

**REMARKS MADE ON THE OCCASION OF THE OFFICIAL  
LAUNCH OF THE GLOBAL CENTRE FOR POLICY AND  
STRATEGY (GLOCEPS)**

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## Salutation

- **Brig. (Rtd) C M Kang'ethe, EBS**, the Executive Director of the Global Centre for Policy and Strategy,
- **Prof. Noah Midamba, PhD**, Vice Chancellor and CEO, KCA University, who is also the Keynote Speaker of this Launch,
- The **Board of Directors**, the Global Centre for Policy and Strategy,
- **Distinguished Guests**,
- **Ladies and Gentlemen**;

## **Good Morning!**

I am delighted to join you today to witness the official launch of the Global Centre for Policy and Strategy alongside the launch of its inaugural bulletin, **The Influential**.

This occasion marks the continuation of the journey towards evidence-based policy practices that continue to inform the approaches to public policy-making processes. The Centre's vision epitomizing excellence in action research, policy influence and strategy formulation, characterises the drive as policymakers and collectively as citizens of this great country to advance our

creative and innovative spirit. The role of influential research outputs in solving the dynamic challenges that define the contemporary world cannot be gainsaid.

This path chosen by the Centre to achieve its goals will go a long way in contributing to the expansion of knowledge and practice for the good of the country and Africa as a whole. As a think-tank, I urge that the Centre embarks earnestly on a journey that will bring together the academia, policy researchers, governments and the international community to provide a concerted influence on public policy discourse. I do, therefore; commend the Executive Director, the Board and the Staff of the Centre for their leadership and hard work towards the realization of this noble vision.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Over the two last decades, there has been a renewed emphasis for contextually relevant solutions to the challenges that confront societies and nations. The clarion call towards African Solutions to African problems gives us a reason to celebrate the launch of this Centre. We are looking forward to seeing this Centre mobilize experts and ideas across the region and even globally to generate debates focusing not just on Afri-centric but also on Kenya-



centric solutions. The footing of this argument has and still remains that although we welcome advice and assistance from divergent groups, local communities remain the cornerstones of the solutions to their problems. The same is true for other regions across the world including the developed nations.

It therefore gives me much joy to witness the emergence of research institutions such as this Centre that not only generate solutions to national challenges but equally endeavour to add their voice and presence in the global arena. Its interdisciplinary approach to identifying and resolving pertinent policy problems remains key to developing a more comprehensive policy solution.

After reading the Centre's Inaugural Bulletin, **The Influential**, I am captivated by its multidimensional approach to the current topical issue, the Kenya - Somalia Maritime Dispute. The dissection of this issue, along the Centre's research pillars of foreign policy, development, strategic interests, governance and defence, aids to mould a holistic appreciation of this challenge and lends Kenya a number of strategic paths through which it can be resolved. This is truly insightful and novel.

As a policymaker, I must admit that this holistic approach will improve our capacity for a comprehensive understanding and

evaluation of expanded policy options for action. The Centre thus has the opportunity to open up more conducive spaces for experts drawn from State institutions, the private sector, international organizations and academia to participate and exchange knowledge and good practices to equip policymakers with favourable strategies that will help resolve the problems that we face today.

**Distinguished Guests, ladies and gentlemen,**

As I conclude, allow me to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Global Centre for Policy and Strategy for inviting me to its official launch and that of its Inaugural Bulletin, **The Influential**.

I hereby now take this opportunity to declare that the Global Centre for Policy and Strategy (GLOCEPS) and its inaugural Bulletin, **The Influential** officially launched.

**I thank you!**