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OpenSpace Report on

The Kenyan Experience – The MSE Bill of 2009

2) Person suggesting Topic & Group Participants

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3) Summary of Discussion

The Bill establishes five bodies:

The MSE Council – Providing public-private dialogue at policy level to promote MSE development and coordination of both public and private stakeholders

The MSE Department – To implement the MSE Council's recommendations

The MSE Tribunal – Providing quick and affordable access to justice for MSEs in commercial disputes

MSE Registrar - Providing registration and regulation of MSE Associations to ensure MSE representation at the national policy level

MSE Fund – To promote access to credit and to fund development programmes

4) Conclusions

The MSE Bill was seen as innovative and to be in the forefront of MSE representation and public-private dialogue. Implementation is crucial and needs to be supported. Lessons learned and good practise should be extracted and shared with other countries in similar situations.

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