



CSBAG BUDGET NEWS BRIEF



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Advocating for a People Centered Budget that Dignifies Humanity



CSO FY 2017/18 Budget Digest to spur ideas for stimulating economy

“The Budget Digest will also offer citizens an opportunity to analyze the expenditure and revenue measures for the coming financial year in order to scrutinize the ability of the FY 2017/18 budget to effectively and efficiently deliver the necessary services as we aim at a people centered budget for all Ugandans.”

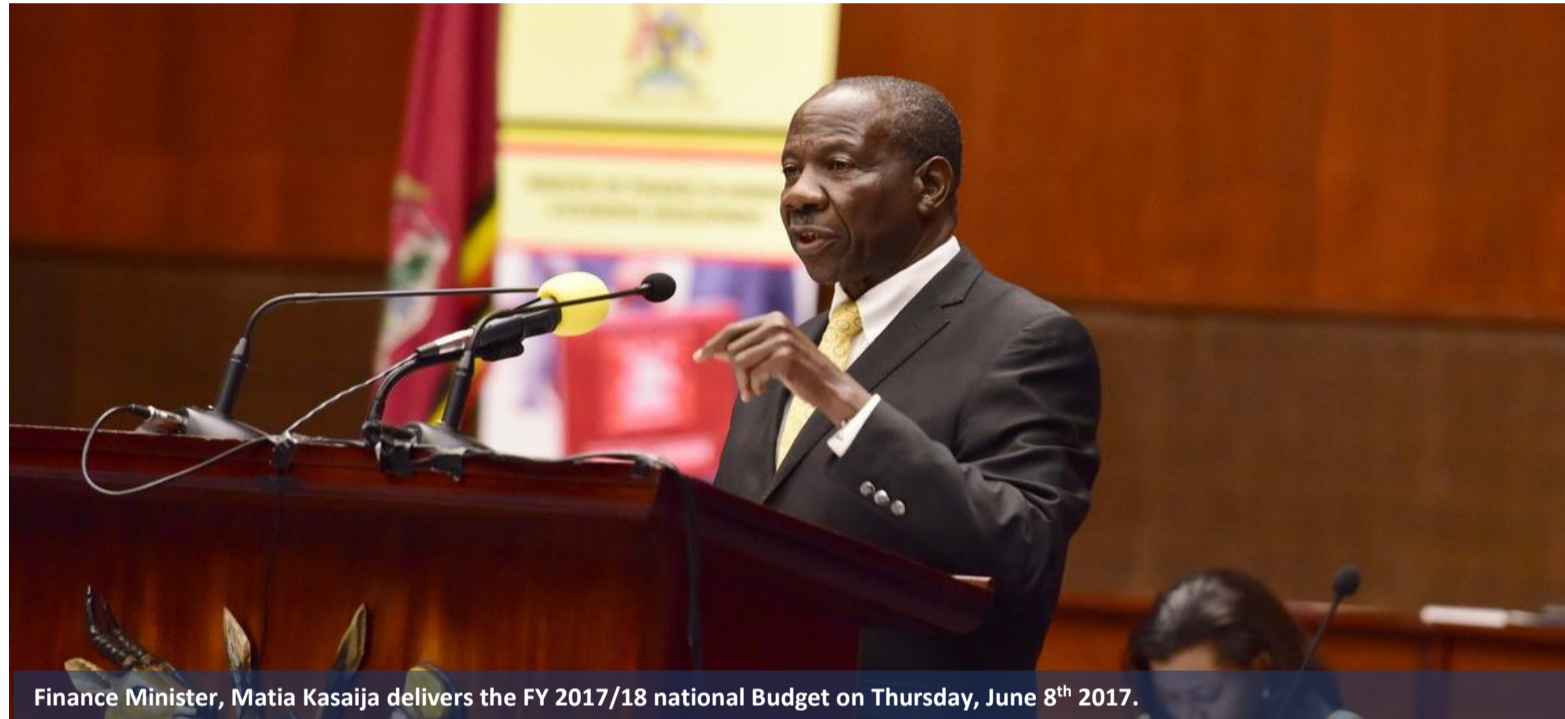
On the back of the recently delivered FY 2017/18 Budget, the Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group (CSBAG) has organized the CSO FY 2017/18 Budget Digest to provide space for interaction between key stakeholders in the budget process, particularly the government and the general public.

