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All Resident District Commissioners

INVITATION TO THE NATIONAL BUDGET CONFERENCE FY 2019/20 AND ECONOMIC GROWTH FORUM

Reference is made to the letter by the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister Ref. CM104/156/17 dated 13th August 2018 inviting various participants for the Government Annual Performance Report for FY 2018/19 and the National Budget Conference FY 2019/20 scheduled for 11th – 13th September 2018.

As part of the Budget consultative process for FY 2019/20, this Ministry has in consultation with the Office of the Prime Minister broadened the scope of key stakeholder-consultation and organized a National Budget Conference for FY 2019/20 and the Economic Growth Forum to be held on **Thursday 13th September, 2018 at the Serena International Conference Center, starting at 8:00am.**

The purpose of this letter therefore, is to invite you to attend the National Budget Conference FY 2019/20 and Economic Growth Forum as indicated in the attached program. This Ministry will facilitate you with fuel refund and per diem.


David Bahati (MP)

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (PLANNING), ALSO HOLDING THE PORTFOLIO OF MINISTER OF FINANCE, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CC. The Rt. Hon. Prime Minister
All Ministers of State, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Dev't
Permanent Secretary/Secretary to the Treasury

Mission

"To formulate sound economic policies, maximize revenue mobilization, ensure efficient allocation and accountability for public resources so as to achieve the most rapid and sustainable economic growth and development"

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Date: 13th September 2018 Venue: Serena International Conference Centre – Kampala

TIME	SESSION	RESPONSIBLE
8:00 am – 9:00am	Registration	Secretariat - MoFPED
MAIN SESSION : OPENING REMARKS AND THE BUDGET STRATEGY FY 2019/20		
9:00 am – 9:30 am	1. Opening Remarks	Rt. Hon. Prime Minister
9:30am – 10:00am	2. The Budget Strategy Reflections on the State of Ugandan Economy and the Recent Trends: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Key policy messages from last Financial Year's Annual Economic Growth Forum to foster economic growth and structural transformation;</i> 2. <i>Factors that contributed positively to the rise in GDP for the Fiscal Year 2017/18 and factors that constraint to growth;</i> 3. <i>Prospects for growth in the coming Fiscal Year and the key sectors likely to drive growth trends in the short and medium term.</i> 4. <i>Budget Strategy and Priorities for FY 2019/20 to ensure accelerated and inclusive economic growth</i> 	Hon. MoFPED
10:00am – 10:40am	Statement on the Budget Strategy FY 2019/20	10 Minutes each Local Governments' Representative 1. Chairperson, Uganda Local Governments' Association;

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		<p align="center">Civil Society Organizations' Representative</p> <p>2. Coordinator, CSBAG</p> <p align="center">Private Sector Representative</p> <p>3. UMA</p> <p align="center">Development Partner's Representative</p> <p>4. Head DFID</p>
10:40am – 11:00am	TEA BREAK	SERENA HOTEL
PARALLEL SESSIONS : DETERMINANTS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH		
<p>Parallel Session 1: Agriculture and Agro-Industrialization CHAIRPERSON: Hon Gerald Sendawula RAPPORTEUR: Mr. Pius Wakabi, PS-Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries</p>		
11:00am – 12:30pm	<p>Enabling Inclusive Growth through Agro-Industrialization and Agricultural Transformation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>How is the current budget for the agriculture sector being utilized and what are the key determinants for the sector's performance?</i> <i>How can the regulatory system for input and output markets be strengthened or re-organized to enforce quality?</i> 	<p>Speakers (15 mins each):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Sarah Ssewanyana – Economic Policy Research Centre Fostering a Sustainable Agro-Industrialization Agenda in Uganda World Bank – Realizing the Potential of Ugandan Agriculture for Economic Growth.

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	<p>3. What role will post-harvest management and marketing play for Uganda's agricultural transformation?</p> <p>4. How can the government improve existing agricultural extension services to raise productivity and agricultural production?</p> <p>5. How does Uganda's agro-industrialization policy compare with peers in the region or other developing countries or and how could it be improved?</p> <p>6. Case studies: Based on the experiences of other countries, what specific policies or institutional reforms can Uganda adopt to enhance the quality of its agricultural production, and accelerate transformation as well as agro-industrialization in the short and long term?</p>	<p>3. Dr. Nathan Fiala, University of Connecticut – The Supply Chain for Seed in Uganda: Where Does it All Go Wrong?</p> <p>4. Dr. Ameet Morjaria, Kellog School of Management – Constraints to Promotion and Value Addition in Uganda's Coffee Sector.</p> <p>5. Hon. Vicent Bamulangaki Ssempijja, Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries- Uganda's Agro-industrialization strategy</p> <p>Key Discussants (15 mins each):</p> <p>1. Dr. Tessa Bold, University of Stockholm</p>
<p>12:30pm – 1:00pm</p>	<p>General Discussion: What Actionable policy interventions can be adopted in FY 2019/20 to enhance Agro-industrialization and Agricultural Productivity?</p>	

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Parallel Session Two : OIL, GAS & MINERALS- Local Content

CHAIRPERSON: Hon. Dr. Elly Karuhanga

RAPPORTEUR: Mr. Robert Kasande, PS-Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development

