



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SPORTS

STATEMENT

BY THE

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

TO

**THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
AND SPORTS**

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Hon. Chairperson and Members, the Ministry of Education and Sports appreciates the opportunity that you have given us to appear before you and have a discourse on some of the emerging issues in our sector.

The issue of accreditation of academic programs and courses in our institutions of higher learning has been the subject of intense debate over the course of this week. We appreciate the positive outcomes that can be realized when we engage with our stakeholders on these issues. I would therefore like to reecho our position that was aptly summarized by the Attorney General when he emphasized that our reference to expired courses only meant that the courses were ‘under review’. We would therefore like to reassure all our stakeholders around the world that qualifications on programmes that have received prior accreditation, in accordance with NCHE minimum standards and regulations, are valid.

Hon Chairperson and members, on matters of the curriculum, we remain committed to delivering a robust and relevant curriculum that will deliver on the demands required of our learners in the 21st century. The review of the A level secondary curriculum has commenced and we are grateful for the support rendered by this committee towards our drive for resources.

The lower secondary curriculum which was rolled out in 2020 has been well received by our stakeholders in the schools. The training of

teachers is still ongoing to ensure they have the requisite skill sets to deliver on this important mandate.

Our monitoring reports have registered many positive trends including active involvement of learners in lessons in all the schools visited. Each learner is being given an opportunity to contribute through group work. Discovering learners' potential has become easier and the outcome can only be positive for all stakeholders.

Hon Chairperson and members, inadequate funding for our agencies remains among the biggest challenges faced by the sector. At NCHE, it is constraining the execution of their core mandate and it is our prayer that you will continue to advocate for more funds towards the ministry.

Hon Chairperson, once again, we appreciate the opportunity that you have given us to present today. I would now like to call upon the PS/ES and her technical team to make additional remarks on these important issues.



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