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Dear ALL

RE: FINANCIAL SERVICES AUTHORITY (FSA) AND IMPROVING FINANCIAL SECTOR MARKET CONDUCT.

As you may be aware, His Excellency the President appointed the Taskforce on Parastatal Reforms which made a wide ranges of the recommendations that were approved by the Government. In the financial sector, the Presidential Taskforce recommended the creation of the Financial Services Authority (FSA) as a consolidated entity to merge the Capital Markets Authority (CMA), Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA), Retirement Benefits Authority (RBA) and the SACCOs Societies Regulatory Authority (SASRA). Reduction in number of entities would enable organisational efficiencies that will allow industry players to deal with few bodies, provide consolidated supervision in line with increasing convergence in the sector, and changing dynamics where providers are offering services beyond traditional subsectors, and reduce regulatory gaps and arbitrage.

To maximise the benefits of this reform and the creation of the FSA, the Government, through the National Treasury, plans to develop a framework on financial sector market conduct that will provide a modern, robust and comprehensive framework for consumer protection in the financial sector, which has been lacking, backed by a strong legal and institutional mechanism.

To this end, the National Treasury has been working with the CMA, IRA, RBA and SASRA to finalise the draft FSA Bill and market conduct framework. The purpose of this letter is therefore to invite you for an industry consultation meeting that will be held on **Wednesday**, 27th April 2016, 8.30am to 12.30pm at the Fairview Hotel.

The FSA Bill and market conduct framework will be shared with you in due course. Kindly confirm your attendance to Ms. Irene Musee using irene.musee@treasury.go.ke by 21st April 2016 to facilitate planning.

Thank you for your continued support.



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