

## Uganda

### Country Partnership Framework for FY16-FY21

#### Chair Summary\*

April 21, 2016

Executive Directors discussed and supported the World Bank Group (WBG) Country Partnership Framework (CPF) FY16-FY21 for the Republic of Uganda (Report No. 101173-UG). They expressed broad support for the WBG's new framework of engagement in Uganda, in particular its design and alignment with the Systematic Country Diagnostic (SCD) and the national priorities.

Directors welcomed the proposed three strategic focus areas in the CPF. They noted that the strategic focus areas respond to key development challenges such as rapid population growth and increasing urbanization. Directors emphasized the importance of the quality of service delivery and continued progress towards the SDGs, particularly those related to vulnerable populations such as women and children. Directors commented that attention to fragile areas of the country and inequality would be an important component of engagement.

Directors welcomed WBG support to Uganda's efforts towards ensuring macroeconomic stability and improving agricultural commercialization and the environment for private sector development. They noted that food security, diversification of incomes, and employment should be high priorities in light of demographic changes and agricultural sector commercialization. Directors emphasized collaboration across the WBG with an expanded role of IFC and MIGA in boosting private investment, job creation, and incomes, including through PPPs and SMEs. Directors encouraged taking coordination with development partners to a higher level, particularly in the areas of gender inequality and budget and fiduciary management.

Directors urged a careful approach to the use development policy lending, stressing that conditions are met and fiduciary risks are carefully managed to ensure development impact. They encouraged stronger engagement and capacity building efforts with agencies below the central government level, particularly in the health and education sectors.

Directors appreciated the CPF's risk assessment and commented that implementation and learning from prior experience would be key to successful engagement. They supported a greater focus on political economy analysis, compliance with social and environmental safeguards, institutional capacity, and fiduciary activities during implementation. Directors emphasized the need for the Bank and the Government to strengthen portfolio monitoring and supervision of projects during implementation, including managing social and environmental risks.

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