EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Manifesto is our Party’s Five Year pledge and commitment to the citizens of Kenya; as we strive to win political power, form government and implement our policies and programmes that are in line with our ideology of social democracy.


Ford Kenya is aware of the myriad challenges and problems facing most individuals, households communities across the Country. These include poverty, gender based violence and violation women’s human rights, ignorance, illiteracy, disease and bad governance manifesting itself in bad leadership, corruption and institutional decay. These are weighty local, national, regional, continental and global issues.

Ford Kenya in this Manifesto provides a platform and medium where citizens and other stakeholders can make positive influence as well as impact in terms of policy direction and practical interventions. It is our conviction that each member and supporter of Ford Kenya brings in new ideas, new inspiration, new opportunities and new strengths and together we can reconstruct a new democratic nation and society based on the tenets of freedom, justice, truth, participation, integrity, equity, transparency and accountability.

Framework and Context of the FORD Kenya’s Manifesto

Ford Kenya envisions a democratic government, a nation and society that is educated, healthy, informed, peaceful, prosperous and self sustaining. Thus, a equitable society that has attained basic needs, nurtured and sustained human rights and fundamental freedoms for all citizens with dignity and justice.

Ford Kenya anchors its Manifesto in the context of Vision 2030 and Millennium Development Goals. The Party is committed to the process of redefining, nurture and sustaining the cultural, social, economic and political flagships of vision 2030 and the global Millennium Development Goals. This is geared towards eradicating poverty,
socio-economic inequality and thus laying firm pillars for participatory democracy, good governance and sustainable development of the Country, under the constitutional order.

**Social Context:** In this context, Ford Kenya aims at raising the education standards among the majority of the Kenyan population. We shall invest heavily in the social amenities like education and training institutions, water and sanitation, health

**Economic Context:** In pursuit of the economic empowerment, Ford Kenya is aiming at boosting agribusiness through value addition chain and e-economy; empowering citizens through a conducive policy environment, cooperative movement; improvement of physical infrastructure for economic growth and promoting income generating activities in the formal and informal sectors

**Political Context:** In this context, effective political communication, rule of law, constitutionalism and reforming and strengthening of all public institutions to become participatory, transparent and accountable at all times for the sake of building a culture of good governance at national and county levels. The Party has and shall remain a democratic school for talent scouting and nurturing visionary political leaders for the society, based on its rich heritage and institutional memory with heroes and champions of the second liberation and constitutional reforms in Kenya.

The key national and county agenda for Ford Kenya in the 2013 general elections is to gain majority votes and seats at national and county levels so as to form a democratic Ford Kenya Government that will oversee the implementation of our five-pillars of representative democracy and sustainable development. The Party commits itself and pledges to protect, promote and guarantee equitable and fair distribution of national resources, employment opportunities, adequate quality services and sustainable livelihoods for all citizens of Kenya. We shall embark on capacity building, resource mobilization, encourage and promote savings, investments and partnerships for direct foreign investment, wealth creation as well as economic development.
Objectives in the Ford Kenya Election Manifesto

The overall objective of the Ford Kenya manifesto is to mobilize and sensitize its members, supporters and general public on the type of government and state the Party envisages if it wins the forthcoming general elections scheduled for the 4th of March 2013.

Specific Objectives:

- To strengthen effective public participation and involvement of the citizens in governance in political governance and development;
- To promote human dignity, human rights, integrity, freedom, transparency and accountability in leadership and governance within the Party organs and public institutions at national and county levels;
- To rally support from the electorate so as to get majority votes and win majority seeds in the senate, national assembly and county assembly as well as the county government in general;
- To promote issue-oriented election campaigns and public debates on fundamental tenets of representative democracy, national cohesion and integration based on Ford Kenya’s five pillars of good governance and sustainable development at national and county levels.

Non Negotiable Functions of an Elected Government of Kenya:

The following are fundamental functions that are not negotiable for a Ford Kenya elected Government. These are the basic ingredients of our social democratic ideology:-

- Respect for human dignity, human rights, citizens’ political rights, gender equality, non discrimination, rule of law and the due process;
- Commitment to full implementation of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and guaranteeing all citizens and residents of Kenya access to adequate security. (i.e., of person and property)
- Promoting socio-economic and political rights and fundamental freedoms for all citizens regardless of their gender, ethnicity and other social divides;
BACKGROUND INFORMATION

**Ford Kenya Identity**

Ford Kenya is a national registered political party under the Political Parties Act No. of 2011 (Reg. No. 023). It has a total membership of over 100,000 drawn from all the 47 counties in Kenya.

