

REMARKS BY HON.NYIRABASHITSI SARAH MATEKE

MINISTER OF STATE GENDER, LABOUR AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (YOUTH AND CHILDREN AFFAIRS) AT THE STANBIC BANK DONATION OF 100 COMPUTERS

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My friend and Sister, Anne Juuko, the Chief Executive Officer, Stanbic Bank and your team,

The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development,

Senior Government Officials,

Senior Staff of Stanbic Bank,

The Media Fraternity,

Ladies and Gentlemen

I am indeed delighted by this monumental gesture of love and grand stride by Stanbic Bank towards the young people empowerment through skills development using technology consistent with our aspirations under NDP III.

Your donation of 100 computers under your corporate social investment portfolio is indeed timely as it comes in the first year of implementation of the NDP III that prioritises Human Capital Development as one of the 18 critical integrated programmes for the next 5 years.

Ladies and gentlemen, permit me to emphasise it here that a country that invests in its human capital development secures its future. Well educated, skilled and healthy human resources are essential to facilitate meaningful development and transformation of our country.

In particular, adequate investment in science, technology and innovation is critical for a country to industrialise and achieve sustainable development. We are certain that the availability of appropriately skilled and adequate human capital facilitates increase of production, productivity and technological growth.

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Indeed, your donation is equally in tandem with the SDG number 4 which emphasises equitable quality education and promotion of lifelong learning opportunities and skills evolution underpinned by science, technology and innovation.

You may also want to appreciate that the Uganda Vision 2040 identifies human capital development as one of the fundamentals that need to be strengthened to accelerate the country's transformation and harnessing the demographic dividends.

I want therefore on behalf of Government and most especially the Ministry of Gender and Social Development and on my own behalf to extend myriads of gratitude to you and through you to the entire Stanbic Bank team for putting a smile on the faces of our young vulnerable people who will benefit directly from the donation of the 100 computers.

I promise that all the computers will immediately be put to good use and we do look forward to cementing that relationship further for the good of the youth and the country at large.

Looking forward to continued collaboration support and cooperation and the private public partnership.

Thank you so much for your kind attention.

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