Slated for Thursday, June 22nd from 2-5pm, the Budget Digest will be held at the Uganda Manufacturers Association (UMA) conference hall and it will be conducted under the theme: Stimulating the Economy and addressing Inequalities: The Role of the FY2017/18 Budget. The Budget Digest will feature key addresses from CSBAG and Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development. Two interactive panels of experts have been put together to interrogate topics that are critical to understanding the current pertinent issues surrounding the economy and the associated budgeting processes.

Panel discussions

The first panel will interrogate the topic: Stimulating the Economy: how will success look like with the FY 2017/18 budget.

This session will focus on the state of the economy to date. It will also look at issues around the cost of living, exchange rates and investment, revenue mobilisation and how they impact on economic growth. The discussions in this session will also focus on key measures set by Government in 2017/18 and beyond to stimulate economic growth and key parameters for measuring success.



Finance Minister, Matia Kasaija delivers the FY 2017/18 national Budget on Thursday, June 8th 2017.

The second panel will focus on: Tracing interventions for addressing vulnerabilities and inequality in the FY 2017/18 Budget. This session will examine ways in which public policies are made to address inequality and existing vulnerabilities. During this session, the panelists will interrogate the way Government's financial commitments have been made in FY 2017/18 to address the existing challenges.

Key objectives

A Shs29 trillion budget was delivered by the Finance Minister, Matia Kasaija on Thursday June 8, 2017. The FY 2017/18 budget strategic priorities will be on increasing agriculture production and productivity for food security and strategic exports, enhancing private sector development for promotion and import substitution. It will further focus on intensifying energy and transport infrastructure development, to lower production costs and completing oil related infrastructure development to enable commercialization and the first oil output in 2020. Key among its objectives, the CSO FY 2017/18 Budget Digest will seek to promote meaningful citizen participation in the budget process, by giving citizens an opportunity to assess Government

performance in delivering effective and efficient service delivery to Ugandan citizens, half way into the NDP II through the budget for FY2017/18. The FY 2017/18 Budget Digest will also provide insights into the possibility of attaining middle income status by 2020, in view of the Allocation priorities for FY2017/18.

The event will also be an opportunity for members of the Civil Society to share their perspectives on the implications of the FY 2017/18 budget on citizens' welfare including marginalized populations. In addition, the Digest will discuss how the FY 2017/18 budget will address issues of inequality given that inclusive development and sustainable economic growth cannot be attained in the face of glaring inequalities in Uganda. The CSO FY 2017/18 Budget Digest will be attended by a cross-section of stakeholders from across the country including Civil Society Organizations, community monitors, government ministries, policy makers, private sector organizations, the academia, local governments, development partners, and the media among others.

Don't miss the CIVIL SOCIETY FY 2017/18 BUDGET DIGEST

THEME:
STIMULATING THE ECONOMY AND ADDRESSING VULNERABILITIES: THE ROLE OF THE FY 2017/18 BUDGET

Date: 22nd June 2017
Venue: Uganda Manufacturers' Association
Time: 2:00PM -4:30PM

 Julius Mulunda- Executive Director, Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group	 Julius Kapwepwe- Director of Programs, Uganda Debt Network	 Kenneth Mugamba- Director Budget – Ministry of Finance, Planning & Economic Development
 Dr. Maggie Kigozi-Board Chairperson, Zuri Model Farm Ltd	 Richard Stewakiryanga- Executive Director, Uganda National NGO Forum	 Dr. Joseph Muvawala- Executive Director, National Planning Authority.
 Sylvia Ntambi- Chairperson, Equal Opportunities Commission	 Salima Namusobya- Executive Director Initiative for Social and Economic Rights	 Margaret Kakande- Head Budget Monitoring and Accountability Unit- YFFED

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OUR WORK IN PICTURES

CSBAG ED, Julius Mukunda and Equal Opportunities Chairperson Sylvia Ntambi signing an MoU last week. The MoU will enable the two organisations to work together to promote gender equity budgeting.

CSBAG Budget Policy Specialist, Sophie Nampewo moderating one of the sessions at the Hoima post Budget dialogue that was held last week.

A civil society member articulates a point at the Eastern region post Budget dialogue that was hosted by CSBAG at Wash and Wills hotel in Mbale.