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HIGHLIGHTS OF UGANDA'S DOING BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

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OUTLINE OF THE PRESENTATION

- Overview of Business Environment
- Doing Business Indicators.
- Uganda's Performance
- The reform process
- Short term Priorities

Business Environment

- Business and Investment Climate are aspects of government policies and operations that provide opportunities and incentives for firms to invest productively, create jobs, and expand.
- These aspects include; taxes, finance, land, Business regulations, standards , infrastructure ,power, labour, and corruption etc.

Global indices on Business Environment

- Monitor Uganda's business environment using Global indices that rank business environment across economies. One such index is the Doing Business Report (World Bank Group)
- The Doing Business Report sheds light on how easy or difficult it is for a local entrepreneur to open and run a small to medium size business when complying with the required regulation

Doing Business Report 2016

The 2016 Doing Business report measures regulatory quality & efficiency.

- Uganda **122nd** position out of 189 economies, an **improvement of 13 places** from previous year.
- Sub-Saharan region, Uganda ranks 12th out of 47 economies.
- In the EAC, Uganda ranks in the 3rd place following Rwanda and Kenya.
- Report recognizes Uganda as a top reformer of the year. Only 24/189 economies received this recognition.

Doing Business indicators



Doing Business Ranking, 2016

No.	Indicator	2016	2015	Change
# of Economies Considered		189	189	
Overall Performance		122	135	+13
1.	Starting a Business	168	168	0
2.	Construction permits	161	166	+5
3.	Getting Electricity	167	172	+5
4.	Registering Property	120	118	-2
5.	Getting Credit	42	128	+86
6.	Protecting Investors	99	98	-1
7.	Paying Taxes	105	101	-4
8.	Trading Across Borders	128	126	-2
9.	Enforcing Contracts	78	78	0
10.	Resolving Insolvency	104	106	+2

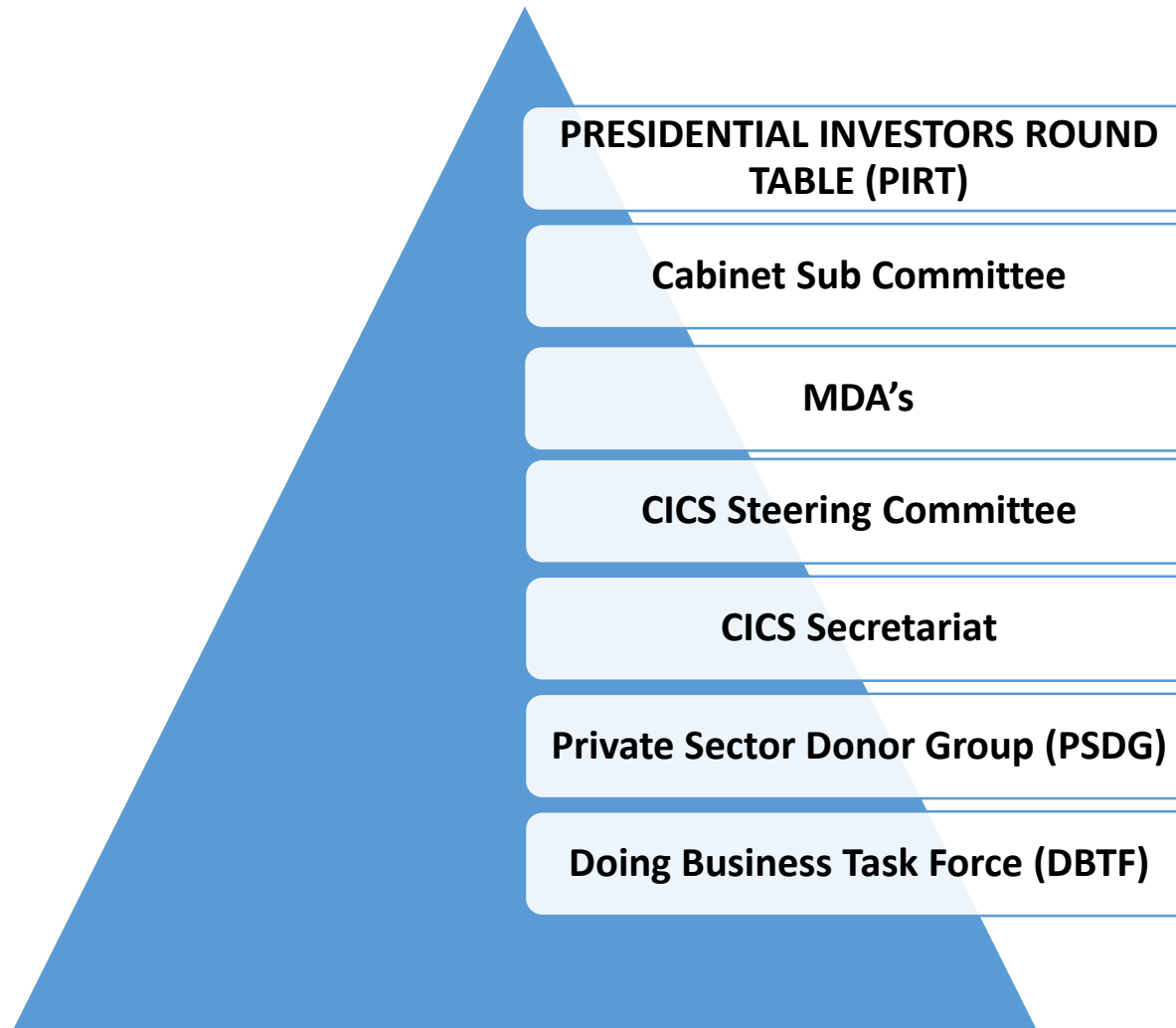
Uganda's Performance Vs EAC Region and Two Top performers in the Sub-Saharan region

