

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



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**AFRICAN ORGANIZATION OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEES (AFROPAC)**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL MEETING**

*Safari Park, Nairobi*  
*29<sup>th</sup> August – 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2016*  
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**THEME: CURBING ILLICIT FINANCIAL FLOWS IN AFRICA**

**SPEECH BY THE DEPUTY SPEAKER, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**Your Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya,**

**Hon. Speakers Present**

**Hon. Cabinet Secretaries present**

**Hon. Members of Parliament from various African Public  
Accounts Committees**

**Distinguished Participants**

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to invite H.E. the President of the Republic of Kenya to officially open the 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference and General Meeting of the African Organization of Public Accounts Committees (AFROPAC).

AFROPAC is an Organization of Public Accounts Committees (PACs) of African legislatures whose aims and objectives as set out in its Constitution, are to:-

- i. Promote Good Governance, Accountability and Transparency in the continent
- ii. Encourage and strengthen the relations among the Parliamentary Oversight Committees in the continent

- iii. Promote free flow of information particularly amongst Parliamentary Oversight Committees in the continent In order to enhance public sector accountability,

We take pride as a nation in noting that On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2014, the Kenya National Assembly Speaker presided over a ceremony to officially commission and hand over the **“Accountability Centre”** -the unique secretariat housing the African Organization of Public Accounts Committees (AFROPAC) alongside Accountability Kenya (AK) and the Eastern Africa Association of Public Accounts Committees (EAAPAC), both of which are hosted by PAC Kenya.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

AFROPAC seeks to provide a unique platform for networking and collaboration across Africa, with the goal of raising the bar in oversight and accountability on the continent.

The enormous outflow of money as Illicit Financial Flows (IFF) is of global concern and is therefore also a high priority on the African agenda. This therefore informed the choice of the theme in this year’s Annual General meeting and conference theme: ***curbing illicit financial flow in Africa.***

The second annual conference and general meeting will bring together members of the public accounts committee in member states to share experiences and explore ways of tackling illicit financial flows in Africa. The meeting will also look into the linkages and roles of other institutions such as the private sectors and supreme audit institutions in curbing illicit financial flows in Africa.

Issues of Illicit financial flows are not just a technical issue but are political issues which also require political will. Members of Parliament have a responsibility through the legislature to push for the enactment of policies and laws that support effective domestic resource mobilization in Africa.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

With these remarks, it is now my honour to invite **H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta, CGH, President and Commander-in-Chief of the**

**Defence Forces of the Republic of Kenya to officially open the 2<sup>nd</sup> AFROPAC Conference and Annual General Meeting.**

Thank you.