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## NPA Calls for Project Ideas for NDPIII

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The National Planning Authority has called upon all government Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) to submit project ideas for the third National Development Plan (NDPIII). The draft NDPIII is expected to be ready by September 2019 and will be launched in 2020.

According to the preliminary draft, the next national development plan will focus on value addition in minerals and agriculture.

Paul Okitoi, the head of economic and strategic planning at the National Planning Authority (NPA) said that the third National Development Plan is dedicated to putting money in people’s pockets by investing in areas with high impact.

### Unlocking wealth

“We still have 68% of the national population in agriculture. We want NDPIII to be dedicated to putting money in the pockets of the people. Since we now have fundamentals like roads and power dams, we only need to invest in areas that unlock wealth.

Okitoi also added that the goal of NDPII is to increase household income and improve the quality of life.

NPA Executive Director Joseph Muvawala also said that NDPIII should offer a strategic direction for all



Joseph Muvawala, Executive Director of the National Planning Authority at a recent event. Muvawala said that NDPIII should offer strategic direction for all government Ministries, Departments and Agencies.

government MDAs and that the country should have one theme for about 10 years where all MDAs work towards achieving the national vision.

NPA is proposing that a new power transmission and distribution network be constructed to replace the dilapidated infrastructure to evacuate electricity from dams to various parts of the country.

### Poverty Levels

The Second National Development Plan (NDPII) targeted to reduce poverty to 14%. However, the percentage proportion of Ugandans living under the poverty line increased from 19.7% in 2013 to 21.4% in 2018.

Findings of the mid-term review of NDPII also show that majority of Ugandans are not tapping into the opportunities generated by large investments in roads and power generation sub sectors. NPA is supposed to develop six five-

year development plans by 2040. The previous two plans, according to NPA, were designed to establish the building blocks for economic development and poverty alleviation.

While kick starting the process of developing investing priorities for NDPIII last week, NPA also called for strict alignment between expenditure and development priorities.

### Planning and execution

Whereas NPA plays an oversight role in national development planning, the authority should assess the extent to which different MDAs implemented or achieve their sectoral development plans for NDPII and ensure that it engages not only in the planning and development of NDPIII but also in the execution of the third national development plan.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual High Level Policy Dialogue on the Budget**

**Organizers: ACODE, CSBAG, MoFPED**

**Theme: *Improving Efficiency and Effectiveness of the National Budget for Sustainable Economic Growth and Service Delivery in FY 2019/20***

**2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019, 2pm- 5pm**

**Sheraton Hotel Kampala (Invite Only) | Live Broadcasts on NBS TV and UBC TV**

## OUR WORK IN PICTURES



David Walakira making a presentation on an overview of the FY 2019/20 National Budget at a meeting on Agriculture, Education and Health Care Budgets on 27/04/19 | @CSBAG2019



Participants of a meeting on Public Financing Efforts to Eliminate GBV through the FY 2019/20 National Budget. The meeting happened at Golf Course Hotel in Kampala on 25/04/19 | @CSBAG 2019