Talking Points for the Digital Roadmap Event – Multi stakeholder Dialogue on Coordinating the Implementation of the Digital Transformation Road map held 19th April, 2023

- Development Partners
- Heads and Representatives of Agencies
- Partners from the Private Sector
- Representatives from Academia
- Government Representatives
- Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning to you all.

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to this coordination workshop for the implementation of our Digital Transformation Roadmap. Today, we gather to review and refine our vision for the future of our society, one that leverages the power of digital technology to build a better tomorrow for all.

This workshop, hosted by the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance in partnership with the African Union- European Union (AU-EU) Digital for Development (D4D) aims to co-develop a coordination approach for development partners to contribute to achieving our roadmap's objectives.

Our aspiration is nothing short of transformative: to create a more open, transparent, and accessible Uganda that leaves no one behind. We believe that digital technology can play a pivotal role in achieving this goal, by empowering individuals and communities, enhancing transparency and accountability, and fostering inclusive economic growth.

The African Union – European Union (AU-EU) Digital for Development (D4D) Hub supports African institutions to create an enabling environment for an inclusive and sustainable digital transformation. The project provides demand-driven technical assistance, promotes knowledge sharing, and facilitates multi-stakeholder dialogues.

The Government of Uganda, under the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance, has placed digitalization at the heart of its national development journey by developing a Digital Transformation Roadmap.

I would like to take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), for their invaluable support and active participation throughout this process of curating the draft roadmap. And Centenary Technology Services for exceptionally executing this assignment. Together, we are working to build a brighter future for all, and I am confident that our collective efforts will bear fruit in the years to come.

The specific objectives of this event include;

1. Raising awareness of the Digital Transformation Roadmap of the Government of Uganda in the ecosystem
2. Obtaining input from a multi-stakeholder audience on how best the implementation of the roadmap could be coordinated

As our President, H.E Gen Yoweri Museveni always says with his brilliant use of metaphors, '*in height competitions, we should not compare ourselves with dwarfs – we should look to comparing against giants*.' The cluster of EU nations represented here today are giants in digital transformation, that's why we are keen on the outcome of these discussions.

This roadmap will help provide information on support received from different development partners in this ecosystem whilst directing the resources to the identified pillars for growth and avoid duplications.

Let us use this workshop as a platform to exchange ideas, insights, and feedback, and to chart a course toward a more prosperous, equitable, and sustainable Uganda.

Thank you very much - For God and my Country