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LEADING YOU TO THE CHANGE YOU NEED.



Friends, I have a calling and a passion to lead change in Mbeere South by engaging in leadership and governance of the people and management of public resources. I have a strong motivation emanating from the limitation I am seeing in adequately reaching out to the people's needs and the weakness of the Up-Bottom structure of governance which I would like to transform into Bottom-Up pattern. I am thinking that although the Members of Parliament are representatives of the people through a democratic voting exercise, the actual representation has been seen as not portraying the reality on the ground. Instead, the politicians have remained in the National Assembly Business and often they forget their electorate. When they come back to the constituency, the people have complained of their poor services and absenteeism

from their daily life situations. I feel that I have the potential and the attitude to transform this kind of political trend and employ the new paradigm of leadership style of making myself available to the local communities to plan with them and to listen to their needs in order of their priorities in all our wards. Mbeere South has been neglected over a long time on some basic needs like water and infrastructure development. The government has a vital role to play on this. However, I am planning to engage friends of Mbeere who are investors from the overseas nations who want to join hands with us to establish Community Water Projects in all our wards. This initiative would be solely managed by the community of Mbeere South in partnership with the CDF office. It will be a supplementary program to be focused towards handling water problems in Mbeere South once and for all. Much of this project will be directed towards pumping of water from Thiba, Tana, and Nyamindi which are public and permanent Natural sources within our region. For all of the rivers, the community shall collaborate with the Ministry of Water and Natural resources for a harmonious coexistence in the service to the public. On land and settlement, you are aware that some parts of Mbeere South which include but not limited to Mwea and Makima Wards have not been issued with Land Title Deeds. The Land Title Deeds of Mbeere South, Mwea lands will now call for a revolutionary leader. What I mean is, our leaders through out all regimes have failed or lacked enough intelligence to win the government in attending to land issues in Mwea. There is a need to First-Unite the voices of the people in Mbeere South to keep aside all interests vested on negative ethnicity. We are a diverse community which has co-existent in peace and unity over many decades now. We very well know that the residents of Mwea must have valid and legally biding documents which are clarily reflected in the ministry of Lands registrars offices in Nairobi. These documents have been undergoing screening since they were issued in 1979. If there cases of persons who settled in Mwea after

this was done , most likely, they hold such valid documents with all needed information and which relate well with the original document at the Land Registrar's office in Nairobi. If there are residents who do not hold such valid documents which are required for their entitlement of the land they own or possess or they doubt their ownership, I will be more than willing to first settle those disputes through the provided procedures for land settlement in the laws of Kenya. Authorities who handle such matters will be asked to collaborate with me and other stakeholders of Mbeere South region in attempt to settle and finalize those disputes. I am certain that, if there will be the will by the people, then we shall Petition to the office of the President through the Ministry of Lands and Settlement to issue Title Deeds within the stipulated dates. This will open up Mbeere South to More Investors for economic activities and employability of our youth. On Roads, the Government devolved ministry and the national government have a big role to play in this. However, I have a plan to create a special kit for youth participation in mending up torn feeder roads which have been eroded by the running waters. In this program, there are friends of Mbeere South who are seeking to motivate the youth in active participation of Community development projects and this will create some employment for our youth across the Region. The youth will also be linked to the Overseas for exchange programs in Sports, Games and Performing art industry. I am looking at this venture as a creation of exposure to our youth to move out and realize how talents can be turned to professionalism and career to sustain life. The Picked countries are USA, KOREA SOUTH AND TAIWAN where I have already established the talks. We all know that Agriculture is the backbone of our economy. The Community Water Projects which are mentioned here above shall be a good boost to venture into Agra-business activities. I am confident that with the CDF and other devolved funds, water for irrigation will be a service to be given a priority for our region. However, I will

