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**MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINERAL
DEVELOPMENT**

**OPENING REMARKS BY THE PERMANENT
SECRETARY**

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**AT THE OPENING OF THE
5th JOINT SECTOR REVIEW**

SPEKE RESORT MUNYONYO: 15th OCTOBER 2015

The Prime Minister of Uganda, Rt. Hon. Dr. Ruhakana Rugunda.

The Minister of Energy and Mineral Development, Hon. Irene Muloni.

The Ministers of State –MEMD, Hon. Simon D’Ujanga and Hon. Peter Lokeris.

The Members of Parliament

Your Excellencies, the Ambassadors and Members of the Diplomatic Corps, Development Partners,

Chairpersons of Districts, Resident District Commissioners

Members of the Media

Distinguished Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen.

1. I wish to welcome you, the Guest of Honour and all our distinguished participants to this 5th Joint Sector Review (JSR) for the Energy and Mineral Development Sector. The Review has four main objectives:-

- i) To account to the stakeholders how we have used government resources at our disposal in service delivery;
- ii) To agree on the Sector Priorities and solicit for support from stakeholders to enable us achieve the set targets over the medium and long term;
- iii) To inform stakeholders about the huge potential of energy and mineral resources in bringing

about socio-economic transformation of the country; and

- iv) To disseminate our programmes and create awareness among stakeholders to trigger demand for our services.
2. The Review is being attended by: Members of the Natural Resources Committee of Parliament; the Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons of the Parliamentary Committees of Budget and the National Economy; Sector Development Partners; Chairpersons, Resident District Commissioners and Chief Administrative Officers of selected districts where the sector undertakes a number of activities; Private sector participants; Sector Institutions and Agencies; Sector linked Non Governmental Organizations; and Central Government Officials.
 3. As part of the Budget formulation process for the next year (2016/17), this Joint Sector Review will examine past performance of the Financial Year 2014/15 and the first part of this Financial Year 2015/16 and jointly agree on budget priorities for Financial Year 2016/2017 and priorities in the medium term.
 4. The key output of this review therefore, will be jointly agreed key undertakings for the Financial Year 2016/2017 based on the indicative budget.
 5. Since Government of Uganda has identified the Energy and Mineral Development Sector as a key priority sector, we need the support of all stakeholders including Development Partners to achieve the set

targets over the medium and long term. Leaders from districts need to clearly appreciate developments in the sector and give required support especially in the area of compensation for the people affected by the developments. During this review, the details of those projects will be disseminated and agreement will be made with district leaders on how to carry them forward, i.e. we need to dialogue and build consensus with you on a number of key areas.

6. According to the programme, today after the opening session, there will be sector briefs on the following thematic areas: -
 - (i) Sector Governance
 - (ii) Energy Planning, Management and Infrastructure Development (Supply, Access, Financing, Regulation, Dispute Resolution and Biomass Energy Resource Management)
 - (iii) Oil and Gas sub-sector (Upstream, Midstream and Downstream)
 - (iv) Mineral sub-sector (Geological Survey; Mineral Exploration; Inspection; Mineral Production and Geothermal Energy Development).
7. The purpose of those briefs is to highlight key issues in each subsector to allow stakeholders decide on a subsector where they can contribute best when we break up into thematic groups.

8. Tomorrow, the outcome and recommendations from each thematic group shall be presented and discussed.
9. As I conclude, I wish to recognize the contribution of the Government of Uganda, Development Partners, Private Sector, Institutions / Agencies affiliated to the Ministry and all stakeholders for the support rendered towards the Energy and Mineral Development Joint Sector Review.
10. I wish to thank, the Minister and the Ministers of State (MEMD), the Directors, Heads of Department and Agencies in the Energy and Mineral Sectors, and all members of staff in implementing the jointly agreed undertakings of 2015/16. I also thank the organizing team who worked tirelessly to ensure that this Review takes place.

I Thank You