



**Ministry of Justice, National
Cohesion and Constitutional Affairs**

**GUIDING QUESTIONS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POLICY FOR
NATIONAL COHESION AND INTEGRATION**

Introduction:

The Ministry of Justice, National Cohesion and Constitutional Affairs (MoJNCCA) and the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) in collaboration with the Kenya Institute of Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA) are in the process of developing a policy for national cohesion and integration. To ensure that the draft policy captures key issues pertaining to national cohesion and integration, a set of questions have been developed in order to enrich the contents of this policy. Participants are therefore requested to prepare a written submission on these questions in advance and hand it over during the Regional Consultative Forums.

Section 1:

1. What do you understand by the following terms:
 - a. National cohesion, and
 - b. National integration.
2. In your own opinion, do you consider Kenya a cohesive and integrated nation? Give reasons for your response.
3. List any factors that are evidence of cohesion and integration or lack of it, in the community in which you:
 - a. live; and
 - b. work.
4. What are some of the challenges towards the attainment of national cohesion and integration in Kenya?

Section 2:

5. Are you aware of any administrative, legal or policy frameworks in the country that promote national cohesion and integration? List each of them and briefly explain:
 - a. what it provides for;
 - b. the extent of its implementation; and
 - c. any challenges that have been encountered in its implementation within your community/environment.
6. How does your community contribute towards the resolution of any emerging conflict; and the subsequent healing and reconciliation process?
7. What opportunities exist for improving national cohesion in the area in which you live or work?

Section 3:

8. Enumerate some of the issues that you would want to be addressed by the National Cohesion and Integration Policy.
9. In your opinion, what activities and strategies need to be adopted in order to ensure that Kenyans remain cohesive and integrated in spite of their diversity?
10. How should these measures / activities aimed at promoting national cohesion and integration be financed?

Section 4:

11. Briefly, suggest the roles of the following organs / institutions in the promotion of national cohesion and integration?
 - i. Individual citizen
 - ii. The Executive
 - iii. The Legislature
 - iv. National political leadership
 - v. The Judiciary
 - vi. County Executive
 - vii. County Assembly

- viii. County political leadership
- ix. Defense forces
- x. Police force
- xi. Private sector
- xii. NGOs
- xiii. Faith Based Organizations
- xiv. Communities and Community Based Groups
- xv. Media
- xvi. Others (Please specify)

Section 5:

12. In your opinion, identify at least three objectively monitorable indicators that can be used to measure the level of national cohesion and integration in the country.
13. What sanctions should be imposed on individuals or groups that blatantly or intentionally violate the policy on national cohesion and integration?
14. Suggest ways of encouraging individuals or groups to uphold and promote national cohesion and integration.