MESSAGE FROM THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP LEADERSHIP

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Your Excellency Anne Kananu Governor Nairobi County, H. E Wycliffe Wangamati Governor Bungoma County, Ms. Mary Mwiti Chief Executive Officer Council of Governors, H.E Maria Mbeneka Chair- County First Lady's Association.

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, all protocol observed
It is my pleasure to welcome you to the National Policy Conference on Early Childhood Care, Education and Development in Kenya. I do this on behalf of the Early Childhood Care, Education and Development TWG and on behalf of Uthabiti Africa.

As participants in this Conference, we are making history because we are handling one of the biggest challenges facing the early childhood care ecosystem: insufficient policies and regulations that would enable the early childhood care, education and development ecosystem to thrive.

Today, I am reminded of the vision we came up with even before we developed the Collaborative Action for Childcare in Kenya initiative: Together, we will accelerate the growth of the early childhood care, education and development ecosystem, creating a world where children and their carers can thrive.

During the next two days, we will hear from researchers, practitioners and government representatives. We will interact with each other and form connections across county-boundaries, across organizations. We will learn from each other and define ways to hasten policy and regulatory reforms on early childhood care, education and development.

I hope, when we look back in five years, we will remember that this was where the journey to put in place practical policies, regulations and guidelines to guide the growth of early childhood care and education was energized. We will remember that it was after this that there was a marked increase in the investment to accelerate quality, affordable early childhood care for all.

Welcome once more to this conference.
May God bless you! May God bless all Kenyan children!