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- The Honorable Prime Minister, Office of the Prime Minister
- The Executive Director, National Planning Authority
- The Honorable Minister, Ministry Of Finance, Planning and Economic Development
- The Principal, Makerere University Business School
- The Honorable Minister, Ministry Of Education and Sports

Dear Sir/Madam,

MOBILIZE FOR A PRIVATE THINKING AND PLANNING AGENCY

Dithree Group is a private company that mobilizes domestic resources for the creation of collective prosperity opportunities and sustainable development projects through advisory services, holding services, asset management, hosting services, equity investment, civic education and intermediary business as highlighted on www.d3gafrica.com so as to articulate **AGENDA 2063** into Business Models and Social Programs which bridge African challenges with African solution. This teamwork, mental work and network of investment partnerships, project proposals and joint ventures instills a sense of direction, a sense of dignity and a sense of belonging in the African dream. Therefore, to address the planning and policy the inefficacies facing Uganda this is to propose that you mobilize all Private universities and Public universities to collectively create a Private Thinking and Planning Agency (PT&PA) which

- 1) Fine-tunes policies and or recommends policy formulation to all government organizations.
- 2) Drafts an alternative National budget for government.
- 3) Recommends social and economic development strategies to government.

The **PT&PA** source of funding should derive from membership subscriptions, constancy fees from private companies, diplomatic missions, government organizations and none-government organization. The **PT&PA** should be headed by the vice chancellors on a rotational basis of one year while the university lecturers and professors should be the employs of **PT&PA** on a contract basis. Planning and policy formulation and implementation challenges are brought about by mainly the overlap between policy formulation and implementation on top of the inability to plan, unsuccessful planning or inadequate planning brought about by planers who don't have planning callings, enough planning skills, planning values, planning background, planning education yet universities have the best brains. Africa Union's **Agenda 2063** emphasis the need to mobilize domestic resource for collective prosperity and sustainable development and both the Quran in Surah Al-Imran 3:104 and the Bible in Mathew 9:35-37 complement each other on the fact that African challenges called Dithree Group to apply the mind on a full state of identifying African Solutions jealously, on principle and by conviction outside the square.

Yours Faithfully,

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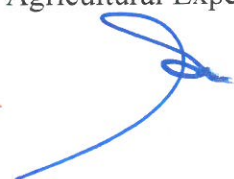
Reference is made to your letter *Ref: D3G-40/25/8/24* dated 7th August 2024, that proposes mobilization of all private universities and public universities to collectively create a Private Thinking and Planning Agency (PT&PA) which will fine-tune policies and recommends policy formulation to all government organizations; draft an alternative National budget for government and recommends social and economic development strategies to government. The letter made the noted that:

- i) There are planning and policy inefficacies in Uganda;
- ii) The policy formulation and implementation challenges are brought about by the overlap between policy formation and implementation on top of the inability to plan;
- iii) The unsuccessful planning or inadequate planning is brought by planners who don't have planning callings, enough planning skills, planning values, planning background, planning education yet universities have the best brains.

In view of your observations, I note the following:

1. The National Planning Authority was established in line with article 125 of the Constitution of Uganda and the NPA Act (2002). The primary function of the Authority is to produce comprehensive and integrated development plans for the country, elaborated in terms of the perspective Vision and the long term & medium-term Plans. To this end, a Comprehensive National Development Planning Framework (CNDPF) was approved by Cabinet. This is the standard framework for Uganda's Development Planning and it articulates the Uganda Vision 2040 that is operationalized through six 5-year National Development Plans (NDPs). To date, two NDPs (NDPI & NDPII) have elapsed and third one (NDPIII) is soon elapsing. The development of the fourth Plan (NDPIV) is already underway.
2. The NPA Act, 2002 provides that NPA liaises with the Private Sector and Civil Society (*including the Academia*) in the evaluation of government performance and identifying gaps in government policies and programmes.
3. Development planning is a multifaceted and integrated discipline that goes beyond having specialized skills. It therefore requires different competences from different skills which are brought together to plan for different sectors of the economy. Indeed, NPA is structured in this manner and has of a mix of skills like: Economists; Physical Development Planners, Modellers, Lawyers, Trade Specialists, Agricultural Experts; and Rural Development Experts, among others.

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4. In line with the CNDPF, there is a well-defined Development Planning super-structure across Government, which is coordinated by various Planners at different levels, including; Programme Working Groups (PWGs) and Secretariats; MDA Planners and Local Government Planners. These are coordinated by the respective Programme Secretariat Heads, Commissioners (Planning) and Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs) at the Programme level, Ministry level and LG levels, respectively.
5. The NPA Act, 2002 compels any public body or organization to provide any information or do anything relevant to planning. NPA works together with higher institutions of learning in preparation of background studies and preparation of the issues papers for various programmes during the preparation of the Plans.

In light of the above observations and given that NPA is in advanced stages of preparing the NDPIV, I request you to submit your views on the NDPIV Strategic Direction(attached) and any other views that you deem fit for Uganda's Development Planning.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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