Ford Kenya is still focused on its grand match to State House (capturing political power) and is the Party of the moment. It is known for its boldness in legislative and governance agenda as reflected in its Lion Symbol. The Slogan of the Party is captioned in Kiswahili words as *Uhuru, Haki na Ukweli* and translated in English as *Freedom, Justice and Truth*.

*Our greetings is a two finger salute and Our colours are Black, White and Agricultural Green.*

Ford Kenya’s ideology is social democracy underpinned with fair and equitable distribution of resources, opportunities and services to all citizens of Kenya.

**Our Vision:** The Party envisions a democratic country and society that has the ability and capacity to remain free, secure, just, cohesive, united and prosperous.

**Our Mission:** The Mission of Ford Kenya is to identify and build the capacities of all citizens and communities to realize and exercise their political, socio-economic rights and fundamental freedoms enshrined in the Constitution of Kenya.

**Our Briefly History**

Ford Kenya is the Second Oldest Political Party in Kenya that was first registered in 1992 (20 years old). It is credited for championing the second liberation and constitutional reforms in the country. The majority of the past and current vibrant political leaders since the re-introduction of multi party democracy were nurtured and sharpened by Ford Kenya. The Party played a significant role in shaping the country’s legislative agenda,
whose long catalogue includes the following: Anti- Corruption and Economic Crimes, List of Shame and Political Parties Bills were enacted as acts of Parliament, Interest Rates Bill, among others. The Party effectively performed as the leader of opposition in parliament under the late Jaramogi Odinga Oginga and late Vice President Michael Wamalwa Kijana, respectively. Indeed, Ford Kenya is the mother of modern multi party politics in the country.

Despite the numerous achievements, Ford Kenya has also had its share of challenges. The among others, include: unwarranted defections, leadership wrangles, weak financial base, personality cult, political intolerance, negative propaganda, negative media coverage, inadequate visibility, trivialization of the Party and its achievements.

Our Core Values

- Patriotism and nationhood
- Human rights and human dignity
- Non-discrimination, equity and equality
- Inclusivity and public participation
- Commitment, responsibility and reliability
- Transparency and accountability
- Social justice and democracy
- Integrity – honest, accountable and transparent
- Professionalism – achievement through competence and pertinent skills
- Teamwork, tolerance and partnership.
PILLAR ONE:

GOOD GOVERNANCE

Ford Kenya believes that good governance and achieving gender parity are critical benchmarks for achieving peaceful co-existence and sustainable development in any society. In this context governance is the exercise of power or authority by individuals and institutions for the common good of a particular group or society. It is enshrined in the universal principle of the will of the people as the basis of any form of authority by the government, within the framework of a social contract between the governors and the governed.

Ford Kenya has a broad perspective about governance involving political, social, economic and administrative structures of the nation that affects access of its citizens to basic needs, opportunities and capabilities. The Party believes in governance as the exercise of political, economic and administrative authority to manage a country’s affairs in a responsible, effective, efficient and accountable manner.

Protection of persons and property

The current policies on protection of person and property are wanting. FORK Kenya will ensure that every person’s property is protected. There shall be fair and equitable distribution of land, reintroduction of settlement schemes, repossession of idle land and absentee landlord and establish communal land policies for productivity.

Territory

Kenya is a sovereign state and we shall want to remain so. There has been a challenge in some areas like Turkana where the county is bordering Uganda in the East, Sudan in the West and Ethiopia in the North. These countries have hostile communities living in the borders. FORD Kenya shall ensure that our borders will be protected without compromise by establishing permanent special units of the armed forces, monitor the borders using modern technology like satellite surveillance systems along the borders in conflict prone areas.

Rule of law

The Party will emphasize that nobody is above the law and you shall not be your own judge. The current situation in the country is the tendency of certain class of people who are above the law. Impunity is still paramount and cuts across all dimensions. FORD Kenya will ensure that the constitution will be implemented in full and the rules of natural justice will be observed in the dispensation of justice, introduction of spot fines on petty offences like traffic offences. We shall introduce of non custodial sentences e.g. community services. We shall introduce programs to reform conflicts and assimilate back to society. The current bail terms are cumbersome and expensive so we shall introduce simplified bail terms.
Nurturing of political leaders

FORD Kenya has been a democratic school that has nurtured most of the top leaders and politicians in Kenya. In the same spirit, we shall establish leadership academies from elementary level to learn and develop leadership skills to keep on having the best leaders in the country for representative democracy, prosperity and sustainable leadership.