<p align="center">11:00am – 12:30pm</p>	<p>Expanding and Positioning Uganda's Technical Capabilities for the Oil & Gas Industry:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>What is the current status and what are the prospects for oil and gas exploration and production in Uganda?</i> 2. <i>How can Uganda encourage development of productive linkages between its extractives industry and local economies?</i> 3. <i>Case studies: What strategies and policy interventions have other resource endowed countries implemented to promote local content development in the oil and gas sector?</i> 	<p>Speakers (20 mins):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Sarah Logan, International Growth Centre: <i>Enhancing Local Content in Uganda's Oil and Gas Sector.</i> 2. Hon. Eng. Irene Muloni Minister of Energy and Mineral Development 3. Mr. Ernest Rubondo, Petroleum Authority of Uganda: <i>Implementation of the National Content Policy: Progress and Challenges</i> <p>Key Discussant (20 mins):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Professor Elijah Mushemeza, Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE) 2. Mr. Jeff Baitwa- MD Threeways shipping services
<p align="center">12:30pm – 1:00pm</p>	<p>General Discussion: <i>What Actionable policy interventions can be adopted in FY 2019/20 to promote local content?</i></p>	

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Parallel Session Three : Tourism Development

CHAIRPERSON: Hon. Janat Mukwya

RAPPORTEUR: Ms. Doreen Katusiime, PS- Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities

<p>11:00am – 12:30pm</p>	<p>Harnessing Uganda's Tourism Potential to foster Economic Growth and Structural Transformation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>What are the trends & determinants of Uganda's tourism sector relative to other East African countries? What is the role of regional value chains in this context?</i> 2. <i>What is the organizational structure of the sector and what reforms can be adopted to strengthen coordination and management of the sector?</i> 3. <i>What public investments should the government prioritize to drive growth of the sector?</i> 4. <i>Case studies: Based on the experiences of other countries, what specific policy interventions can be implemented (in the short and long term) to promote upgrading of Uganda's tourism value chain and facilitate integration with Global Value Chains?</i> 	<p>Speakers (25 mins):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Philip English, IGC; and 2. Dr. Wilber Ahebwa, Makerere University 3. Hon. Ephraim Kamuntu, Minister of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities <p>Key Discussant : (20 mins each)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Ronie Madhavani – Madhavani Group of Companies 2. Chair Uganda Tour and Travel Association
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12:30pm – 1:00pm	<p align="center">General Discussion: <i>What Actionable policy interventions can be adopted in FY 2019/20 to harness Uganda's Tourism potential?</i></p>	
<p align="center">Parallel Session Four : Trade and Marketing CHAIRPERSON: Mr. Patrick Bitature- Chairman PSFU RAPPORTEUR: Amb. Julius Onen, PS- Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives.</p>		
11:00am – 12:30pm	<p>Improving supplier development to maximize Uganda's Trade Potential:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>What policy interventions can the Government adopt to address local suppliers' constraints in dealing with quality and boost the productivity of exporting sectors?</i> 2. <i>How can Uganda tackle information constraints between firms to facilitate trade and develop deeper links between its domestic producers and markets?</i> 3. <i>Import substitution and export promotion-How do we support domestic producers to produce for both the local and international markets?</i> 4. <i>Case studies: What strategies and policy interventions have other countries successfully implemented to address the issues of Information Asymmetries and Quality constraints?</i> 	<p>Speakers (25 mins):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paul Brenton, World Bank : <i>Promoting the development of export-oriented manufacturing</i> 2. John Spray, University of Cambridge: <i>Improving domestic supplier linkages</i> 3. Hon. Amelia Kyambadde, Minister of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives <p>Key Discussant : (20 mins each)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Mr. Everest Kayondo- Chairman KACITA 5. Mr. Richard Kamajugo- Trademark East Africa

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12:30pm – 1:00pm	General Discussion: <i>What Actionable policy interventions can be adopted in FY 2019/20 to maximize Uganda's trade potential?</i>	
1:00pm – 2:00pm	LUNCH	SERENA HOTEL
SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PARALLEL SESSIONS		
2:00pm – 2:20pm	<i>Presentation on Actionable Recommendations to be adopted in FY 2019/20 from Agriculture Session</i>	Mr. Pius Wakabi, PS-Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries
2:20pm – 2:50pm	General Discussion	
2:50pm – 3:10pm	<i>Presentation on Actionable Recommendations to be adopted in FY 2019/20 from Oil, Gas and Minerals Session</i>	Mr. Robert Kasande, PS-Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development
3:10pm – 3:40pm	General Discussion	
3:40pm – 4:00pm	<i>Presentation on Actionable Recommendations to be adopted in FY 2019/20 from Tourism Session</i>	Ms. Doreen Katusiime, PS-Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities
4:00pm – 4:30pm	General Discussion	
4:30pm – 4:50pm	<i>Presentation on Actionable Recommendations to be adopted in FY 2019/20 from Trade and Marketing Session</i>	Amb. Julius Onen , PS- Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives.
4:50pm – 5:20pm	General Discussion	
5:20pm – 5:40pm	TEA BREAK	SERENA HOTEL

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CLOSING SESSION		
5:40pm – 6:00pm	Way Forward : 1. Hon. Matia Kasajja - Hon. MoFPED, (10 mins) Closing Remarks: 2. H.E. the Vice President.	
6:00PM	COCKTAIL	SERENA HOTEL