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All Chief Administrative Officers

ONLINE VALIDATION EXERCISE FOR THE DRAFT NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

As you are aware, Local Economic Development (LED) has been highlighted as central approach for realization of economic growth and job creation in the National Development Plan (NDPIII). Under the Regional Approach to planning and implementation, strengthening of Local Governments planning and implementation is seen as a key driver for LED.

The Ministry has developed a Draft National Strategy for Local Economic Development (NSLED) as a main framework to guide planning, implementation and monitoring of LED Initiatives in the Country. This Strategy demonstrates the Ministry's commitment to fully operationalize the National Local Economic Development Policy, 2014. The Details of the Validation Exercise are attached.

In line with the above, this is to forward to you the draft National Strategy for Local Economic Development for your internalisation as you prepare for the Virtual Regional Validation Meetings scheduled from 1st to 5th December 2020 (**As per the attached NSLED Programme**). You should ensure that the District Local Economic Development Resource Teams are involved in all the preparations for the Regional Meetings.

The purpose of this communication is to forward to you the above matter for your action accordingly.

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PERMANENT SECRETARY

Annex 1

THE ONLINE VALIDATION OF THE DRAFT NATIONAL STRATEGY CONCEPT FOR LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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The Ministry has developed a draft National Strategy for Local Economic Development (NSLED) as an overarching framework to guide planning, implementation and monitoring of LED initiatives in the country. This strategy demonstrates the Ministry's commitment to fully operationalizing the National Local Economic Development Policy, 2014.

The draft NSLED has benefitted from inputs of a various range of stakeholders so far. Central to ownership and therefore success in its implementation is the need to obtain inputs from Local Governments that are central in implementation of LED. The Ministry now presents this draft NSLED for your review and suggestions for improvement. The LED department in complying with the COVID-19 Standard Operating procedures will hold online validation meetings in accordance with the schedule attached for clusters of Local Governments. You are therefore required (directed) to URGENTLY do the following:

Study the road map for the validation exercise;

1. Circulate the draft NSLED to all the District LED Resource Team members (DLRT) including private sector representatives, ahead of the planned online meetings.
2. Convene a DLRT meeting ahead of the planned zoom meeting to go through the questions provided below to guide the discussions with the Ministry team.
 - i. What critical issues (concerns, problems, challenges or opportunities) in your locality that relate to Local Economic Development other than those stated in sections/sub-sections 2.4.2,

- & 2.5 of the draft NSLED the National Strategy need to be addressed.
- ii. Do the identified strategic themes adequately capture the issues to be addressed? If no provide suggestions.
 - iii. Are the strategic objectives in section 4.5 (page 32) of the draft NSLED reflective of the preferred priorities and therefore provide the basis upon which actions to address the issues can be determined/decided upon? Provide suggestions for improvement.
 - a) Do the objectives have SMART indicators?
 - Specific - Does the object address a specific issue?
 - Measurable - Is it possible to measure the impact when the objective is achieved?
 - Attainable - Is it an objective that can be achieved?
 - Realistic - Will there be the sufficient resources to achieve the objective?
 - Time-bound - Is it clear how long it will take to achieve the objective? Is this timeframe realistic?
 - b) Do the objectives take into account the relevant constraints and opportunities identified in the situation analysis?
 - c) 4. Is each an important achievement in its own right or are some repetitive?
 - d) 5. Do any objectives contain information that is more of an action – i.e. program/project?
 - iv. Are the outputs in section 4.5 of the draft NSLED reflective of the preferred priorities and therefore provide the basis upon which actions to address the issues can be determined/decided upon? Provide suggestions for improvement.
 - v. Are the strategies and interventions in section 4.5 of the draft NSLED reflective of the preferred priorities and therefore provide the basis upon which actions to address the issues can be determined/decided upon? Provide suggestions for improvement.

The meetings are planned for a maximum of one hour only. You MUST therefore ensure that all the DLRT members attend the meeting on the given date and time. Time management should be strictly observed.

Annex 2

The schedule for the proposed meetings is provided below.

Date	Time	Participating Districts	Validation Team
1 st Dec.	09:00 – 10:00	Lira, Dokolo, Alebtong, Amolator, Oyam, Kole, Apac, Kwanja, Otuke	Anthony Namara Charles Abola
	10:00 – 11:00	Mbale, Namisindwa, Bududa, Manafwa, Bulambuli, Sironko, Kween, Kapchorwa, Bukwo	
1 st Dec.	09:00 – 10:00	Soroti, Amuria, Bukedea, Katakwi, Kaberamaido, Serere, Kumi, Ngora, Kapelebyong, Karaki	Charles Oleny Stephen Tumwine
	10:00 – 11:00	Napak, Amudat, Moroto, Kotido, Kaabong, Abim, Nakapiripirit, Karenga, Nabilatuk	
2 nd Dec.	09:00 – 10:00	Kayunga, Mipigi, Mukono, Buikwe, Luwero, Nakasongola, Butambala, Gomba, Wakiso, Nakaseke, Buvuma	Anthony Namara Julius Mhaire
	10:00 – 11:00	Jinja, Iganga, Kamuli, Namutumba, Bugiri, Luuka, Namayingo, Kaliro, Buyende, Bugweri, Mayuge	
2 nd Dec.	09:00 – 10:00	Masaka, Kalungu, Bukomansiimbi, Sembabule, Rakai, Kyotera, Lyantonde, Kalangala, Lwengo	Charles Oleny Stephen Tumwine
	10:00 – 11:00	Kabale, Rukungiri, Rukiga, Kisoro, Rubanda, Kanungu	
3 rd Dec.	09:00 – 10:00	Mbarara, Buhweju, Sheema, Kiruhura, Ibanda, Isingiro, Ntugamo, Rubirizi, Mitooma, Bushenyi, Kazo, Rwampapara	Anthony Namara Charles Abola
	10:00 – 11:00	Mubende, Kiboga, Mityana, Kyankwanzi, Kasanda	
3 rd Dec.	09:00 – 10:00	Kyenjojo, Kyegegwa, Kamwenge, Kitagwenda, Kabarole, Bunyangabo	Charles Oleny Stephen Tumwine
	10:00 – 11:00	Kibuku, Palisa, Tororo, Budaka, Butaleja, Butebo, Busia	
4 th Dec.	09:00 – 10:00	Zombo, Yumbe, Arua, Nebbi, Koboko, Maracha, Madi-Okollo, Pakwach, Terego, Adjumani, Obongi, Moyo	Anthony Namara Charles Abola
	10:00 – 11:00	Gulu, Amuru, Omoro, Nwoya, Kitgum, Lamwo, Pader, Agago	
4 th Dec.	09:00 – 10:00	Kasese, Ntoroko, Bundibugyo	Charles Oleny Stephen Tumwine
	10:00 – 11:00	Masindi, Hoima, Kiryandogo, Kagadi, Kakumiro, Kikuube, Kibale, Bulisa.	
5 th Dec.	09:00 – 10:00	Nsambya, Nakawa, Kawempe, Rubaga, Makindye, and Central	Anthony Namara Stephen Tumwine