Anti corruption initiatives, Ethics and leadership

FORD Kenya is on record to have sponsored and moved the Motion and Bill of anti-corruption which lead to the establishment of the Kenya Anti Corruption Commission (KACC) recently renamed Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission. We shall continue with the spirit of zero tolerance to corruption in line with Chapter Six of the Kenyan constitution that deals with issues of integrity. We shall establish structures and laws with strict penalties on corruption cases and ensuring that leaders with uncompleted cases of corruption shall not qualify for public offices.

Reconciliation, healing & resettlement

After the 2007 elections Kenya was thrown into confusion which resulted to the post election violence. People were displaced and sadly up to now some are still languishing in IDP camps. FORD will ensure that healing of the nation will be a top priority by creating a cohesion and reconciliation programme to bring togetherness. The Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) will be resettled to their land and our Government will settle the landless on alternative land.

Our Strategies for entrenching Good Governance in public affairs

- Ford Kenya will protect, promote and guarantee effective representation and participation of women and men in national and county structures of governance within and outside the three arms of government;
- Ford Kenya Government shall guarantee Transparency, accountability and gender equity in the planning, budgeting, allocation of resources, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of all programmes and project activities;
- The Party stands for rule of law, due process and public participation in legitimizing the functions of government and all public institutions;
- Effectiveness and efficiency- formulation of effective and efficient gender sensitive policies programmes and institutional support structures in the pursuit of gender equity, equality and justice at all levels;
Gender rule and Affirmative Action principle in all government structures at national and county levels for women, girls, youth, disabled, minorities and other vulnerable cadres in the society;

Commitment to the implementation of national values and principles of governance in Article Ten, Bill of Rights Chapter Four and Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya on Leadership and Integrity within the party structure and public institutions of governance;

Ensuring fair administration of justice and equality of all citizens before the law;

Implementing the spirit and letter of devolution in terms of power, resources, opportunities and services in all the 47 counties.

PILLAR TWO:

DIVERSITY AND MARGINALIZED GROUPS

Agenda: Ford Kenya strive to attain effective representation and participation of all vulnerable and marginalized groups in the country’s structures of governance and development at national and county levels.

The Key categories include the following; youth, women and persons with disability, and ethnic minorities and super minorities like Elmolo, Ijamus, Talai, Njemp, Sengwer, Ogiek, Albinos, among others.

Youth Empowerment and Meaningful Participation

Although the youth constitute more than 60% of the total population in Kenya, their participation and representation in governance and development has not been effective. There are several challenges facing them: joblessness, idleness, social crime, alcoholism and drug abuse, manipulation by selfish politicians, among others. Currently, there are very few programmes that have been put in place to boost the youth by the Government and other stakeholders in most counties.
Ford Kenya takes cognizance of the loans channeled to the youth by the Government of the day through the Ministry of Youth and Sports under the Youth Enterprise Fund as well as *Kazi Kwa Vijana* (KKV) initiative across some line ministries and departments.

Unfortunately, these initiatives have not fulfilled the intended purpose due to poor management, corruption and inadequate monitoring and evaluation processes. Despite these initiatives, the majority of the youth in Kenya still have limited access to credit; low entrepreneurial skills; and is unemployed.

**Our Strategies for Intervention in the Youth Sub Sector:**

- Ford Kenya commits itself to ensure that the youth are effectively and meaningfully involved in the political, social and economic activities at national and county levels;
- The Party will identify and nominate youth as candidates for national and county elective and appointive seats under the Constitution of Kenya;
- Ford Kenya Government will seek to improve to increase the amount of money for the Youth Enterprise fund to at least 5 percent of the total national revenue;
- The Party will explore ways of investing the youth fund in long term and more sustainable ventures like cottage industries and purchase of tool boxes for youth with vocational skills and training so that they can provide labour in the service industry;
- Ford Kenya Government will initiate Youth Cooperatives and Saving Organizations to promote a culture of youth savings and investments;
- Ford Kenya Government will formulate and implement an affirmative action policy to ensure that youth area awarded at least 15 per cent of all the public tenders at national and county levels;
- Ford Kenya will formulate a public service policy that is youth friendly and will also adopt an affirmative action for the youth in public service recruitment of at least 20 percent in each public department;
- Ford Kenya Government will construct at least two rehabilitation centres in each county to cater for the youth who are alcoholic and drug addicts. These will
ensure that the youths are rehabilitated and their lives turned around to creative and innovative employment for sustainable livelihood;

