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Chief Executive Officers, Managing Directors & Executive Directors from Contributing Institutions,
Distinguished guests from our Contributing Institutions in your various capacities,
Management and Staff of Deposit Protection Fund of Uganda,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Morning,

It is with great pleasure that I warmly welcome you to this engagement. I bring you warm salutations from the Board, Management and staff of the Fund. In a special way, I would like to thank you for your presence here today. You constitute a core stakeholder of the Fund and it is, therefore, pertinent that we have such routine engagements. Before I proceed, allow me to thank you for paying your premiums on time and participating in various Fund related activities, when called upon.

Ladies and gentlemen, the primary purpose of our meeting today, and in the future, is mainly three -fold;

- i). To appraise you on the role and mandate of the Fund,
- ii). To update you on the developments at the Fund, and finally,

- iii). To provide a platform for engagement during which we obtain views and feedback from you.

The Fund recently conducted a baseline awareness survey, and the findings indicate that a number of your staff have scanty information about the Deposit Protection Fund of Uganda. It is our hope that by the end of today's interaction, you will be better equipped with the relevant information to share with your colleagues, as you instill confidence in your depositors and the public at large.

On that note, permit me ladies and gentlemen, to share a brief synopsis of the Deposit Protection Fund of Uganda (DPF). DPF is a legal entity which was established by Government following an amendment to the Financial Institutions Act, in 2016. The process of operationalizing the Fund commenced in April 2017 with the inauguration of a Board of Directors by the Honourable Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development. In its initial stages, the DPF was housed at the Bank of Uganda. The Bank provided the necessary support to enable the Fund take off. Indeed, eleven (11) staff were seconded from the Bank to start the operationalization process. I am glad to inform you that this journey is well on course and the Fund is now fully operational with 48 staff. It is my pleasure, at this point to

introduce to you the following members of our Executive Committee (EXCO);

1. Mrs. Angela K. Kiryabwire – Head Legal & Board Affairs
2. Mr. Balaam Ssempala – Head IT
3. Mr. Patrick Onen Ezaga – Head Communications
4. Mr. Alan Lwetabe – Head Investment
5. Mr. Moses Apell Odongo – Head HR & Administration
6. Dr. Michael M. Lugemwa – Head Finance & Business Operations

Ladies and gentlemen, the Fund was established as a deposit insurance scheme for customers of financial institutions which are licensed and regulated by Bank of Uganda. Currently, we have 34 Contributing Institutions constituted of twenty-six (26) Commercial Banks, four (4) Credit Institutions and four (4) Microfinance Deposit taking Institutions (MDIs). The Fund ensures that depositors of Contributing Institutions are paid up to UGX 10,000,000 in the unlikely event that their CI is closed and resolved through an involuntary liquidation. At this insurance limit, up to 98% of total deposit accounts in the sector are fully protected.

Like other deposit insurance entities around the world, DPF is a member of the International Association of Deposit Insurers

(IADI), which is headquartered in Basel, Switzerland. Following the global financial crisis of 2007/8, the Association issued 16 Core Principles on Deposit Insurance. These were designed to strengthen deposit insurance across the globe, and ultimately contribute to enhanced financial sector stability. Out of these principles, Core Principle 10 relates to public awareness, hence our gathering today. DPF is also a member of the Africa Regional Committee (ARC) of IADI, which is the African Chapter of IADI. The Fund serves as secretariat to the ARC.

Ladies and gentlemen, in line with the mission of fostering public confidence through protection of depositors in institutions regulated by the Bank of Uganda, and in execution of its role of creating extensive public awareness about deposit insurance, the Fund undertakes routine engagements with its key stakeholders. The need for public awareness is critical for a deposit insurance system to be effective, hence the reason why it is enshrined in the Financial Institutions Act 2014 and, the subsequent amendment in 2016. Today's engagement, therefore, is part of the Fund's objective of maintaining strategic engagements with stakeholders, as together we create public awareness on deposit insurance across the nation. A famous African proverb states, *"The work of two is not meant to be done alone."*

Ladies and gentlemen, since your institutions interface directly with depositors, it is important that we work together, to establish the required synergies and collaborations in order to achieve the desired goal of a highly informed public. It is, therefore, imperative that you get to appreciate the Fund's operations so as to avail you with the necessary information to engage and educate your depositors. On our part, this is a platform to keep you abreast with developments at the Fund, as we receive feedback. The Fund's role, mandate and updates are going to be shared by the EXCO team I introduced earlier.

Ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of the Board, Management, and staff of DPF, I thank you for honoring our invitation, and sparing your precious time amidst your demanding schedules. It is not taken for granted. At DPF, we commit to continue working together and striving to build public confidence in the financial sector.

I, therefore, take the honour to declare this event officially opened and wish you fruitful deliberations.

Thank you for listening to me.

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