



A HIGH-LEVEL REPORT FROM THE 9th EDITION OF THE ANNUAL CEO FORUM

Theme: The National Convention on Making Economic Growth Inclusive, Equitable & Sustainable





Venue: Serena Conference Centre **Date:** 23rd October 2018



1. INTRODUCTION

The Annual CEO Forum was started as a collective response to the Global Economic Meltdown of 2008/2009 with an agenda to scan the local and international socio-economic environment, identify key challenges, emerging opportunities, flag risks, and generate smart responses and sustainable solutions that would accelerate, consolidate and expand efficiency gains and effectiveness in the economy.

This year's Forum themed "The National Convention on Making Economic Growth inclusive, Equitable and Sustainable" was held on the 23rd October 2018 at the Kampala Serena Hotel. The event was well attended with over 78% of the invited guests in attendance.

The forum was opened by the State Minister of Finance for Planning in the Cabinet of Uganda, Hon. David Bahati who launched the cluster teams in the Financial Services, Agriculture, Human Capital Development, Public Investment and infrastructure, Tourism, ICT, Manufacturing, and Energy & Power sectors. Briefly, the cluster teams are mini- think-tanks that;

- Engage and prompt senior level public policy makers and practioners into execution mode. Thereby transforming ideas into action, and action into impact.
- Analyze information, trends and their implications with a view to practical action and assessment of Risk.
- iii. Accelerate, consolidate and expand priority actions through regular (quarterly) consultation and mutual accountability.
- iv. Serve as a catalyst for deep thinking about what works and what really matters in Business.

Presentations were made based on what had been prepared through a series of cluster consultative meetings with the team members to identify and coordinate the key actionable recommendations towards transforming Uganda's economy. The presentations were crowned with a plenary session to allow for participation of the invited guests to share their inputs and seek clarification on the issues that may have not been clear.

Chief Guest/Keynote speaker: Hon. David Bahati, Minister of state for Finance,
Planning and Economic Development (Planning)

2. THE SECTOR SPECIFIC CEO CLUSTER TEAMS

Established as an Annual CEO Forum initiative, a CEO Cluster team is composed of a number of carefully selected tier one Captains of Business, Industry and Research. Cluster members were appointed by the Minister for Finance, Planning and Economic Development.

Each cluster was assigned a leader whose task is to invite members, draw up their own action agenda and schedule consultative meetings with the Senior Managers Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development on a quarterly basis.



3. FORUM RECOMMENDATIONS



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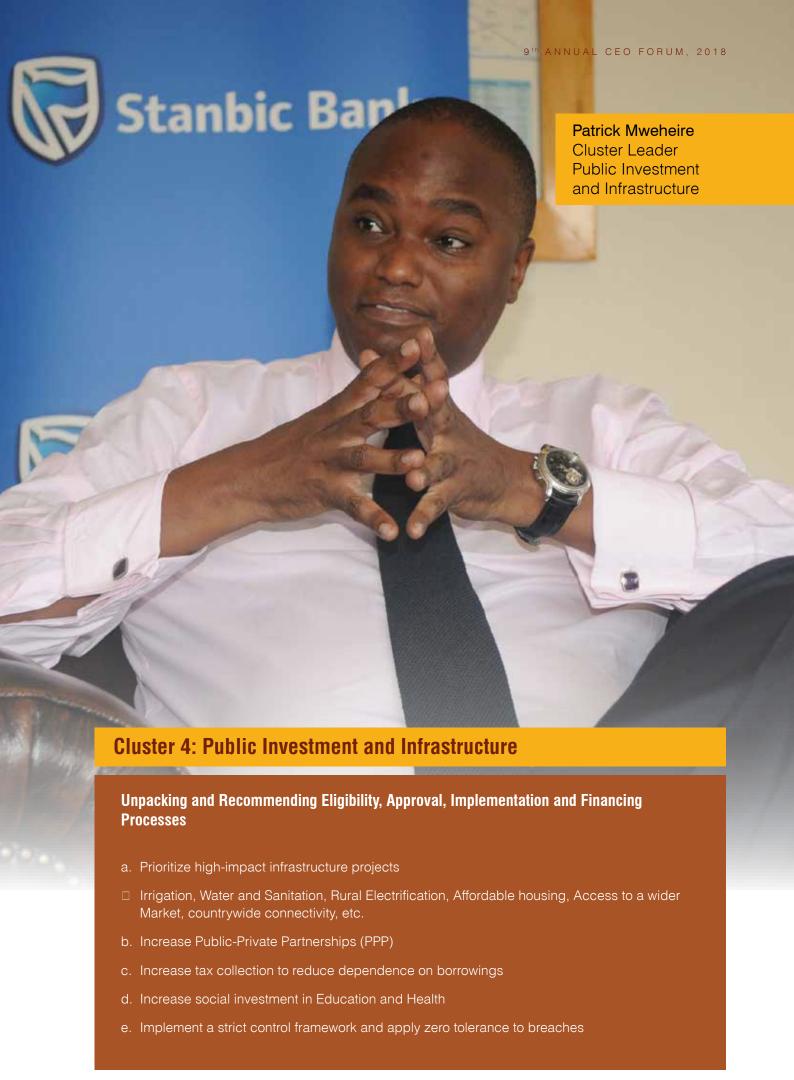
How to boost global Competitiveness through Production, Productivity and Agro-Based Manufacturing.