**Gender Justice and Protection of Women Rights**

It is a historical fact and current reality that the rights and freedoms of women and girls continue to be denied year after year. It is unfortunate that women and girls continue to face discrimination and denial of equal opportunity in education, training and employment, property rights, inheritance rights and land rights, deprivation of sexual, health and reproductive rights. As if that is not enough there is the exclusion of women from political leadership and representation in governance structures. This notwithstanding, the fact that the fundamental right of women to equity and equality as well as fair treatment has been reaffirmed repeatedly in the Constitution of Kenya and several other legal instruments, declarations, conventions and conferences at local, national, regional and international levels.

**Our Strategies for Promoting Gender Parity and Women Empowerment:**

- Ford Kenya will engage in practical empowerment strategies for women and girls beyond rhetoric and tokenism;
- Ford Kenya will strive to promote gender justice in socio-economic and political spheres of life. The Party is also committed to holistic empowerment of women and girls and shall design tailor made programmes to fight against gender based violence on women and girls;
- Ford Kenya views all these as vices that constitute the fundamental violations of the women’s human rights and freedoms in the quest for gender justice and equality in society;
- The Party shall formulate policies and legislations that will be geared towards eliminating all forms of discrimination with regard to personal status, economic status, marital status and recourse against violence by women and girls in society;
- We shall endeavor to fight against discrimination and laxity in the enforcement of laws and policies that could guarantee gender justice and equal treatment of women and men in the society;
- This Manifesto shall provide guidance and remain a navigation map for the Party as we strive to promote and protect women and girls’ human rights and freedoms in all the diverse environments and situations that women live.

Ford Kenya believes in creating, nurturing and sustaining leadership as the driving force and pillar of democratic governance and sustainable development in any society: To this end, the Party is committed to the following initiatives:
• Mobilizing, re-organizing and sensitizing communities through women, youth groups, persons with disability groups and civil society organizations;
• Capacity building to provide women, youth, persons with disabilities, minorities and other marginalized groups with essential information, knowledge and skills to influence positive transformation activities.
• Empowering women, youths and persons with disabilities economically to become self-reliant and to enhance their economic power and thereby boast self-esteem for participation in leadership, governance and development initiatives.
• Remaining impartial and objective to be able to empower and train women and youth leaders across political, religious, ethnic and cultural divides in the County
• Imparting information and skills on gender sensitive transformational leadership and management in order to enable women and youths exploit their potential and abilities and talents for the benefit of their community and county
• Providing enabling environment for persons with disability, women, youth and gender sensitive men to participate and contribute to local governance and development processes
• Promoting integrity, merit, creativity and skillfulness in the pursuit for gender justice in leadership and development.
• Facilitating open dialogue and consultation between men, women and youths leaders and custodians and gate keepers of culture and traditional practices on gender equality and inter-generational equity in community leadership and governance.

Persons with Disabilities
Ford Kenya takes cognize of the fact that there are over 3,000,000 persons with disability in the country. The Party will strictly follow the affirmative action provisions in the constitution to guarantee persons with disability a platform to articulate and enjoy their socio-economic and political rights. We shall design and implement specific policies and programmes geared towards empowerment of persons with disability so that they can fully utilize their unique abilities and talents. To us disability is not inability and hence deliberate intervention to ensure they live like other normal citizens of Kenya.
The Party will ensure they are allocated at least five percent of the political leadership and public service positions at national and county levels, based on their competence, skills and integrity. Persons with disability will be ranked high in all the part list seats for parliament and county assemblies, beyond the automatic slots reserved for them under Constitution of Kenya and the Elections Act.

Ethnic Minorities and Marginalized Groups
Ford Kenya will invest heavily in integrating all the minority ethnic groups in its leadership and management organs at national and county level. We shall formulate specific policies for minority integration into the Executive, Judiciary, Parliament and County Governments. The Party will formulate a minority integration checklist to guide the policy implementation process. We shall ensure that the cultural, socio-economic and political rights of all ethnic minorities and super minorities are respected, preserved and promoted by all public institutions of governance.

PILLAR THREE:
SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD PILLAR
The key sectors in the Ford Kenya’s sustainable livelihood pillar are: education and training, healthcare and water and sanitation.

