



REMARKS BY MS. CATHERINE GITONGA, FOUNDER & CEO OF SMART YOUTH INVESTMENTS LTD. ON THE AWARDS CEREMONY OF THE NSE INVESTMENT CHALLENGE 2012. WEDNESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2012.

HON. DR Paul Otuoma –Minister Youth Affairs and sports

HON. Kabando Wa Kabando-Assistant Minister Youth Affairs and Sports

Dr. Jonathan Ciano –Board member Nairobi Securities Exchange

Mr Peter Mwangi- Chief Executive Nairobi Securities Exchange

Mr. Dennis Njagi-Tutorials 4 Success

Students, Institutional administrators present, Invited Corporate representatives, members of the media, invited guests, all protocols observed, Good morning ladies and gentlemen.

The NSE Investment challenge 2012 has come to a conclusion after a three months competition period.

Ladies and gentlemen we are here to honor and congratulate the winners of the NSE Investment Challenge 2012. These students exhibited well executed trades, credible research and engaged mentors as well as interacting with other participants. I believe every participant is a winner since they have learnt how to manage a portfolio.

We have had a successful 5 year run and I wish to thank the NSE, Board and Management for taking the NSE Investment challenge as its flagship CSR project

I also wish to thank the NSE Board & Management as well as the Ministry of Youth Affairs and sports who are represented here today, for believing in the youth and helping young people become financially literate. Indeed we as young people, we appreciate the mentorship of professional financial advice.

As Dr. Ciano has mentioned, participation has grown tremendously since inception in 2008 and we have been able to reach 26,000 youth in Universities and colleges.

It is my dream that we should reach out to more young adults since our economic growth and vision 2030 goals will be boosted when we have a financially literate youth.

In conclusion, I personally wish to commend and appreciate the support we have gotten from Mrs. Murungi, Dr. Jonathan Ciano, T4S Management, Donald Ouma for their tireless efforts in mentoring the participants.

I wish to thank the NSE Investment Challenge project staff both from NSE and Smart Youth who for the last 5 years have worked effortlessly in travelling from school to school as we recruit participants. This year we managed to travel to new locations, such as Sangalo Institute of Science and Technology in Bungoma which is

over 500 KM from Nairobi, sometimes we get lost locating these institutions but we are happy to see participants from the same institutions.

I also wish to thank the students who attended our forums and for the kind words they have given us. Indeed it is this comments that let us know that we are doing the right stuff.

With those few remarks, kindly join me in welcoming one of our sponsors, Denis Njagi.