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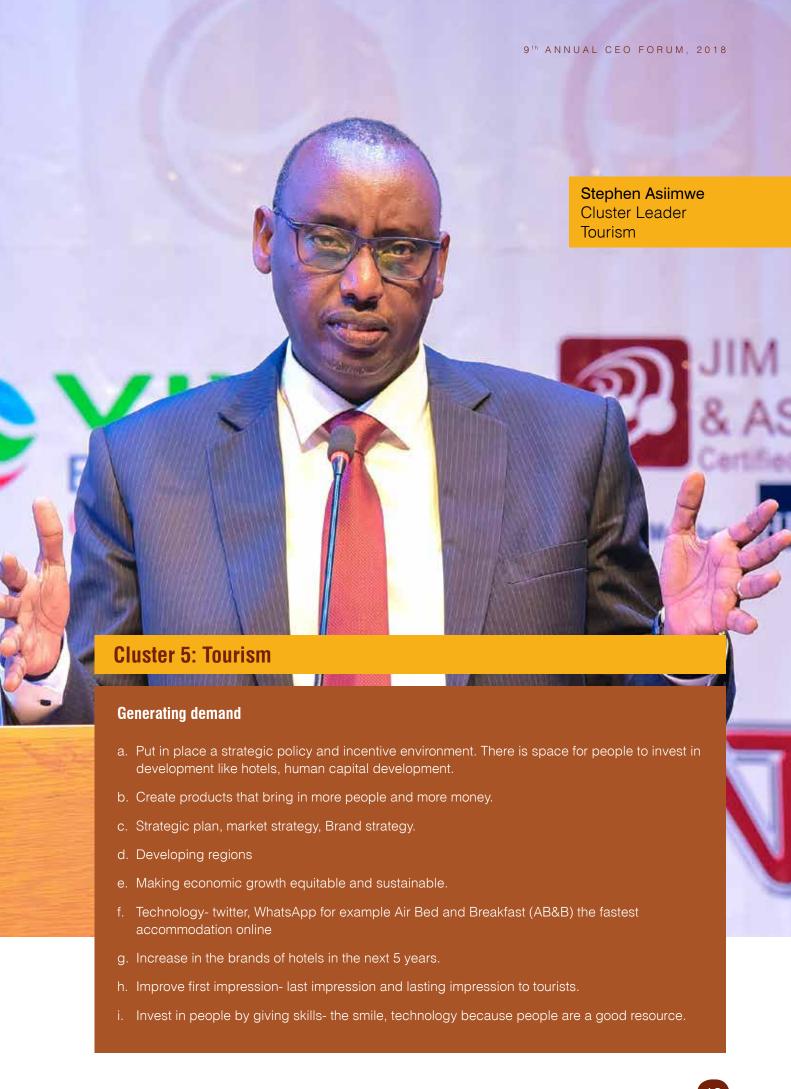
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Cluster 6: ICT

How do we get ready for technological disruption, Robotics, Al and IoT?

