



**Remarks at Signing Ceremony of the Joint Statement of the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2021-2025**

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The Right Honourable Prime Minister, Dr. Ruhakana Rugunda

His Excellency Ambassador Adonia Ayebare, Uganda Permanent Representative to the UN  
Honourable Ministers

The Chairperson of the National Planning Authority, Prof. Pamela Mbabazi

UN Heads of Agencies and staff

Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the United Nations system, I am pleased to welcome you all to this signing ceremony of the Joint Statement of Commitment of the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2021-2025, a critical milestone in the implementation of the UN reform. Allow me to thank the Government of Uganda and all stakeholders for the excellent partnership the UN has enjoyed over the last decades and convey our hope that we will continue to count on this partnership going forward. I would also like to use this opportunity to convey our thanks to H.E. the President of the Republic for his leadership and vision which also informed this process. Our deep gratitude goes to the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), National Planning Authority (NPA), SDG Secretariat, Government Ministries, Development Partners, Civil Society, private sector leaders, youth influencers and other partners for engaging in the inclusive consultative process during the preparation of the **United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework for Uganda (UNSDCF) 2021-2025**. Thank you for working tirelessly with us through the COVID-19 lock down to help us ensure that the Cooperation Framework reflects the

aspirations of Uganda's National Vision 2040, the third National Development Plan (NDP III), as well as the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.

Right Honorable Prime Minister and distinguished guests, this year, 2020, is the end of our UNDAF which included some 18 UN entities focused on humanitarian action and sustainable development. It is also the 75th anniversary of the UN and the dawn of the reform. The UN General Assembly Resolution 72/279 on the repositioning of the UN Development System, positions the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework as the single most important UN country planning instrument in support of the 2030 Agenda. With the SDGs at its core, the Cooperation Framework for Uganda enables 31 UN entities to implement programs through three Strategic Priorities: 1) Transformative and Inclusive Governance; 2) Shared Prosperity in a Healthy Environment; and 3) Human Well-being and Resilience.

Today we are witnessing a critical milestone in the new partnership between the United Nations and the Government and people of Uganda. The Cooperation Framework reinforces the mutual accountability between the UN and the host Government by creating space for the Joint Statement of accountability at Ministerial and UN Country Team level which today will be signed by the Right Honourable Prime Minister, the Chairperson of the National Planning Authority (NPA), UN Resident Coordinator and UN entities. The Joint Statement provides information on the capabilities and contributions of UN entities as well as the UN Country Team configuration.

The Cooperation Framework elevates the partnership between the UN and the Government of the Republic of Uganda by also providing for a second step, State level recognition of this commitment through the signing of the UNSDCF by His Excellency the President on behalf of the Republic of Uganda and by the UN Resident Coordinator on behalf of the UN Secretary-General. We look forward to completing the signing of both documents and embarking on the formulation of Joint Work Plans that will be closely aligned to the NDP III action plans. As I conclude, I would like to reiterate the commitment of the UN system to work together and deliver as one to achieve greater impact of our work in support of the people of Uganda. I also reaffirm our commitment to continue working with all stakeholders including the Government to accelerate the SDGs and ensure that we **Leave No One Behind in Uganda.**

Thank you for your attention!