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**To: Local Government Chief Budget Manager (All)**

**Re: The Local Government First Budget Call Circular for the 2013/14 Fiscal Year**

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## **A. Introduction**

1. In accordance with article 28 of the Law N° 37/2006 of 12/09/2006 on State Finances and Property and the Ministerial instruction N° 005/2010 on Budget Calendar, the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning (MINECOFIN) issues two Budget Call Circulars every year that provide guidance to Government institutions on the preparation of the annual budget and medium term expenditure framework (MTEF). It is in this light that this first Budget Call Circular is being issued to facilitate preparation of the budget for the 2013/14 fiscal year.
2. As usual, this first circular is not intended to request for budget submissions from local government budget agencies but is rather aimed at giving advance information to facilitate timely coordination and effective planning within the sectors to allow formulation of policy based budgets within individual budget agencies at a later stage. All local government budget agencies are therefore encouraged to comply with this circular and attached instruction regarding the budget calendar to be able to prepare meaningful budget submissions after issuance of the second Budget Call Circular and budget ceilings in early December 2012.

## **B. Planning for the 2013-14 annual budget and 2013-16 MTEF**

3. This Budget Call Circular has been prepared with a view to enhance the 2013/14 budget preparation process by encouraging discussions at the sector level on priority activities to be funded through the Local Government budget for the 2013/14 Fiscal Year. ***The 2013/14 budget process should be guided by priorities identified in the ongoing elaboration EDPRSII which is inspired by the revised Vision 2020 targets adopted in May 2012.*** These considerations should include thematic and sector priorities already identified as well as those emerging from discussions of the backward looking joint sector reviews for the 2011/12 budget process. More concretely, ***Local Government Budget Agencies are required to compile and submit to MINECOFIN summary information concerning performance of earmarked transfers from individual budget agencies*** so as to submit this information to the relevant agencies at the time of