Education Sector
Agenda or Goal: Ford Kenya seeks to attain free basic primary and quality secondary and affordable tertiary education and training for the majority of girls and boys, men and women in the country by 2017:

Our Strategies for improvement in the Education Sector:

- A Ford Kenya Government will invest in public education in partnership with civil society and private sector stakeholders to promote and implement education as a basic need and fundamental right for every citizen of Kenya;
- The Ford Kenya Government will strive to implement the socio-economic rights in the constitution and deal with challenges that impact negatively on the
education of children, especially the girl child and in some regions the boy child; eliminating harmful traditional and cultural practices and beliefs;

- The Government will endeavor to improve on retention, performance and transitional rate from primary to secondary school and tertiary institutions;
- Will construct and equip more public schools in each of the 47 counties, with adequate and relevant learning and teaching facilities. Need to construct laboratories in each of the secondary schools. Currently, many secondary schools lack laboratories and science equipments
- Strengthen school management and involve parents and teachers unions more in the running of school and educational affairs.
- Establish more vocational institutions and centres of excellence in the Constituency to reduce cohort wastage.
- Establish educational incentives and awards system based on pre-determined and known academic standards and performance for pupils, teachers and schools
- Develop and promote the national values and principles of governance in the Constitution as well as Ford Kenya values in the education sector. These among others include the following:
  - Patriotism and nationhood
  - Human rights and human dignity
  - Non-discrimination, equity and equality
  - Inclusivity and public participation
  - Commitment, responsibility and reliability
  - Transparency and accountability
  - Social justice and democracy
  - Integrity – honest, accountable and transparent
  - Professionalism – achievement through competence and pertinent skills
  - Teamwork, tolerance and collaboration

- Strengthen the Ministry of Education, Teachers Service Commission and should urgently address the issue of understaffing in both primary and secondary schools
Our Government will address the issue of Pupil-Teacher Ratio through employment of more teachers in both primary, secondary schools and tertiary institutions.

The Ford Kenya Government will provide technical and material facilitation, including improved transport facilities for regular field inspection and quality assurance services.

**Health Sector**

**Agenda:** *Ford Kenya strive to achieve adequate and high quality health care services for all counties in the country.*

**Current Status of the Health Sector in Kenya**

Ford Kenya’s objective in the health Sector is to ensure that every citizen Kenya has access to adequate and high quality medical care services and facilities. This will be achieved by ensuring that there are adequate and well equipped and staffed health centres and hospitals in all the 47 counties. We shall ensure that all key public health facilities in each county has emergency treatment, maternity, out-patient and in-patient wings. The existing health facilities will be upgraded to fully fledged health centres, sub-district and district hospitals with modern equipments for x-ray, surgery, referrals and other essential health services, including reproductive health care.

**Our Strategies for improvement in the Education Sector:**

- Partner with other development partners, civil society and the private sector to build more health facilities, train medical staff and deploy more qualified health professionals to all counties;
- Carry out public health education sensitization forums at national and county levels to create awareness on public health concerns, sanitation issues and preventative health measures;
- Partner with relevant stakeholders locally and internationally to design, fund and implement nutritional education into the National HIV/AIDS Control Strategy;
Ford Kenya will step up campaigns for all workers in the formal and informal sectors to join and benefit from the National Health Insurance Fund, which if well managed is capable of guaranteeing affordable healthcare to all citizens, including low income households.

**Water Sector**

**Agenda:** *Ford Kenya strives to Achieve and maintain adequate water supply for agricultural and domestic use*

**Current Status of the Water Sector**

The Water Sector in Country has not been impressive in the past five years, despite the millions of tax payers’ money invested in this sector. A Ford Kenya Government will therefore initiate programmes geared towards improving citizens’ access to adequate and palatable water. We shall explore strategies for rain water harvesting and storage for both domestic and commercial use, especially in irrigation farming. There are also issues of vandalism, wastage of water, leakages and illegal connections, which will be addressed by all the stakeholders as they strive to provide adequate and safe drinking water to all households in the country. A Ford Kenya Government will ensure that all public schools, health facilities and polytechnics, among others are supplied with safe drinking water.

**Our Strategies for Intervention in the Water Sector:**

- Through its Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Ford Kenya will construct dams, pans and water tanks in strategic areas within each of the 47 counties to curb storage problem;
- There is also need for the government to work together with the local communities to ensure every household has access to adequate and safe drinking water in the next five years;
- Our Ford Kenya government will strive to enhance a good working relationship between the Water and Sewerage Company and the community water service...
providers to eradicate corruption, unhealthy competition and suspicion, that characterize the current initiatives throughout the country;

• The relevant ministry and departments will be empowered to do capacity building programmes for the existing committee for the water management services;

• The Ford Kenya administration will strive to enforce laws and regulations that will strengthen accountability and transparency in the utilization of the funds from the water trust funds and development partners.

