



FORMATION OF PBO TASKFORCE WELCOMED

Nairobi, December 4, 2014 – The CSO Reference Group, a self-regulatory forum of over 100 Public Benefits Organisations working in 47 counties, welcomes the launch of an eleven person taskforce to consult stakeholders on amendments to the Public Benefits Organisations Act of 2013.

The taskforce is a welcome step away from attempts to rush substantive amendments through an already crowded Parliamentary agenda and without meaningful consultations among key stakeholders. The taskforce should embark immediately on broad and deep consultations on ways of strengthening and commencing the PBO Act.

The selection of Sophia Abdi Noor, former MP and mover of the original Act places experienced and trusted leadership at the head of the taskforce. Having worked closely with Sophia Abdi Noor on developing the original PBO Act 2013 we offer her and the taskforce any necessary resources they require to complete this process in an inclusive and productive manner. It is partly out of respect for her leadership that the CSO Reference Group accepted to be represented on the Taskforce. We offer our gratitude to the Cabinet Secretary Anne Waiguru for this opportunity to serve the nation in this capacity.

We urge all parties to ensure that the process followed is open, consultative and transparent.

Signed:


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