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Mrs. Mercy Wanjau is the Acting Director General of the Communications Authority of Kenya (CA) having been appointed on 22nd August 2019. Prior to her appointment, she was the Director, Legal Services, at the Authority.

Ms. Wanjau is a commercial lawyer, regulatory and governance expert who has been involved in design and harmonization of ICT policy and regulation at the local, regional and international level for over 15 years.

She is a passionate and focused regulatory professional deeply interested in harnessing the transformative power of responsive public policy, regulatory reform and innovative technologies towards achieving development with impact.

A Certified Secretary and Professional Mediator, she has previously consulted with KPMG South Africa, PriceWaterhouseCoopers Kenya and also had a stint in commercial legal practice. She has also served on international secondment at the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), the UN specialized agency for ICTs.

Mrs. Wanjau serves on the Board of the SOS Children's Villages and is a Council Member of the Institute of Certified Secretaries (ICS) Kenya.

She is a graduate of the University of Nairobi (LLB Hons), University of Cape Town (LLM) and Strathmore Business School. In addition, she is an Eisenhower Fellow and a published author with the ITU and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

Mrs. Wanjau was appointed in April 2020 to chair the COVID-19 ICT Advisory committee that coordinated ICT industry response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Kenya.

In 2020, Mrs. Wanjau was feted with the Moran of the Order of the Burning Spear (M.B.S.) by His Excellency, President Uhuru Kenyatta in recognition of her distinguished and outstanding services rendered to the nation.