- a. Improve the current low technology adoption
- b. The digital space in the country so as to bridge the gap between developed and underdeveloped countries.
- c. Infrastructure e.g. cutting of cables by UNRA, also build more infrastructure
- d. Packaging of local content; Ugandans are making and coming up with applications- need for support.
- e. Look at the digital market as a block not a single market.
- f. Increased availability of information
- g. Uganda can position itself as a digital exporter locally to the world through innovation.
- h. Government to review its processes and policies with a view of making them more flexible and agile.
- i. Partial partnership with international partners, Increased access to capital Invest in the right skills, innovations and markets.

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CLUSTER 6: ICT

How do we get ready for technological disruption, Robotics, Al and IoT?

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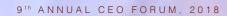
- a. Local content mainstreaming PPDA to require MDAs to open letters of credit for local purchase orders similar to foreign purchase orders to ensure timely payments.
- a. Electricity tariffs MEMD/ERA to provide a power tariff reduction trajectory for all manufacturers.
- b. Cost of capital Increased financing of UDB and UDC to enable more manufacturers to access lower cost of capital.
- c. Counterfeits and substandard products Fast tracking of the anti counterfeit law to ensure level playing field for compliant manufacturers.
- d. Export markets: among other interventions;
- ☐ MTIC to fast track the signing of the PPP MOU with UMA so that implementation of border warehouses starts as early as Q1 of 2019.
- e. Human capital development

Government to review bilateral MOU with Government of India to unlock modern vocational training opportunities from India under the South to South Cooperation.

Cluster 7: MANUFACTURING

Creating employment through small and medium enterprises and agro based cottage industries.

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Cluster 8: Energy & Power

How to harness private sector investment in the energy and power sector.

The National target by 2040 is to generate 41738MW, with 3668KWh of electricity per capita consumption at a National grid access 80%.

Initiatives to accelerate access.

- a. Building capacity for mini-grids
- b. Development of mini- grid regulation
- c. Grid intensification
- d. Grid densification
- e. License exemption- address the excess tariffs
- f. Electricity at sub-county headquarters.
- g. Connection policy being worked on Government initiative to increase industrial demand.
- a. Transmission infrastructure- reliable supply
- b. Renegotiation of Bujagali
- c. Development of code extra-large industrial customers
- d. Rebate policy development.

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How to harness private sector investment in the energy and power sector.

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4. POST-FORUM ACTION COMMITMENTS: TRACKING OUTCOMES

In line with the Minister's challenge to Captains of Business and industry; Cluster meetings will be held every last Wednesday of the month starting next month, November 2018, save for December when the meeting will be in the second week. These meetings will be organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development (MOFPED), selected Local Development Partners and key Civil Society entities. The purpose is to harness and share progress on action commitments on the latest and emerging challenges, opportunities and risks of the transformation model from the cluster perspective

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
NOV 2018	26	27	28 TH Cluster 1 (Financial Services)	29	30		
DEC 2018	10	11	12 TH Cluster 2 (Agriculture)	13	14	15	16
JAN 2019	28	29	30 TH Cluster 3 (Human Capital Development)				
FEB 2019	25	26	27 TH Cluster 4 (Public investment and infrastructure)	28			
MAR 2019	25	26	27 TH Cluster 5 (Tourism)	28	29	30	31
APR 2019	22	23	24 TH CEO GOLF TOURNAMENT	25	26	27	28
MAY 2019	27	28	29 TH Cluster 6 (ICT)	30	31		
JUN 2019	24	25	26 TH Cluster 7 (Manufacturing)	27	28	29	30
JUL 2019	29	30	31 ST Cluster 8 (Energy and power)				
AUG 2019	5	6	7	8	9	10 TH CEO SUMMIT 10 TH ANNIVERSARY	11

but in the spirit of Private Public and Civil Society Partnership.

A scorecard to track progress on the interventions above against the agreed targets and timelines will be developed and refined during the cluster meetings. Interdependencies of the different cluster initiatives will be considered in the prioritization of Execution.

As shown in the scorecard above, the meeting days will be for the following clusters to meet the Minister



THE ANNUAL CEO FORUM JOURNEY SINCE INCEPTION