Indicator	Uganda	Kenya	Tanzania	Burundi	Rwanda	Mauritius	Botswana
Over -all performance – 185 economies	122	108	139	152	62	32	72
Starting a Business	168	151	129	19	111	37	143
Dealing with Construction permits	161	149	126	165	37	35	97
Getting Electricity	167	127	83	185	118	41	122
Registering property	120	115	133	94	12	99	70
Getting Credit	42	28	152	174	2	42	70
Protecting Investors	99	115	122	115	88	29	81
Paying Taxes	105	101	150	111	48	13	71
Trading Across Borders	128	131	180	154	156	66	51
Enforcing Contracts	78	102	64	146	127	27	128
Resolving Insolvency	104	144	9	145	72	39	56

DB 2015/16 Report Highlights

1. Mauritius (32nd), Rwanda (62nd), Botswana (72nd) and South Africa (73rd) topped the ranking in Subsaharan Africa.
2. In the EAC, Uganda ranks in the 3rd place following Rwanda and Kenya.
3. Sub Saharan Africa accounted for 14 of the 32 Reforms Globally on the Getting Credit.

Co-ordination of reform process



DBTF Activities Over The Past Year

- Hosted the 6th EDBI conference in May, 2015
- Quarterly Doing Business Taskforce meetings
- Working Group sessions per indicator with key MDAs at Hotel Africana 27-28 Aug, 2015
- October 2015, breakfast meeting to launch the DB 2016 report and celebrate Uganda's performance
- Participated in benchmarking exercises on Land reform, One Stop Center, Collateral Registry and the Business Licensing Reform process
- Participated in 7th EDBI conference in Nairobi, May 2016

Reform activities - 1st June 2015 to Date (1)

1. Streamlining processes has been a priority: URSB, UMEME
2. Leveraging ICT
 - stronger ICT infrastructure to enhance quality of service delivery : MLHUD-NLIS, KCCA-COIN, URA-Mobile payments, UIA-OSS
 - Uploading procedures online; the e-licensing portal at URSB, several MDAs have followed suite.
3. Undertaking Legal and Regulatory Reforms: FIA, Company Regulations,
4. Enhanced Institutional Coordination: TREP, joint inspections for construction permits, interagency MOUs e.g. URSB and NSSF

Short term Priorities

- 1) Compulsory use of National ID as the unique Identifier of nationals at all agencies providing services to citizens
- 2) Regulatory and administrative reforms lessen burdens to business.
- 3) Client Service Charters for efficiency and accountability in public service delivery
- 4) Effective monitoring of all government programs and projects for efficiency and effectiveness.
- 5) Government coordination and information sharing through online processes
- 6) Implementation of a One Stop Shop for business and investment facilitation

I thank you all for your support and contribution to reforming Uganda's Business Environment!

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