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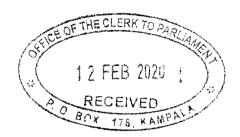
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STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT ON THE LAND INFORMATION SYSTEM INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR 20TH AND 21ST FEBRUARY 2020 AT PROTEA HOTEL, ENTEBBE

The Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development has organized an International Conference on Land Information System from 20th -21st February 2020 at Protea Hotel, Entebbe.

The Minister of State for Lands, Hon. Persis Namuganza has requested to make a Statement to Parliament on the upcoming International Conference on Land Information System, to inform the August House the benefits of hosting such an International Conference.

This is therefore to request you to allocate time to the Minister to present the Statement to Parliament on the Land Information System International Conference.

I thank you for your cooperation.

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Statement

to

Parliament

on the Land Information System International

Conference scheduled for 20th – 21st February

2020 at Protea Hotel, Entebbe

by Hon Persis Namuganza, Minister of State

for Lands.

11th February, 2020.

Statement to Parliament on the Land Information System International Conference scheduled for 20th - 21st February 2020 at Protea Hotel, Entebbe by Hon Persis Namuganza, Minister of State for Lands.

- 1. Rt. Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to make a Statement to this August House on the Land Information System International Conference scheduled for 20th -21st February 2020 at Protea Hotel, Entebbe.
- 2. Rt. Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members, the first time Uganda held a Conference of this nature was in February 2013, when our Ministry had commenced computerization of the Land Registry. This is the second time Uganda is hosting such an International Conference on the same, in line with the contractual obligation with the World Bank to share experiences and show case successes of Land Information System implementation.
- 3. Rt. Hon. Speaker and Colleagues, the Government through the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development and with support from the World Bank under the Competitiveness and Enterprise Development Project (CEDP), has been implementing the National Land Information System (LIS) and has been installed in 22 Ministry Zonal Offices of Wakiso-(Busiro and Kyadondo), Mukono, Masaka, Kampala (KCCA), Masindi, Kibaale, Kabarole, Mbarara, Arua, Gulu, Lira, Mbale and Jinja. Others are Mpigi, Luwero, Mityana, Kabale, Rukungiri, Tororo, Moroto and Soroti respectively.
- 4. The Ministry has organized an International Conference on the Land Information System in compliance to contractual obligations with the

World Bank, to share Land Information System implementation experiences. The Conference will attract experts from the World Bank, Sub-Saharan Africa and other parts of the World, who will make presentations on land issues in their respective countries, share experiences on land administration and management.

- 5. Rt. Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members, our Ministry established Ministry Zonal Offices and developed the Land Information System to address the following:
 - a) To bring the Ministry's services closer to people who bear all inconveniences and indirect costs of moving frequently to Kampala to access Ministry's services.
 - b) To digitally store and archive land Information for easy and timely use.
 - c) To detect and eliminate any possibilities of fraudulent practices in the land transaction process such as double titling, overlapping surveys among others.
 - d) To improve the internal efficiency of Land Administration operations, provision of prompt, efficient, reliable and wide range of land services to clients.
 - e) To efficiently and effectively disseminate land information to the public.
 - f) To capture all the land tenure systems in the Land Information System.
 - g) To increase revenue generation by the Lands Sector to the Government.
- 6. Rt. Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members, we have been able to realize so far the following benefits after establishing the 22 Ministry Zonal Offices (MZOs) and rolling the Land Information System to all the MZOs:

- a) Reduced cost of doing business as a result of quick retrieval of information and speedy land transactions.
- b) Reduced turnaround time for producing land title from 52 days to 10 days.
- c) Increased revenue generation from 2013 to date we have collected over UGX 800 billion from both Taxable and Non-Tax Revenue.
- d) Reduced land transaction malpractices such as forgery and fraud tendencies arising out of human contact with the service providers in regard to checking, updating and transferring land titles.
- e) Eliminated the backlog of unprocessed land registration transactions, since the LIS is premised on the principle of First in First out.
- f) Safe storage of records and space saving, which has led to better security of records by reducing possibilities of manipulation.
- g) Elimination of manual system and problems associated to it, thus leading to efficiency and effectiveness in land transactions which is essential for economic competiveness.
- h) Improved surveys and mapping as issues of overlapping surveys and double plotting have been dealt with.
- i) Reduced land litigation cases as a result of improved security of land ownership.
- j) Availability and quick retrieval of various land related statistical data and reports on the types of land, area and ownership as and when required.
- k) Restoration of trust and confidence in the land registration system.
- 7. Rt. Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members, at the International Land Information System Conference, we shall share these benefits and other best practices in land administration and management aimed at enhancing Land Information System implementation.
- 8. The participants who will be attending the Conference include: Cabinet Ministers, Representatives from Sub-Saharan Africa and other countries (i.e. Ministers and other officials from Burkina Faso, Democratic Republic of Congo, Chad, Senegal, Madagascar, Ecuador, Trinidad and Tobago, Ethiopia and the Ambassador of France), Members of Parliament, Officials from Government Ministries and other Agencies, Development Partners, Representatives of Local

Governments, Representatives of the Private Sector, Representatives of professional bodies and associations, Academia, among others.

- 9. The Land Information System International Conference will be held at Protea Hotel, Entebbe on 20th and 21st February 2020 and the theme of the Conference is "Global Modernization of Land Administration: Making your Land Information System a Success".
- 10. The Chief Guest at the Conference is H.E the President of the Republic of Uganda, Y. K. Museveni. He has already confirmed his attendance.

11.Rt. Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members, I invite you to attend the Second Land Information System International Conference.

I beg to Move!

Persis Namuganza (MP)

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LANDS

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