



REMARKS BY
**THE COMPETITION AUTHORITY OF KENYA DIRECTOR-
GENERAL, MR. DAVID KIBET KEMEI, AT THE 9th ACER
WORKSHOP, CLOSING CEREMONY**

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Distinguished Facilitators and participants

Good afternoon ladies & gentlemen,

1. Let me take this opportunity to congratulate you for finalizing the three-day training. The industrialist Henry Ford opined that “Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young.” Leaning on this, rest assured that you all made the right decision to participate in this Workshop because you must always endeavor to keep your minds young.



2. This year, we collaborated with CCRED and COMESA Competition Commission to organize three days of enriching knowledge sharing across various topics and aspects of competition law and consumer protection. With presenters from leading institutions of higher learning as well as competition law practitioners, current and past, from leading agencies from across the World.
3. I believe the rich array of knowledge on offer is the reason that the Workshop attracted participation from 70 attendees, drawn from nine (9) countries. Allow me to say thank you in Swahili for making time to join us in this important annual event – **Asanteni sana!**
4. Ladies and gentlemen, the knowledge disseminated in the past three days is meant to be practiced and, more importantly, shared. It is our expectation that we shall, among others, advise our clients better as well as review cartels and mergers better. I also expect researchers in the room to have pinpointed sectors where inquiries could be explored to detect or address competition and consumer welfare concerns.
5. When you are back in your offices, share the learnings with your colleagues. In addition, make use of the networks created here. The connections and contacts created here are important; keep and proactively nurture them. On behalf of my colleagues, I want to assure you that the CAK welcomes engagements post-today.
6. I sincerely thank the Center for Competition Regulation and Economic Development (CCRED) and the COMESA Competition Commission for partnering with us in delivering this stellar event. Specifically, I recognize Prof. Reena das Nair, Prof. Simon Roberts, Prof. Jonathan Klaaren, Dr. Willard Mwemba (represented by Boniface Makongo) and my team at the CAK for making this happen.



7. With that, I would like to congratulate you all for successfully completing the training. I welcome you all to join us tomorrow and Friday for the Symposium which shall take place in this hotel.
8. I also wish you safe travels back home, for the non-Kenyans. However, do not be in a rush – we welcome you to explore our beautiful country before you fly out.
9. I am therefore, singularly honored to present to you the certificates as evidence that you have successfully completed this course.

Thank you very much!