



CSBAG BUDGET NEWS BRIEF

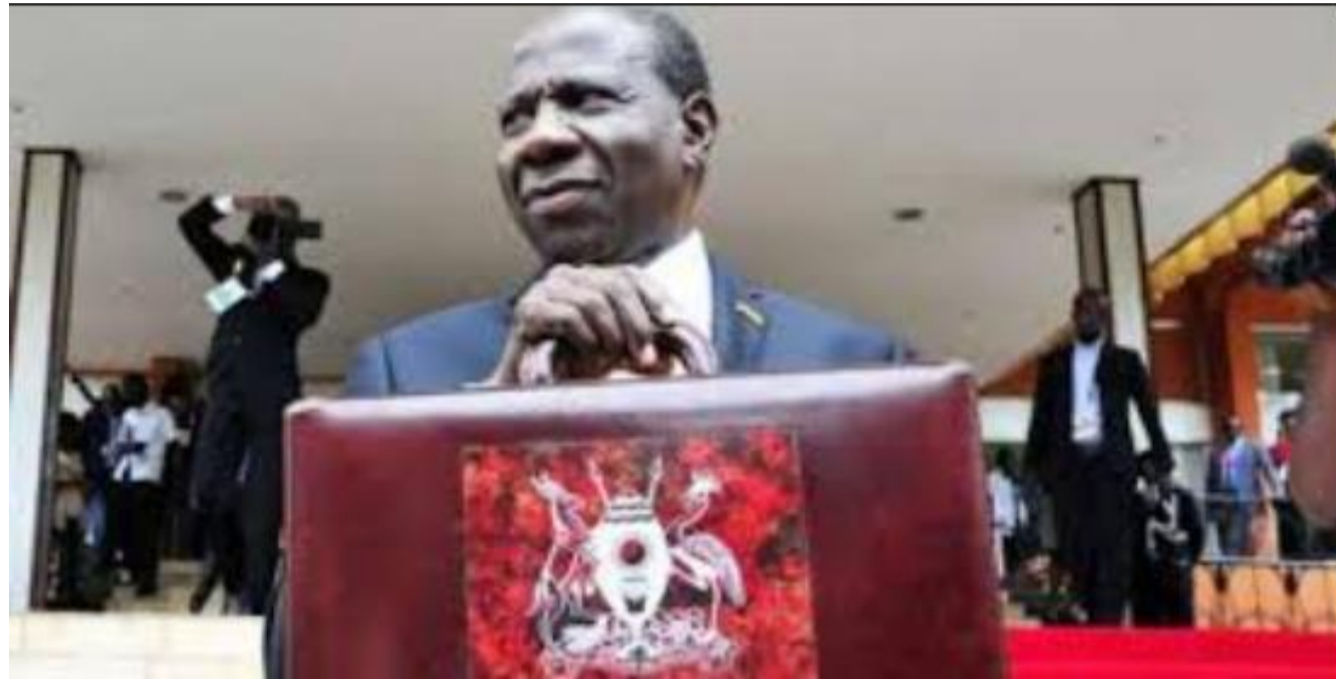


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2017/18 budget projections set reduce to **shs.28Trillion**



Hon. Matia Kasaija, Minister for Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MFPED) is expected to read the National Budget Speech FY 2017/18 in June 2017

Parliament which was sent on recess a few weeks by Deputy Speaker Jacob Oulanyah, is expected to reconvene starting Tuesday 04, 2017, to consider the National Budget FY 2017/18. The House is expected to pass the 2017/18 by May 2017, to allow operationalization of Government programs and activities

It should be recalled that in February 2017 Parliament passed the 2017/18 Budget Framework Paper and resolved that the Government must table an amended version capturing the recommendations that were made in the report.

Key among the recommendations that Parliament resolved must be included in the final 2017/18 Budget are recommendations in critical sectors like water, Agriculture and Health, with some proposals drawn from alternative budget proposals provided by CSOs.

CSOs under the Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group took time off to review the Ministerial Policy Statements for the financial year 2017/18 and they are now set to start engaging various Parliament Committees on the specific sectoral concerns on the 2017/18 National Budget.

economic growth sectors especially in infrastructure and the energy sector.

According to the revised Budget Estimates for next financial year, out of the Sh28.9 trillion total budget, Sh9.9trillion which is 31% of the entire budget, will be spent on debt repayment.

In 2015/2016 financial year, Sh6.5 trillion of the National Budget was spent on debt repayments and in the current financial year, the figure rose to Sh7.7trillion.

Revenue collection to increase

Also in the FY 2017/2018 Budget Estimates, the Government has increased its tax revenue target from the current Sh12.9 trillion in the current budget for the current financial year (FY2015/16), to Sh15trillion for the next financial year.

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Out of the Sh19 trillion for the Government expenditure, Sh16.6 trillion, will be allocated to the Central Government, with Sh2.trillion to the Local Governments.

“Following the Budget Calendar, Last week, the Ministerial Policy Statements were released by Ministry of Finance after reviewing the National Budget Framework Paper FY2017/18. From this development, it was noted that the FY2017/18 budget projection is set to reduce from shs 30 Trillion to shs. 28 Trillion.

The Ministry of finance, Planning and Economic Development (MFPED) has cut the 2017/18 Financial Year National Budget to Sh28.9 trillion, from Sh30 trillion earlier proposed in the National Budget Framework Paper FY 2017/18, which was approved by Parliament in February 2017. The cut was realized as the Ministry of Finance finalized harmonizing the budget estimates for the financial year 2017/2018.

Section 13 (3) of the Public Finance Management Act, which was amended in 2015, requires the Ministry of Finance to present the Budget Estimates by April 01, to allow Parliament enough time to scrutinize it.

According to the State Minister for Finance in Charge of Planning, Hon. David Bahati, the FY 2017/18 Budget will focus on investment in

UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT: Private Sector Organizations and CSOs analysis of the Agriculture Ministerial Policy Statement FY207/18

DATE: 6th April 2017

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Members of Parliament interacting with the Agago district technocrats, councilors and the Citizens about the capacity of councilors to review district budgets at Agago district Local Government. |@CSBAG2017



Bunyoro Regional CSO Budget Coalition after concluding a review meeting to develop regional position papers on the National Budget FY 2017/18. |@Rweco 2017. CSBAG conducted this process happened in 9 regions altogether

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EXPENDITURE

Sh19 trillion is set for the Government expenditure

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Sh2.trillion will be allocated to Local Governments.

REVENUE

Tax revenue target is to increase from current Sh12.9 trillion in FY2015/16, to Sh15trillion in FY 2017/18