



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

DEVELOPMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME

WELCOME REMARKS

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Hon. Ministers,

Your Excellences the Ambassadors, Heads of Delegations and Diplomatic Corps

Hon. Members of Parliament

Permanent Secretaries and Heads of Institutions

Members of the DPI Programme Leadership Committee

Members of the DPI Programme Working Group

Members of the Private Sector, Civil Society and Academia

Ladies and Gentlemen

Welcome to the DPI Programme Annual Review, FY2021/22. Thank you for creating time to be with us to discuss the DPI Programme performance. The DPI Programme is one of the 20 NDP III programmes. It aims at addressing the weaknesses that were responsible for the slow implementation of the previous National Development Plans i.e:

- a) weak implementation planning and budgeting across institutions at all levels of government;
- b) weak M&E systems for supporting implementation and policy planning;
- c) limited financing and fiscal management to support key priorities and strategies set out in the plan;
- d) weak coordination of implementation of the plan at political, policy and technical levels across all government; and
- e) weak systems for statistical development and use of statistics and evidence for planning, budget allocation and accountability.

As you all know, the first 2 years of implementing the NDP III experienced a number of shocks, including but not limited to the Covid-19 Pandemic and associated lockdowns, the Ukraine/Russia war, etc., which render unrealistic, many of the assumptions made during the drafting of the NDP III. This DPI Programme Annual Review comes at a critical time, mid-way the implementation of the NDP III and with only two full years left for the implementation of the NDP III.

The question of answer is, how far are we in managing these risks and addressing the above weaknesses? Are we performing better implementing the NDP III than we did for the previous NDPs? If not, what went/is going wrong? What can we do, by whom and when, to address the identified challenges? This is the reason for our theme ***“Positioning the Development Plan Implementation Programme for effective and efficient delivery of the NDP III results”***.

We are going to share the performance of the DPI Programme and PFM Reform Strategy during FY2021/22. You are in turn expected to provide your candid and objective feedback. We should use this opportunity to soberly and objectively examine the Programme Performance and going forward, use the findings to close the performance gaps as well as focus on interventions and priority actions with a high multiplier effect.

I want to take the opportunity to thank the Prime Minister and all Ministers here present for the guidance and support to the DPI Programme. I also wish to thank all my senior and colleague Permanent Secretaries for the support and cooperation in executing the DPI programme mandate.

Thanks to our Development Partners, Civil Society and all the technical staff of the DPI programme Institutions for implementing the various DPI Programme interventions and actions, and putting together the DPI Programme Annual Performance Report FY2021/22. Thanks to the staff of the Secretariat for the DPI Programme and the Resource Enhancement and Accountability Programme (REAP) for coordinating and always bringing us together to plan, budget, discuss and report on the implementation of DPI Programme and PFM Reform Strategy.

I now wish to request the Minister of Finance Planning and Economic Development to come and give his opening remarks.