

Statement by Amb Anthony Mwaniki Muchiri after the oath of affirmation for the position of Chairperson, Public Service Commission of Kenya on 22nd December, 2021

It is a great honor for me to stand before you, my fellow citizens as well as all public servants spread across the breadth and width of this great country and address you after the oath of affirmation which confers upon me the position of the Chairperson of the Public Service Commission. My speech today will be short but my future actions in this role will be loud.

It has indeed been a long journey for me; from entry level job group 'H' thirty seven years ago to the highest position in the service that one can aspire to. In this journey, I have seen the good and the bad in the service. I have been part of the low wages, the stagnation and the low morale; but it has been a journey of hard work, patience and self- sacrifice. It is a journey that any public servant or any Kenyan citizen for that matter can make and reach its destination if one has the calling and will to serve the public; a commodity that is increasingly becoming rare in the public service and which I intend to immediately address.

The Constitution of Kenya gives the Public Service Commission a broad mandate to serve the citizens of Kenya. In this regard, together with my team at the Commission and within the framework of the current strategic plan, it is my intention to transform the Public Service into a dynamic, anticipatory, responsive and influential organization. How do I intend to achieve this?

1. By energizing the commitment of all stakeholders to support the desire and aspirations of the Commission's vision, mission and core values;
2. By forging and strengthening networks between the three arms of Government, the private sector, donor agencies and critical drivers such as youth, women, persons with disabilities and the diaspora;
3. By building consensus across all levels in order to strengthen the Secretariat to deliver on the decisions of the Commission;
4. By eliminating, through decisive administrative decisions, the low morale, stagnation and low wages and in return expecting a return to the "call and will to serve" mantra.

I wish to thank His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta for having the confidence and trust to nominate me as Chairperson of the Public Service Commission, the Committee on Administration and National Security, and the National Assembly for according me, through parliamentary approval, the opportunity to serve as Chairperson of the Public Service Commission.

I also thank the Hon Chief Justice and her staff for their role in facilitating the oath of affirmation. I am grateful to my family, friends and colleagues in the public service who have been part of this journey that began thirty seven years ago.

God bless you all, God bless Kenya.

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Chairperson