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REMARKS

BY

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/ CHIEF STATISTICIAN

AT THE

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY OF THE STATISTICS HOUSE IN ENTEBBE

ON AUGUST 6TH, 2026

The Minister of Finance Planning and Economic Development – Hon,

Henry Musasizi

The Minister of State for Finance Planning and Economic Development

(Planning) Hon. Amos Lugolobi

Chairman Board of Directors, Dr. Albert Byamugisha,

Board Members,

Members of the Executive Committee,

The Contractors,

The Leadership of Entebbe Municipality ,

Members of the Press,

Ladies and Gentlemen .

Good morning.

It is with great pride and strong sense of purpose that we gather here today
for this historic groundbreaking ceremony of the construction of Entebbe

Office (Statistics House). This exercise does not only mark the beginning of construction activities on this ground, rather it is about breaking into the next chapter of The Uganda Bureau of Statistics.

For years, this ground hosted statistics offices until the Bureau moved to Kampala Capital City in 2006. I was reliably informed that these offices had become old and could no longer support tangible activities worth being associated with our Vision of becoming *“A World Class National Statistics Office”*. It is important to note that we have grown our ideas, our human resource capacity, and our impact in facilitating the development process in Uganda.

However, we have outgrown our working space, seeing that, year in, year out we experience commendable statistical demands which require adequate space to enhance the production of quality official statistical data and information.

In this regard, therefore, the construction of this new office represents the following;

- a) Government support for infrastructure growth towards statistical development in Uganda. The regular funding of statistical activities

with the recent investment of up to 99% towards undertaking of the National Population and Housing Census 2024, is a testament of the level of trust in statistical outputs generated and disseminated by the Bureau.

Chief Guest, Ladies and Gentlemen, I wish to inform you that this modern facility will host;

- (i) East African Statistics Bureau
- (ii) Data Processing Centre and Data Centre
- (iii) Data Science Hub
- (iv) Statistics Innovation Hub
- (v) Statistics in-service Training Centre
- (vi) State of the Art Conference facilities
- (vii) Office space for coordinating Censuses, Surveys and Regional operations.
- (viii) Wellness Centre
- (ix) Library

(x) Clinic

Therefore, the facility will provide the space, technology, and environment needed to deliver better services, faster decisions, and strengthen the production of statistical outputs necessary for planning, policy formulation, decision-making and measuring development outcomes.

- a) Job Creation and facilitating Local Opportunity. This project will employ hundreds of Ugandans during construction. When complete, it will house hundreds of professionals who will be responsible for the production of quality official statistics at all times.
- b) Innovation and strengthened Human Resources capacity. The growth in Human Resource whose technical expertise is driven by innovation and new approaches in statistical production, requires adequate working space to support collaboration and wellbeing to enhance productivity of statistical demands.
- c) Commitment and good practice within the National Statistical System (NSS). This project will stand as a symbol of transparency, accountability and good governance. I am confident that this modern

facility will be built to the highest standards acceptable by modern times.

Lastly but not least, I would like to challenge the contractors and engineers that from today we charge you to deliver a quality facility, on time and within the budget.

Ladies and Gentle, in a very special way, and through you the Chief Guest, we extend our sincere gratitude to His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Uganda and the entire Government for providing the necessary financial resources for this project in a timely manner. There is no doubt that this project will change the face of this area and will be a demonstration of your unceasing support towards statistical production and dissemination in Uganda.

As I conclude, let us remember that nations are not built by chance. They are built by a strong vision, hard work and by moments exactly like this groundbreaking ceremony.

Thank you.

For God and My Country.

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