• The government will sink more boreholes in the arid and semi arid areas to guarantee water for both domestic use and livestock.

• The Ford Kenya government will enforce water safety laws and policies that will prevent water pollution along lakes, rivers, streams and dams and other water points.

Environmental Sector

Kenya is one of the countries with the largest bio-diversity and eco-system in Africa. It is the home of Maasai Mara, the seven wonders of the world. It has a variety of rare species of world animals, birds and plants. It has four major towers of the major water towers in the country that is under the threat of destruction caused by unsustainable human activities, including illegal logging, charcoal burning, arsonist fires and clearance of parts of the forest for human settlement. The forest, which used to occupy more than 10 percent has now reduced to about 7 percent.

The current trend of deforestation if not checked is likely to cause the disappearance of major rivers in the country, which are a source of water for domestic and commercial use by thousands of people living, socio-economic activities. The continued destruction is soon going to increase soil erosion and therefore reduce the soil fertility and agricultural productivity of the country. The Party will encourage each land owner to preserve at least 10 percent for agro-forestry. We shall embark on re-forestation in all the water towers and water catchment areas.

Our Strategies for Intervention in the Environment Sector

Ford Kenya will partner with stakeholders and development partners to implement sustainable environmental conservation and management policies for different regions in the country:-

➢ Ford Kenya will promote and support the regeneration of forest cover in the county through formulation and implementation of policies and programmes that will guarantee environmental sustainability;
Mobilize resources and funds from private sector, donors and development agents to scale up conversation of all the water catchment areas, including the main water towers; Mt. Kenya, Mt. Elgon, Cherengani and Mau complex;

Partner with strategic partners local, national and international environmental organizations and development agencies to mitigate the effects of climate change in the county through adaptation and reduction of carbon emission as well as soil conservation initiatives;

Ford Kenya shall mobilize financial and material resources from donors and private sector under their corporate social responsibility to support environmental conservation groups (women, youth and persons with disability);

Encourage all educational and other public institutions to set up agro-forestry projects in their areas of operation through a competitive reward system for best groups and institutions in environmental conservation;

Partner with relevant stakeholders and development agencies to enhance the capacity of local communities and law enforcement agents in environmental conservation and management.

Creating Enabling legislation and Conducive Environment for Business

FORD Kenya shall enact laws and policies that will ensure that the country shall prosper economically through; Income generation strategy, Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), Micro-Financing initiatives with low interest rates and revival of the cooperative movement in the country.

The Party shall ensure that the growth and sustenance of SME will be first priority. Access to loans and finances will be made easier and friendly to encourage growth of small businessmen/women.

The party shall ensure that cooperative societies are given room to grow and the ones that are decided should be revived.

Social welfare policy
The party shall ensure that all Kenyans have access to adequate and decent housing, education, health care services and enough food in accordance to Article 43 on socio-economic rights enshrined in the Constitution of Kenya.
PILLAR FOUR:

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
The key sectors in the Ford Kenya’s Economic Empowerment and Economic Development pillar are: Agribusiness, Road and Railway Infrastructure, Entrepreneurship and Informal Sector.

Agriculture Sector

**Agenda:** To promote and support agribusiness and enhance food security for all citizens in the country.

**Current Status and Challenges in the Agricultural Sector**
Kenya is one of the countries in Africa that has the highest agricultural potential that has not been fully tapped. It has fertile soils and temperatures that are suitable for arable farming and livestock husbandry. The major crops are tea, coffee, maize, beans, bananas and vegetables, among others.

Most farmers in Kenya have limited markets for their farm produce and receive very little assistance from the current Government. They are unable to get relevant information on the farming/agricultural sector from the government through the Ministry of Agriculture. There is a great need for the sensitization of the farmers through the agricultural field officers and educators to educate the farmers on the modern farming methods and new breeds of livestock and crops that can mature within a short period of time. There is need to educate the farmers on what to do on what type of soil in a farm and to sensitize and advice on the appropriate farm mixtures in terms of farming.