make sure that there are enough funds to surface advanced technological training for the farmers to equip them on new farming methods and approaches. The expertise from the devolved ministries and other non-governmental organizations will be highly utilized. There is an Investor who is ready to partner with us to establish a factory where we can process and process diverse farm produce ready for local market and international market. As I write here, I am asked to prepare a proposal on this partnership. I do not mind if it is started before the 2017 elections if their will be a will by the people and the current leadership. However, it is important for me to do it since the people will like to see a new approach to my leadership when they elect me. Every ward in Mbeere South will manage a Marketing Center which will be a digital market to be operated by highly skilled personnel. I will make sure that there is rural electrification in every ward so as to make it possible for these centers to operate in the second and Third years of my leadership. You are aware that our students ranging from High school through the University are dropping out of formal education. This has partly been caused by drugs and substance abuse and also the government inflation of the HELP services. Most of our students come from relatively poor background and they may not afford school fees. The Government Bursaries issued by the CDF and the County Governments, are said to be too little and sometimes unavailable for the students when they need it. This is the failure by the government agencies who have the role and responsibility to manage the funding. However, hoping that these situations will be addressed by the systems of governance in the National and County Governments, I am planning to establish a Studentship Scholarship/Building Society which shall be managed by the CDF and a special committee. In this, I would like to partner the schools with able investors who have the heart to invest in the education sector of our region. The Committees will service the Studentship Scholarship Bank/building society as well as expedite the fund

with issuance of grants and loans on a very low interest to the most vulnerable and bright students. On this special funding, I will also look forward to foster weak students in terms of academic performance through a program to be designed by the schools on motivating and improving their reading /study culture and offering some guidance and counseling to them. On drugs and substance abuse, we are all aware that Embu County alone lost over 47 young people on illicit brew. I am very concerned with this situation and would like to establish an extra-curricular program of activities where students and out of school youth can join together for a well defined curriculum of teaching on RESPONSIBLE LIVING AND POSITIVE APPROACH TO LIFE. We have learned that numerous youth are comiting suicide and this is alarming. My leadership will collaborate with NACADA and other non-Governmental organizations within and without Mbeere South for a rehabilitation program managed by my office. This is the heart of the society because a "sick community cannot work to improve their economy neither can it sustain its sickness and death burial expenses; It is simply a dying community". So far, we have seen a good improvement on health services. However, some parts of the constituency like Kiambere Ward are seriously in need of my attention to offer free and adequate medical care. I shall give a priority to such areas as Kiambere and will also do my best to equip the already established health facilities with better equipment and enough medical staff. However, this cannot be absolutely enough. I will welcome the friends of Mbeere south who are within and without including those in the overseas mostly the churches and missionaries to join us in giving free medical care and checkups from time to time. This will also be a good exposure for our young medical trainees as I will collaborate with the Ministry of health in the EPGH and Kiritiri Sub-County hospital to release them for free and voluntary services when the overseas doctors and nurses come. However, as a community, we shall also encourage all our trained medical personnel and those

from other professions to be ready to give free services whenever we ask them to do so. This will create a sense of togetherness and inter-relatedness as a people. Service to humanity is Service to God. My leadership will establish a special fund to be used by these volunteer staff when they are requested to offer services to our people as a way of motivating them in their career. Through the Volunteer services which shall be managed by well experienced retirees and part time workers the Volunteer staff(who are our young trained and unemployed youth of different professions) shall be awarded a certificate of experience and shall receive a recommendation letter from my office and that of their respective professions as a tool to equip them for formal employment. Finally friends, the aged persons, the vulnerable children and the differently abled persons will require my service. I will establish a special kit to foster their basic needs and those who can be helped to join formal or informal education will be motivated to do so. All this will be done to balance our community needs and also to avoid idleness, crime/insecurity, ethnic violence and all other short comings that may arise when a society is growing in an imbalanced manner. I call upon you all to receive this challenging piece of work which is a skeleton of my manifesto because the detailed work of my research is to be guided by this document immediately I will be elected to office. This will give me a clear picture of how to approach leadership and governance issues in Mbeere south region. I will be careful enough to honor the views I will receive from you as a person or the community at large when I will go to the ground. Kindly, be free to respond to this paper through this channel or email to Secretariat @ 4tformulambeeresouth@gmail.com KITHEKA JOHN MUMO B.D.,M.A.,EDD Seoul -South Korea.

