



## **THE 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DEVOLUTION CONFERENCE: “DELIVER, TRANSFORM, MEASURE: REMAINING ACCOUNTABLE”**

### **THE CIVIL SOCIETY PRE- DEVOLUTION DIALOGUE**

#### **THEME: DEEPENING ACCOUNTABILITY IN DEVOLUTION**

27 FEBRUARY, 2019 AT THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS OFFICES, DELTA HOUSE  
11<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR

#### **Background**

The theme of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Devolution Conference of “*deliver, transform, measure; remaining accountable*” is consistent with the national spirit of building bridges and boldly brings to the fore the subject of accountability. Devolution, in its conception, envisaged a government closer and more responsive to the citizenry, fundamentally changing the relationships between people and their government. Significant in this change is the mutual responsibility between the State and citizenry to safeguard and promote public interest for the growth and prosperity of the nation.

The 6<sup>th</sup> convening to take stock of devolution progress has for the first time invited a citizens’ space by integrating a platform for citizens’ dialogue alongside the Big 4 agenda dialogues. This interface is an important step in advancing the constitutional rights of the citizenry to influence decisions, make proposals and demand accountability in governance. Civil Society Organizations (CSO) provide a critical nexus between the government and the citizenry in the advancing this constitutional spirit.

To set the mood for the conversation in the citizens forum at the DEVCON-6, it is important to level understanding and unbundle accountability in the context of delivery, transformation and measurement, which are the primary development themes of the conference. Numerous parameters are available and have been variously deployed by CSOs in efforts to promote and demand accountability. The pre-DEVCON 6 CSOs convening is thus aimed at opening a conversation on the potential convergence on the accountability gauge that determines a suitable pathway for influencing positive progression in service delivery, balanced transformation and sustainable measurement of the progress to ensure

collectivity in remaining accountable. This convening is expected to pave way for robust debate on the citizens platform during the DEVCON-6 to be held in Kirinyaga between 4-8 March 2019.

The CSOs convening has been coordinated by URAIA Trust, The Institute for Social Accountability (TISA), Civil Society Urban Development Platform (CSUDP) and Pamoja Trust and takes place on 27 February 2019 at the Council of Governors offices, Delta House, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor.

#### **EXPECTED OUTPUTS**

- Generate consensus on the appropriate accountability gauge for service delivery, measurement and transformation to stimulate debate at the citizens forum during the DEVCON-6
- Build consensus on a joint framework that would best facilitate civil society and the people's organizations engagement towards accountable and responsive devolution

February 27, 2019

8:30 - 9:00am	Welcome and Registration
9:00 – 9:30am	<b>Opening Remarks:</b> Ms. Jacqueline Mogeni – CEO, Council of Governors Sarah Montgomery – Dfid Amanda Serumaga– UNDP  <b>Key Note Address:</b> H.E Mwangi Walria, Governor Murang'a County, Vice-Chairperson, Council of Governors
9:30- 10:30am	<b>Thematic Session:</b> <i>Unbundling the meaning of accountability in delivery, transformation and measurement;</i> Panel Discussion <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Service Delivery:</b> Determining appropriate accountability parameters for gauging level of satisfaction in services<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>TISA</li></ul></li><li><b>Transformation:</b> How do you determine and gauge positive transformative trends and their attribution in society<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pamoja Trust</li></ul></li><li><b>Measurement:</b> Sharing on the available tools for accountable measurement of public performance<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Institute for Economic Affairs</li></ul></li><li><b>Coordination:</b> What pathways exist for CSOs to enhance their collaboration and coordination in promoting accountability<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>URAIA Trust</li></ul></li></ol> <b>Moderator - CSUDP</b>
10:30 – 11:00am	<i>Health break</i>
11:00 – 12:00am	<b>Plenary Session:</b> Towards consensus on the appropriate accountability gauge for delivery, measurement and transformation; and a joint framework that best facilitates civil society and the people's organizations engagement towards accountable and responsive devolution  <b>Moderator –Prof. Alfred Omenya</b>
12:00 -13:00pm	<b>Way Forward</b>
13.00-14:00pm	Lunch and Departure