The large and small scale farmers in Kenya should adopt mixed farming in order to boost productivity. The farmers should be encouraged to adopt goat farming for milk and meat on small and large scale. Ford Kenya government will establish goat milk processing and marketing cooperative society in those counties with high potential in goat milk production.
Our Strategies for Intervention in the Agricultural Sector

Ford Kenya Government through its Ministry of Agribusiness will undertake the following programmes and measures shall be undertaken:

- Ford Kenya will invest at least 10 percent of its national budget to the agriculture sector to boost production;
- Design and implement county specific programmes strategy for sustainable and profitable agriculture and livestock sector in its area of jurisdiction;
- Develop an appropriate regulatory framework for quality production, storage and processing so as to fulfill the requirements of the key markets locally, nationally and internationally;
- Support a programme for the diversification of products in agriculture and livestock of products including value addition;
- Create incentives for local investments in processing and value adding, particularly for external markets outside Kenya;
- Support a programme for the empowerment of agricultural and livestock producers and their organizations such as local producer associations in various sub sectors such as cereals, food and cash crops, horticulture, dairy, beef, poultry, fish farming and bee keeping;
- We will collaborate with the relevant development partners, including donors, financial institutions and private sector to facilitate farmer’s access to cheap but quality farm inputs, including fertilizer, maize seeds, high quality livestock species, farm tools, chemicals and pesticides, among others;
- Ford Kenya Government will prioritize on the production of food crops to enhance food security for all households.
- Establish agro based cottage industry to process agricultural products as part of value addition strategy;
- Ford Kenya will establish a concrete plan from the Ministry of Agriculture to capacity build the farmers and empower the farmers to boost production, especially with regard to modern farming technologies, including green house and fish farming;
• We encourage farmers to diversify crops and adopt drought tolerant crops such as cassava, millet, sorghum etc so as to be able to produce even in the drought season. These are crops that can do without irrigation but can survive on short rains hence still boost productivity.
• The Ministry of Agriculture under Ford Kenya will deploy more qualified staff to train farmers on new farming methods, new seeds and how to get fast and steady market for their new products or new crops from the farm.
• Ford Kenya government will explore the possibility of setting up a fertilizer plant in the country to reduce the cost of fertilizer so as to boost farm production and also safe on importation cost.

Strategies for the Business Sector

Agenda/ Goal: The goal of this sector is to promote and support where possible income generating activities as well as enhance a conducive business environment in collaboration with strategic partners and duty bearers.

Specific Strategies:

• Partner with formal financial institutions and micro-finance agencies and private sector to provide credit facilities and loans to citizens;

• Guarantee equal access to and control of land, other natural resources, property and inheritance rights by both men and women. We shall design and implement policies to eliminate negative traditional and cultural beliefs, practices stereotypes and customary constraints to gender parity in the business sector;

• Ford Kenya shall build the capacity of the women groups, youth groups, persons with disability to be able to access and properly utilize money from the Women’s Enterprise Fund, Youth Enterprise Funds and funds for disability business kit;

• Facilitate, initiate and promote cottage industries based on locally available raw materials as a way of adding value to the commodities that are produced;

• The Party shall support capacity building workshops and seminars to train youth, women, persons with disability, widows and orphans on their land rights, inheritance and property rights at County and constituency levels;

• We shall partner with other development agencies to organize and facilitate national and County specific training sessions on business development, basic financial and project management skills, resource mobilization and fundraising.
Road and Railway Infrastructure

**Agenda:** Achieve an up to standard infrastructure in both road and Railway network in the country

**Situational Analysis of the Road Infrastructure Sub Sector**

Ford Kenya believes that road and railway transport are of great importance in economic growth in terms of facilitating trade and enhancing security and sustainable development of the country in general. This sub-sectors are therefore the major priorities for the envisaged Ford Kenya Government. The main focus in the Infrastructural Sector for Ford Kenya Government will the Road and Railway Sub-Sectors. The major concerns of the Party will be to rehabilitate ailing railway sub-sector and maintain the major roads and access roads in all the counties in Kenya.

**Our Strategies for Intervention in the Road and Railway Sub-Sectors:**

- Carry own with the ongoing road construction, grading and rehabilitation in the country to facilitate the flow and transportation of goods and service in all counties and on the major highways;
- Ford Kenya government will address the issue of delayed disbursement of funds for construction of roads in urban areas and rural areas;
- The government through its relevant departments and agents will initiate dialogue and negotiation with residents and land owners near the areas earmarked for road construction provide access. This will reduce conflicts between the government and the land owners along the envisaged roads;
- Ford Kenya will mobilize adequate resources and funds for revamping the ailing railway network in the country;
- We will put in place mechanisms for quality control and evaluation for all public works and roads construction to ensure cost effective utilization of tax payers money and donor funds. The Ford Kenya administration will de-register all the ‘cow boy’ contractors who carry out shoddy constructions and those involved in corruption syndicates that are very costly to tax payers.
PILLAR FIVE:

CROSS - CUTTING ISSUES

Agenda/ Goal: To ensure that issues of the youth and other marginalized groups, HIV/AIDS Pandemic, poverty, gender inequality and other cross cutting issues are addressed to enhance sustainable development in the Country.

