



**Ministry of labour and social protection
Office of the cabinet secretary**

**Speech by hon. Jackson musyoka kalla, chief
administrative secretary for labour and social protection
during the launch of trade test may 2021 at nita
headquarters on 21st may 2021**

**The cabinet secretary, ministry of labour and social protection;
hon. Simon chelugui;**

**The principal secretary, state department of labour eng. Peter
tum;**

**The chairman, the national industrial training board; dr. Kamau
gachigi;**

Members of the national industrial training authority board;

**National industrial training authority director general, mr.
Stephen ogenga;**

Nita management;

Trade test supervisors and assessors;

All distinguished guests present;

Ladies and gentlemen;

Good morning!

I am both honored and privileged to be with you this morning as we come together to witness this landmark event that will shape the future of industrial training in Kenya.

My role today is to invite our Cabinet Secretary to give his Key note address, but before I do that, sir allow me to say a few words, Let me start by congratulating the members of the national industrial training board, management and staff for their contribution in skills training in our country. As the parent ministry, we applaud the efforts and initiatives being put in

place by NITA in executing her mandate of assessment and accreditation through the administration of the government trade test.

Ladies and gentlemen;

Nita's task in the provision of well-trained manpower in the industry is the key driver of industrial transformation. Therefore, NITA singular focus should be to conduct a national trade test that meets and surpasses the needs of the industry.

It is important to note that the covid -19 pandemic disrupted the training sectors and in particular work-based learning since most enterprise had to close down, it was for this reason that NITA had to cancel assessment and certification exams, especially because the practical, hands-on nature of many industrial training programmes created challenges, since the institution was yet to develop a mechanism of implementing the covid-19 protocols.

Sir, Am happy now that NITA has managed to develop these guidelines that will now allow the assessment exams to continue. I believe all those administering the trade test have undergone the covid-19 test, and have been well selected to ensure that this assessment is both credible and well done. I am also sure that the supervisors are also well prepared to offer oversight in this assessment cycle.

Let me assure NITA that our Cabinet Secretary has mobilized the top Ministry Management to tour various centers countrywide to make sure that

this assessment cycle meets the expectations of the country and is done in strict adherence to COVID-19 protocols.

Sir, allow me to remind NITA that what the country wants is practical employable skills. No one want to spend time and resources in training that is already out of date. You assessment and training must always address not just industry's current needs but must also anticipate the future industry's needs. Be more focussed in future even as you meet the immediate industry demands,

As a Ministry, we expect NITA to remain committed to playing its key role of ensuring that industries in Kenya are adequately equipped and supplied with skilled, high quality and relevant workforce for them to optimally produce. I can guarantee you that tthrough our Cabinet Secretary, the ministry of labour and social protection will ensure that support is given where necessary so that NITA achieve its mandate.

Let me now take this opportunity to welcome our Chief Guest, our Cabinet Secretary to come and address us,

Welcome sir