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To: Chief Budget Manager (All)

Re: The First Budget Call Circular for the 2011/12 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 process for preparation of the budget for 2011/12 financial year:

1. The goal of strengthening public financial management (PFM) systems remains a top priority of the Government to facilitate rapid economic growth and poverty reduction. Enhancing the budgeting process and more especially ensuring that the results from the planning process adequately feeds into the preparation of the budget are central to achieving this objective.
2. The present Budget Call Circular has been prepared with a view of strengthening the 2010/11 budget process by inducing discussions at the sector level on priority activities to be funded through the Government budget for the 2011/12 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 you in early December 2010.
3. The backward looking joint sector reviews for the 2010/11 budget process are now in progress and the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning has doubled its intervention in this exercise. The primary 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. The lead sector Agency should ensure that all agencies participating in that sector are involved in this review and understand its value towards preparation of the budget for 2011/12 financial year.