

**OPENING STATEMENT BY THE ACTING PERMANENT
SECRETARY FOR MINISTRY OF FINANCE DR .S.B LIKWELILE,
AT THE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS' GROUP INDUCTION
COURSE ON
SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2011 AT PROTEA COURTYARD (HOTEL)**

**Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Participants,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

- 1.** On behalf of the Government of Tanzania (GOT), I would like to welcome you all to this important orientation course for new Development Partners (DPs) who have just arrived to work in Tanzania. This is an important forum in efforts between GoT and DPs to strengthen our development cooperation. I would also like to note that this year we have the participation of Directors of Planning which will make the discussion more fruitful.

- 2.** This orientation seminar is an opportunity for apprising you of the achievements of our cooperation with your predecessors in promoting and strengthening development partnership in Tanzania. My colleagues are going to discuss with you in detail the level we have reached in our development cooperation. Some of these achievements are results of the Government being in the driver's seat, support by the development of division of labour among DPs, progress on financing instruments, implementation of Aid Management Platform System, a well established dialogue structure, and increased harmonisation and alignment of DPs to Government procedures and processes. These developments have enhanced government leadership and ownership of the

development process in Tanzania. We look forward to working with you in further strengthening development partnerships.

3. As you might be aware, Tanzania and her development partners have come a long way in building high quality relationships with a view to making aid more effective. After a period of strained relations in the early 1990s, the country made great efforts to restore and strengthen its relationship with Development Partners by engaging a team of International experts to study the situation the outcome of which is contained in the famous Helleiner Report, which some of you may wish to make reference to.

4. The Helleiner report recommendations were subsequently used by the Government and the Development Partners in formulating the Tanzania Assistance Strategy (TAS) for the period 2000-2005. TAS spelt out the good practices in development co-operation and guided the partnership in managing external resources. TAS focused mainly on increasing aid predictability, integrating more external resources in the Government budget and Exchequer system, harmonising Government and Development Partner processes, and building capacity for aid coordination and external resource management. This was followed by the joint assistance Strategy for Tanzania (JAST) in 2006, which took on board TAS achievements and the international initiatives on aid effectiveness, including the Paris Declaration. Among the activities undertaken under JAST jointly between Government and Development Partners include:

- **Development of Technical Assistance (TA) Strategy:**

A Final draft TA strategy and action plan to guide provision of aid has been prepared and will be submitted for Cabinet

approval. The strategy has been developed through a consultative process involves all stakeholders.

- **Aid Management Platform**

The GoT piloted the Aid Management Platform (AMP), which is a web based tool for managing external resources data base. AMP was launched on the 24th August 2010. During the AMP launch, a report on analysis of the aid portfolio for 2007/08 and 2008/09, using AMP data, was circulated to all stakeholders. DPs are now reporting Project funds, including projections and actual disbursements, through AMP while External Finance Department is recording basket and GBS funds through AMP. Twenty six (26) MDAs have already been trained and they are supposed to report their respective Ministries expenditure data through AMP. The system enables Government to follow up on expenditure in various sectors. We have so far managed to receive budget and MTEF projections for F/Y 2011/2012-2012/13 through AMP.

- **Annual National Policy Dialogue Event**

The GBS process, MKUKUTA/MKUZA and Public Expenditure Review have been harmonized into a single process since 2009. The process includes Joint Sector and Cluster working groups monitoring implementation of agreed development indicators throughout the year. The annual event which usually takes place in November discusses and agrees on key issues as well as assessment of the implementation of the agree indicators. This year, the event will be conducted in two sessions; (i) A closed session to be held from 24th to 25th Nov 2011 followed by(ii) an open Session to be conducted from 5th -6th Dec 2011.

The 2010 Annual National Policy Report was finalized in March 2011 and distributed to all stakeholders.

- **Implementation of International Aid effectiveness initiatives on Ownership and Accountability**

Tanzania has been active in monitoring implementation of the Paris Declaration under the OECD Working Party on Aid Effectiveness since 2005. Tanzania and Switzerland are co-chairs of the work on Ownership and Accountability, coordinating implementation of the international commitments of the Paris Declaration. An action plan has guided both DPs and Partner Countries in the implementation of these international commitments of the Paris Declaration and the Accra agenda for action - AAA. The work of the Cluster on recommendations to the High Level Forum was submitted to the OECD Working Party in July 2011, and it was proposed that Tanzania, Switzerland, Rwanda, UNDCF, Ghana and Ireland continue to work on Mutual Accountability.

5. Over the years, we have also experienced situations whereby the changes in DPs field officers brought new personalities who sometimes are not familiar with some of the achievements already made, thus taking us back in the process. I believe after this induction course, we will be talking the same language. And this is indeed the objective of this induction course. We need DPs support, particularly in strengthening the ownership and leadership role of the government. Mutual accountability among DPs and GoT is the heart of our partnership. Lets all work towards achieving that.

6. You have come at the time when we have concluded the five year implementation of Paris Declaration and the Joint Assistance Strategy for Tanzania. We are in the process of developing the next JAST, which will include the outcome of the High Level Forum 4 on Aid effectiveness in Busan, South Korea. We hope to work together with you in the preparation of the JAST II and its Action Plan.

7. Finally, I would like to recommend and insist on the use of the dialogue structure and division of labour which we all adopted in the implementation of our development co-operation. We hope it will greatly improve efficiency and cost effectiveness in managing the development process as we improve our partnership. Making the JAST a success, and achieving our international commitments to the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, is our collective responsibility. This way, we will be able to generate positive results, together as team.

Mr. Chairman, With these few remarks, I now have the honour and privilege to declare this DPG Induction course officially opened.

I thank you for your attention.
