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All Accounting Officers (Central Government, Missions Abroad & Local Governments Votes),

All Chief Executive Officers of State Owned Enterprises and Public Corporations

THE FIRST BUDGET CALL CIRCULAR (1ST BCC) ON PREPARATION OF THE BUDGET FRAMEWORK PAPERS (BFPs) AND PRELIMINARY BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/2021

## A. INTRODUCTION

- Section 9(3) of the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act 2015 (Amended) requires that, for 1. every financial year, the Minister of Finance Planning and Economic Development should prepare a Budget Framework Paper that is consistent with the National Development Plan and Charter of Fiscal Responsibility.
- 2. In line with the above, Section 9(1) of Public Finance Management (PFM) Act 2015 (Amended) requires every Accounting Officer, in consultation with the relevant stakeholders, to prepare a Budget Framework Paper for the Vote, taking into consideration balanced development as well as gender and equity responsiveness. This should be submitted to the Minister of Finance Planning and Economic Development by 15th November. This is meant to facilitate analysis, consolidation of the National Budget Framework Paper (NBFP) and onward submission to Parliament on time.
- In line with the Law, but also in view of the Christmas holidays, this Ministry will submit 3... the National Budget Framework Paper to Parliament not later than Friday, 20th December 2019.
- Specifically, this Circular has been issued to communicate: 4.
  - The Budget Process Calendar for FY 2020/2021; (i)
  - The challenges that affected the planning process for the budget of fy 2019/2020 (ii) and the way forward;
  - The Strategic Policy and Administrative guidelines to be taken into consideration (iii) during preparation of the Budget Framework Papers;
  - The Budget Strategy and proposed Strategic Sector Interventions for the Budget (iv) of FY 2020/2021 in line with the Third National Development Plan;



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