



**PRESS STATEMENT ON CONSULTATIVE MEETING BETWEEN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS AND THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES AND IRRIGATION ON THE BIG FOUR AGENDA ON 100% FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND THE AGRICULTURE STRATEGY**

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**Members of the Press,  
Citizens of Kenya,**

Following a consultative meeting between the Council of Governors and the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Irrigation on the 100% Food and Nutrition Security Implementation Plan and the Agriculture Sector Transformation and growth strategy.

The meeting sought to build consensus on how the two levels of government will work together to implement, monitor and report on achievements of the Big 4 Implementation Plan and the Agriculture, Sector Transformation and Growth Strategy. The meeting also updated the Counties on the Agriculture Observatory Platform that will allow access to high resolution and geospatial agriculture meteorological data for strategic and timely decision making for efficient crop and animal husbandry.

The following were the resolutions agreed on by the two levels of Government;

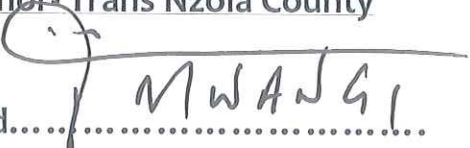
1. Both levels of Government shall work together in digitizing the delivery of agriculture services. This will include agricultural data collection and management.
2. The Ministry and the Council of Governors including other stakeholders will work together on cascading the BIG 4 implementation plan on 100% food and nutrition security and the agriculture strategy to County,

economic blocs and regional targets. This will include joint monitoring and evaluation.

3. The Ministry and the Council of Governors shall work together in lobbying for resource allocation to be increased to 10% of public expenditure as per the Malabo declaration.
4. Both levels of Government agree to develop an elaborate extension service delivery strategy. This is expected to conclusively and comprehensively address prevailing issues affecting extension as well succession management for extension staff.
5. The Ministry and the Council of Governors in consultation with other stakeholders will work together in finalizing the agriculture strategy. This will include inclusion of other under-utilized crops including green grams, sugar beets, bamboo, cassava and sisal.
6. The National and County Governments will work closely with development partners, private sector and all stakeholders in the implementation of the Big 4 Agenda on 100% food and nutrition security and the agriculture strategy.
7. The two levels of Government shall develop a synchronized programme on livestock vaccination and traceability system as well as disease control.
8. The Ministry in collaboration with the County Governments will identify aggregation centers closer to the farmers to be used for collection of agricultural produce and distribution of government subsidies.
9. The two levels of Government are supportive of both the Big 4 Agenda on 100% food and nutrition security implementation plan and the Agriculture Sector Transformation and growth strategy and they are ready to implement.
10. The two levels of government commit to finalize the strategy by 4<sup>th</sup> of December, 2018 in readiness for the launch.

Signed.....

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