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## **ENERGY WEEK 2016 THEME**

4. This year's theme is **“Increasing Access to Clean Energy to enable industrialization and attainment of middle income status”**
5. The reason why the theme was chosen is because energy plays a central role in the development of any Nation since it is necessary in performing the following functions:
  - a) It is required for powering industries and Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs) that create jobs for the citizens of the country.
  - b) It provides quality lighting needed to extend the reading time for students in the Educational sector and it also enables access to educational media and communications in schools.
  - c) It improves on service delivery in the health sector since it enables night availability, helps retain qualified staff, and allows equipment use (for example, sterilization, medicine refrigeration etc).
  - d) It powers telecommunication equipment in the country thus facilitating information exchange through Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs).
  - e) It is also needed to fuel the transport sector to allow for the free movement of goods and services in the economy.

## **KEY ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

In-line with this theme, the following activities will be undertaken during the energy week.

### **A. Energy Exhibition**

6. The Energy Exhibition which is being launched today is a key activity that attracts stakeholders from the Energy sector including government agencies, private sector, civil societies, academic institutions and financial institutions.
7. I wish to inform the General Public that all the key Government institutions in the energy sector and the private sector companies offering energy services are well represented at this year's Energy Week Exhibition. The Exhibition

## **12 Energy Management Symposium**

A symposium on Energy Management in the electricity sub-sector will take place at the Imperial Royale Hotel on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016. This event is by invitation.

The Symposium has been sponsored by UMEME Limited. It will enable them improve on service delivery through gaining a better understanding of consumers' issues especially the high energy consumers. The consumers will in-turn be educated on how they can use energy in a more efficient and rational way.

## **11 Biomass Energy Dialogue**

A biomass dialogue will be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at Protea Hotel, Kampala. The target groups for this dialogue are the stakeholders dealing in biomass technologies. This event is sponsored by SNV. This event is also by invitation.

## **12 Launch of the Sustainable Use of Natural Resources and Energy Finance (SUNREF) Programme**

The Launch of the **Sustainable Use of Natural Resources and Energy Finance (SUNREF)** programme will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 at the Imperial Royale Hotel. The programme involves financing Renewable Energy Projects and Energy Efficiency Projects at low interest rate. The financing is by the Agence Francaise de Development's (AFD).

## **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

- 13 In conclusion, I wish to thank you all for turning up at this launch of the Energy Week 2016 and those who have come to exhibit. It is my humble request that you partner with us as we promote the awareness in the public