

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN
POLICY FORMULATION,
PLANNING, BUDGETING**

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Legal framework

- Public participation in governance, policy formulation, planning and budgeting is a constitutional requirement.
- Article 1(1) &(2) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 recognizes the supremacy of the people
- It recognizes the right of the people to exercise their sovereignty either directly or through their democratically elected representatives

Devolution laws

- Policy formulation and planning is guided by Article 220 (20 (a) of the CoK, 2010
- The constitution prescribes national legislation to guide planning and budgeting.
- County Government Act, Part XI provides for preparation of 5 year CIDPs
- The law anticipates an Intergrated Planning approach anchored in the full and effective participation of the people.

Planning & Budgeting Cntd...

- The PFM Act, 2012 Part IV Section 126 (1) requires both a long term and medium term plan.
- Fiscal planning in any year begins with integrated planning
- The determination of priorities for fiscal spending is a consultative process
- It is anticipated that the people are involved both at formulation, implementation and monitoring level

Forums for Public Participation

- CIDP preparation
- Sector strategic Plans
- Annual Development Planning
- Ward based MTEF public forums
- Sector Working Groups
- Public hearings
- County Fiscal strategy Paper preparation
- Budget estimates and appropriation bill
- Finance bill