



**RESPONSE BY H E SUSAN KIIHIKA, NAKURU COUNTY GOVERNOR, DURING
THE NEPAD/APRM COUNTY PEER REVIEW SESSION AT KICC, NAIROBI ON 30TH
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Excellencies,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I begin by expressing my sincere gratitude to the two discussants for their insightful reflections and constructive feedback on Nakuru County's development journey. Your observations on our progress, challenges, and opportunities across key sectors—ranging from health and education to infrastructure, agriculture, and enterprise development—are both valuable and encouraging.

I am heartened by your recognition of the strides Nakuru County has made over the past decade. These achievements are the result of deliberate, sustained efforts to improve service delivery and enhance the quality of life for our people. From expanding access to healthcare and reforming our education systems, to investing in modern infrastructure and supporting local businesses, we have worked hard to lay a strong foundation for inclusive growth.

However, I acknowledge that we still face significant challenges. The concerns raised regarding disparities between wards, human resource shortages, infrastructural deficits, and governance gaps are valid and important. These issues remind us of the critical need to refine our policies and re-align our implementation strategies to ensure that no part of our county is left behind.

To the NEPAD/APRM Kenya Secretariat and my fellow Governors, I wish to reaffirm Nakuru County's unwavering commitment to the County Programme of Action and the principles of the County Peer Review Mechanism. This process has provided not just a diagnostic tool, but also a renewed sense of purpose and accountability in our governance structures.

Let me also take this opportunity to encourage my peers across the country to embrace this unique peer learning and accountability platform. The County Peer Review Mechanism is more than a benchmarking exercise—it is an honest dialogue between leaders and citizens, a framework for collective growth, and a commitment to transformative leadership.

Let us continue working together to build counties that are responsive, transparent, inclusive, and resilient. The future of devolved governance in Kenya depends on our shared dedication to excellence and accountability.

Thank you.

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