



## **REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

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**Distinguished Guests,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

It is with joy and humility that I accept the International Federation for Family Development (IFFD) 2020 Award on behalf of the Government of Kenya and the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection recognition for the efforts to develop the National Policy on Family Promotion and Protection.

The Government of Kenya recognizes that the family is owed protection by society and the State as indicated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights. The Constitution of Kenya in its Preamble

upholds the commitment to nurturing and protecting the wellbeing of the family.

In the spirit of promoting good governance, democracy and participation of the people as stipulated in Article 10 of the Constitution, Kenya has worked in partnership with various stakeholders in the process of developing the National Policy on Family Promotion and Protection.

One of the key stakeholder is the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) who in collaboration with Strathmore University supported the incorporation of international standards and practices and inclusion of relevant Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Further, UNDESA in partnership with Strathmore University and the Ministry responsible for Family Affairs have started the development of an Action Plan for the implementation of the National Policy on Family Promotion and Protection in earnest.

This Award which we greatly appreciate on behalf of the Government of Kenya is as a result of these partnerships.

The Family Policy is built around the recognition of the family as a fundamental social unit, with the Vision of “**Happy and stable families for a strong society.**” It is founded on the key guiding principles of stable marriages, responsible parenting, family

diversity, family resilience, community participation, human rights and strong partnerships.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

The overall goal of the policy is to provide an environment that recognizes and facilitates family well-being, and empowers families to participate in the socio-economic development of the country.

The policy not only identifies the challenges that affect the family, but also provides the guidelines along which the government and in collaboration +with stakeholders, through a multi-sectorial engagement will work to cause the desired policy result.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Once again, on behalf of the Kenyan government, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection and all the stakeholders who put in their resources towards the development of this policy, I humbly accept this Award.

Thank You!