverage to ASAL and integrate it with the medium to high potential areas
- Address the issue of sustainability more vigorously
- Avoid misapplication of knowledge from one ecological zone to another



- Appreciate the role of technology in development and ensure that it is applied appropriately
- Harness the excess liquidity currently in commercial banks for agriculture development
- IFAD could also provide a greater contribution to policy process and strengthen partnership with other multilateral and bilateral donors.

Ladies and Gentlemen

The establishment of the Country Programme Office has enabled us to improve on our planned achievements. The advantage is due to the fact that;-

- There are more frequent Implementation Support Missions being scheduled for the country programmes and sometimes the management of



the various projects (PMUs) can in consultation with the IFAD office organize for more focused Implementation Support Missions based on specific demands.

- Serious flaws earlier witnessed in the Withdrawal Applications by projects / programmes are no longer experienced due to the closeness of the loans administration personnel in the Country.
- There is general improvement in the accountability of staff towards project resources due to closer interaction with IFAD staff at the implementation levels.
- The Procurement processes have been enhanced in terms of speed; e.g. requests for no Objection are processed within the country and take a shorter time than before. This means that the implementation of planned activities can be conducted within planned time limits.



- The Formation of CPMT has enhanced the spirit of togetherness (cohesion) and knowledge management amongst IFAD projects / programmes as it enables a common understanding of IFAD operations across the portfolio.

- **Ladies and Gentlemen**

The office has also facilitated capacity building of other development organizations through provision of funds to them. For example,

- Kenya National Federation of Agricultural Producers (KENFAP) has received funds from IFAD for organizational and institutional development of producer groups and service providers –farmers, stockists.
- Similarly, SNV- Netherlands, whose funds are largely from IFAD, has been instrumental in capacity building (Trainings) of staff implementing IFAD



projects / programmes in the country. For example, SHoMaP staff have been trained on Value Chain Development and Analysis; and Agribusiness Development.

- The Extending Agro-Dealers Network (EADN) which is affiliated to the International Fertilizer Development Centre (IFDC) through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the IFAD programmes is currently building the capacity of producer groups and service providers – input stockists.

I am therefore strongly recommending that more support be given to this office in order to fast-track programme implementation



Ladies and Gentlemen

With these remarks, it is now my great pleasure to declare this workshop officially closed

Thank you and God bless you All.