HIV/AIDS Pandemic
The issue of HIV and AIDS continue to affect the country’s human resource pool and requires collective efforts to reduce its spread and effects. Indeed, the party observes that HIV/AIDS pandemic has negatively impacted the negatively on Kenya socio-economically through reduction in the labour force, thus affecting productivity. The Ford Kenya government through will work together with other stakeholders and development partners to address the HIV/ AIDS scourge. Unfortunately, the fight against the scourge has been affected by stigma, discrimination, abject poverty and food insecurity among many households in the country.

Our Strategies for addressing HIV/AIDS

- Ford Kenya believes that Voluntary Counseling and Testing centers play a very important role in the society and will work on a programme to increase their number guarantee easy access by the residents in each county;
- The distribution of free ARV drugs will also be enforced and made available even in the small clinics in the country;
- Ford Kenya Government will put in measures to ensure that the infected ones get the ARVs and the affected ones, whether directly or indirectly are also well taken care of;
- Ford Kenya Government will set up a Vulnerable Group Fund for widows, widowers and orphans resulting from the effects of HIV/ AIDS or natural disasters;
• The Party will develop a policy for the elderly and explore ways of taking care of the senior citizens, heroes and heroines who fought for independence, second liberation, multiparty and constitutional reforms.

Gender Equity and Equality

• Ford Kenya will adopt, implement and enforce the gender rule in article 27(8) of the Constitution of Kenya that states that; not more than two-thirds of elective and appointive public bodies shall be occupied by the same gender at both national and county levels of its government;

• Despite the promulgation of the new Constitution of Kenya that outlaws all forms of discrimination; negative cultural beliefs and traditional practices continue to affect programmes and initiatives geared towards realising gender equality and affirmative action.

• Ford Kenya will engage in dialogue with various custodians and gate keepers of culture to ensure that women are not disinherited or disadvantaged in terms of land and property rights in line with the provisions of the new Constitution of Kenya. Hitherto to the new Constitution; women in many African communities were not entitled to own land and property. Most land and property titles were in the names of men. Ford Kenya seeks to reverse this trends;

Environmental Degradation and Conservation

There is need to protect for all stakeholders to conserve and protect the environment from degradation. They should also undertake re-afforestation to increase forest cover and reduce river pollution. Currently, there is weak enforcement of existing environmental regulations and standards and there is inadequate environmental management staff from NEMA and Forest Department.

Most of the environmental challenges involve the ordinary citizen and the youth, women and children hold a large percentage and magnitude of the challenges and this need to be looked.
Child labour and Child Prostitution
An estimated 500,000 children in were in child labour by end of 2009. Most of these children are employed for manual jobs in different sectors. This affects development through high school dropout rates, increase in social crime as well as limiting the trained and qualified human resource pool in the country. We also believe that child labour increases the dependency ratio which as a result leads to overburdening the labour force. This in turn lead to decreased investments due to decline in the savings. The party will design and implement appropriate policies and programmes to curb child labour and child prostitution in the country.

Strategies for Intervention in the Cross- Cutting Issues

- Ford Kenya elected leaders, stakeholders and duty bearers will work closely with stakeholders and development partners to create cottage industries to absorb idle youth and this will in turn reduce cases of theft and robbery, which are rampant in the Country;
- Ford Kenya will establish more VCTs in the Country and the distribution of the ARVs should also be brought leaner to the people infected, i.e. to hospitals and clinics close to the there should be rehabilitation centers put up for the drug addicts;
- The orphans/ street children will be taken to the children’s homes or rehabilitation centres and the required training and education offered to them to reduce cases of street families and also to make their lives better;
- Ford Kenya will establish care and recreation facilities for the elders and senior citizens at least one in each county;
- We will formulate appropriate policies to ensure improved quality of life for both the infected and affected.
- We shall put in place necessary measures to ensure that the widows and orphans inherit property left behind by their spouses, parents and guardians.
- Ford Kenya Government will invest heavily in Modern Information Technology as a strategy of creating, nurturing and sustaining super information highways that will link up all public sector institutions.