



# MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES AND COOPERATIVES

## NATIONAL STAKEHOLDER VALIDATION OF THE DRAFT AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION POLICY, DRAFT AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION BILL AND AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION REGULATIONS 2021

Agricultural mechanization is a major agricultural production input that encompasses application of mechanical technology and increased power to drive agriculture, largely as a means to improve the timeliness and efficiency of farm and value chain operations and accomplishing tasks that are difficult to perform without mechanical aids in order to enhance the productivity of land and human labour.

Agricultural mechanization improves agriculture through;

- (i) increased productivity per unit of labour employed, addressing the problem of labour shortage and releasing manpower for non-agricultural purposes;
- (ii) increased yield of land per unit of area, lowering cost of work with concomitant increase in farm income and commercialization of agriculture;
- (iii) bringing in other improvements in agricultural value chain techniques including value addition; and,
- (iv) modifying social structure in rural areas by freeing farmers from much of the laborious/drudgery in farming activities; providing employment, sustainable rural livelihoods for agriculture-led industrialization, markets and rural economic growth.

The Ministry embarked on reviewing the Agricultural Mechanization Policy to align with the devolved system of Government and the development of the draft Agricultural Mechanization Bill 2021 and Regulations. The draft Policy and Bill aim to sustainably raise the level of mechanization in the agricultural sector for increased productivity and incomes of agricultural value chains; and create strategic institutional and market environment that provides choice agricultural machinery, equipment and technology, within a sustainable delivery and support system. The draft Agricultural Mechanization Bill 2021 is proposed to regulate agricultural machinery actors such as manufacturers, dealers, Service provider, Agro- structures/processing consultants and contractors for quality assurance and to safeguard public interest. The Bill and Regulations have been subjected to public participation as required by the Constitution of Kenya and the Sector Agriculture Working Group of the Policy, Legislation and Standards (SWAG-PLS) with the input from the stakeholders considered and adopted.

The Ministry plans to subject the draft Policy, Bill and Regulations to a national validation exercise and hereby invites you to the National Validation workshop that is scheduled for **Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at KALRO Headquarters, Loresho, from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm.**

The public is invited to submit written comments and memoranda on the Policy, Bill and regulations for consideration by the drafting committee during the validation exercise. All interested persons should submit written comments on the draft Bill and Regulations using prescribed public comments form, to reach the undersigned not later than seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice.

Soft copies of the draft Bill, draft Regulations and comments feedback forms are available and can be accessed through the Ministry website: [www.kilimo.go.ke](http://www.kilimo.go.ke). Duly filled comments feedback forms or written memoranda may be submitted back via the following emails; [directorpolicy@kilimo.go.ke](mailto:directorpolicy@kilimo.go.ke). The same may also be delivered by post to;

**The Cabinet Secretary,  
Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries & Cooperatives,  
Cathedral Road,  
Kilimo House,  
P.O Box 30028 – 00100, NAIROBI.**

**HON. PETER MUNYA M.G.H, E.G.H.  
CABINET SECRETARY,  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES & COOPERATIVES**