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**PRESS STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF MR. KEITH MUHAKANIZI, PERMANENT SECRETARY OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND FORMER PERMANENT SECRETARY AND SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY**

The Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development has learnt with profound shock the passing of Mr. Keith Muhakanizi, Permanent Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister and immediate former Permanent Secretary and Secretary to the Treasury.

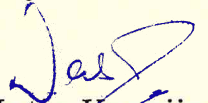
On my own behalf and on behalf of the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, I extend sincere heartfelt condolences to the family and the country upon the loss of this gallant son of Uganda who leaves a gigantic legacy as one of the trailblazers of Uganda's modern economy.

As a budding Economist, Muhakanizi started his career in the then Ministry of Planning and Economic Development until when there was a merger of the two Ministries to create the current Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development. He rose through the ranks as an excellent performer and attained the rank of Permanent Secretary/Secretary to the Treasury. He made enormous contribution to revamping, restructuring and correcting economic distortions of the 1970's under Idi Amin's regime, to restore macroeconomic stability and sustained economic growth.

Mr. Muhakanizi spearheaded a number of reforms both in economic and public financial management which have helped government to foster economic growth, attract investment, reduce poverty, improve budget transparency and restore fiscal discipline.

As a country, we shall greatly miss him and his contribution to the development of this country. The Ministry remains indebted to him for the enormous contribution to the growth of the economy.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

  
Matia Kasaija

**Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development**

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*"To formulate sound economic policies, maximize revenue mobilization, ensure efficient allocation and accountability for public resources so as to achieve the most rapid and sustainable economic growth and development"*