

Opening Address of the Chairperson of CRECO during the Launch of the Strategic Plan 2011– 2015

Good morning comrades in the civil society, friends of CRECO, grant-makers, Secretariat staff, and all that have been invited to this auspicious occasion to launch the CRECO's strategic direction for the next five years, which is already underway as we launch this Strategic Plan (2011-2015), this day – Tuesday, 29 November 2011.

As we gather this morning, may I remind us of the work that lies ahead, especially the full implementation of the Constitution of Kenya, through legal, institutional, policy and administrative reforms. As you can see, this Strategic Plan is built on that very foundation, where the key pillars or drivers if you wish, are: a) Public Sector Management; and b) Human Rights.

From the foregoing, it is telling that the next engagements of CRECO (both Secretariat and Member Organizations) will be based on diverse strategies such as networking, advocacy, media engagement, capacity building, civic awareness and also a host of other strategies. In this Strategic Plan, we have isolated who are potential beneficiaries, our anticipated resource base, anticipated risks and how we intend to mitigate them and also how we intend to learn from experiences and build on them or realign accordingly.

Ladies and gentlemen, let me end by stating that this Plan is a carefully thought out process, and also content. It gives me a sense of pride that as a Management Committee, we have steered the way for the future of CRECO. Most members of this Committee are leaving office in March 2012, and therefore, we hope that this humble contribution of the Strategic Plan to the incoming Management Committee will make their work easier.

In conclusion, we express our heartfelt gratitude to HIVOS, ACT, OXFAM and URAIA, and all those grant-makers who have not just provided the funds to undertake this process and produce this content (Strategic Plan), but also for having steered this Strategic Plan by giving also technical support, especially ACT and its former officer, Jasper Morara, who were every instrumental. It was a successful journey, and so now, let the same be in the journey for its implementation.

Tom Kagwe – Chairperson

CRECO Management Committee