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To : Chief Budget Managers (All)

Re : The First Budget Call Circular for the 2010/11 Financial Year

In accordance with article 28 of the Law on State Finances and Property N° 37/2006 of 12/09/2006, I have pleasure to communicate to you the following information to guide you in the budget process for the 2010/11 financial year:

1. The Government of Rwanda has an ambitious plan to accelerate public financial management reforms in order to have in place an enhanced public financial management system by 2012. Budgeting is a key reform component aimed at achieving economic growth and poverty reduction through policy based budget in order to realize all the three key strategic budgetary outcomes of aggregate fiscal discipline and sustainable budget balance; strategic allocation of resources; and efficient use of the resources in service delivery.
2. The present Budget Call Circular has been prepared with a view of strengthening the current process of preparing the Medium Term Expenditure Framework by inducing discussions at the sector level on priority activities for funding through the Government budget for 2010/11 Financial Year. These priority activities should be reflected in the joint sector review report and should be the basis for submission of budget requests in response to the second Budget Call Circular to be sent in November 2009.
3. The objective of this measure is to reinforce the link between planning and budgeting by encouraging sectoral spending agencies to start working together in a sector and identify priorities to be achieved within a constrained resource envelope.