

**OPENING REMARKS BY AGNES ODHIAMBO (MRS) DURING THE CDF BOARD  
AND CFC RETREAT ON 2nd TO 5TH SEPTEMBER 2010 AT WHITESANDS HOTEL  
MOMBASA.**

Hon. Minister of State for Planning, National Dev. & Vision 2030  
The Chair, CFC  
The Chair, CDF Board  
CFC Members  
CDF Board Directors  
CDF Secretariat staff  
Ladies and Gentlemen

Allow me to welcome you to this very important retreat. It is my belief that during this time we shall be here, we will be able to deliberate and share ideas freely with the aim of enhancing management of CDF

This retreat very crucial and appropriate as it will facilitate discussions on emerging issues in the management of CDF that are critical to the smooth and efficient management of the Constituencies Development Fund (CDF)

In the past we have faced various challenges; but we have been able to overcome them as a team and especially through such forums. However, just like any other institutions challenges still come up that require our urgent attention in order to ensure the Fund is professionally managed and that it achieves its noble objective of spurring development at the grassroots level.

As you are aware, the CDF (Amendment) Act, 2007 states that projects to be funded should be community based in order to ensure prospective benefits are available to a widespread cross-section of the inhabitants of a particular area. However, in the implementation of the Act several issues have emerged that require deliberations such as funding of income generating activities, support to group farms, disposal of assets among others. This retreat therefore comes at an opportune time when we need to clearly understand the policy procedures we are required to follow while implementing some of this projects. As I conclude, I wish you all the best and hope that all that we are going to discuss and deliberate on here will be used by all of us to move CDF to greater heights

Allow me to invite our chief guest, Hon. Wycliffe Oparanya, Minister of State for

Planning, National Development and Vision 2030.

Thank you.