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COMMISSION ON REVENUE ALLOCATION

Call for Abstracts on Marginalization

The Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA) is an independent commission established under Article 215 of the Constitution of Kenya (CoK) and is committed to ensuring an equitable society with no one left behind. The principle function of the commission is to make recommendations concerning the basis for the equitable sharing of revenue raised nationally;

- (a) Between the national and county governments; and
- (b) Among county governments.

Further, the Commission is mandated by Article 216(4) of the Constitution to determine, publish and regularly review a policy in which it sets out the criteria by which to identify marginalized areas in the country for purpose of the equalization fund. The Fund, as per Article 204(2) is to be used to provide basic services to the marginalized areas to the extent necessary to bring the quality of those services to the level generally enjoyed by the rest of the nation.

In the process of developing the second policy, CRA engaged in extensive stakeholder engagements, data analysis and county visits that revealed gaps in the way marginalization is understood and addressed. In this regard, the Commission, in addition to policy recommendations identified the need to create a broader framework to collaborate with various stakeholders including the public to address marginalization through a detailed examination of root causes, various forms of marginalization, possible policy and legal interventions as well as regular sharing of experiences. This led to the creation of The Marginalization Lab, that will offer a formal, open platform to engage, examine and interrogate, all facets of inequality and seek possible solutions to end marginalization within a reasonable timeframe. The primary objectives of the Lab are;

- i) Promoting research and robust discourse on national and county inequality/marginalization dynamics as a basis for influencing policy interventions for effective de-marginalization of the Kenyan society
- ii) Establishing a network of scholars, policy makers and providing them with a platform for a continuous discourse on marginalization
- iii) Providing opportunities for peer learning on ways of addressing different facets of marginalization and

iv) Make recommendations on how to address marginalization and inequity in Kenya.

The Marginalization Lab Steering Committee is planning to hold a two and a half days' conference in Nairobi in May 2020. The conference shall include sharing of experiences from grass root participants on issues of marginalization. It is envisaged that the conference will bring together participants from marginalized communities, emerging marginalized groups, researchers, policy makers, civic actors, academia among others. The Steering committee expects that the Conference will lead to an open and deeper understanding of the subject and formulate specific actions towards de-marginalization in Kenya.

A report on the “*The State of Marginalization 2020*” will be launched at the conference to inform future discussions on marginalization in the country.

The committee therefore wishes to invite authors to submit **abstracts** related to the themes and aims of the conference. These are;

1. Marginalized people, communities and regions
2. Political, social, economic, cultural, gender, policy, legal and institutional dimensions of marginalization
3. Historical, contemporary and emerging dimensions of marginalization
4. Audit of the 2010 constitution in relation to marginalization
5. Sectoral dimensions of marginalization (e.g. education, health, infrastructure and others)

It is expected that the abstracts will demonstrate the empirical, analytical, evaluative, case studies and experiential nature of marginalization.

Guidelines of the abstracts

- i) Abstracts are expected not to exceed one page
- ii) The deadline for submission of abstracts is 7th October 2019
- iii) Authors of selected abstracts will be notified by the end of October 2019
- iv) Authors of selected abstracts will be required to complete the papers within three (3) months of acceptance
- v) All abstracts must be submitted in English
- vi) Authors should indicate the relevant theme for their submission
- vii) The names, full address and institutional affiliation of authors should be included
- viii) All abstracts should be sent via email to Edward.Oyugi@cra.go.ke and a copy to Naomi.Mathenge@cra.go.ke