

UNDP Resident Representative Remarks – National Reform Authority  
Induction Workshop

Blue Inn, Berea

28 December 2020

**I would like to pay my respects to**

**His Majesty King Letsie III,**

**The Right Honorable the Prime Minister,**

**The Honorable Minister of Justice and Law, Constitutional  
Affairs and Human Rights (present with us)**

**Commissioners and Secretariat of the National Reform Authority**

**Principal Secretaries present**

**Senior Government Officials**

**Heads of Civil Society Organizations present today**

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

**Khotsong bo 'me le bo ntate**

- Extend compliments of the season and best wishes for 2021
- Extend greetings from the Resident Representative

- Congratulate the NRA, especially the Secretariat for their appointment and for hitting the ground running.
- Acknowledge the importance of the induction meeting. At the onset of the programme of work as a means of ensuring common understanding of the role of NRA, especially viz a viz Ministries and agencies with core mandate around the 7 thematic issues the NRA will be dealing with; and to unpack the plenary report.
- Encourage the NRA and stakeholders to maintain the momentum and preserve team cohesion towards the planned agenda for change, as Lesotho moves into a critical period of reform and national reconciliation
- Mention that these reforms are a national agenda, articulated and owned by the government and people of the Kingdom of Lesotho. Refer to recent Afrobarometer report which seems to indicate that 56% of Basotho have lost confidence that the governance system is working in their interest. Note that this makes this process particularly important to restore confidence in governance and ensure a legal and regulatory framework that will enable peace and prosperity for all Basotho and those who live within the boundaries of Lesotho.

- Mention UNDPs support to through the Lesotho National Dialogue and Stabilization Project ( dialogue, establishment and operationalization of the NRA)
- Refer to support from the UN Peace Building Fund and EU Delegation in providing support to enable the NRA undertake its mandate within the agreed timelines.
- Look forward to an excellent engagement during the two days deliberation and express UNDP continued commitment to the Lesotho Reform process.