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**WELCOME REMARKS**

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INTEGRATING A GENDER PERSPECTIVE INTO STATISTICS**

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The Organisers of this Training' and  
Facilitators (if present) from the  
UN Statistics Division,  
Ms Francesca and your team,  
The representative from AfDB  
The representative from ECA  
Dear Participants,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Management, and Staff of the Uganda Bureau of Statistics and on my own behalf, I am honoured and privileged to address you at this training workshop organized by the UN Statistical Division in collaboration with Uganda Bureau of Statistics.

You are most welcome to Kampala, Uganda. I would like to thank UNSD for the strategic choice made to host yet another workshop in Uganda during this season. This is the second workshop organized by UNSD in Uganda - bringing together nationals from various African countries. A few weeks ago, UNSD held another workshop on Censuses for NSO heads. This time round, it is on **'Integrating a Gender Perspective into Statistics'**.

This workshop comes at a time when we have just concluded the Africa Statistics Week celebrations under the theme:

*"Making Every Man and Woman Count" with particular focus on Engendering Statistics for better development outcomes.* More so, this is the home of the struggling Kampala City Group on gender statistics.

You are all aware that the over-arching goal of most developing countries is to reduce poverty and improve the life circumstances of our populations. However, this has often increased or reduced opportunities for women and men, girls and boys creating disparities, inequalities and unfairness in the access to resources, their distribution and use. This has in turn impacted positively or negatively on the development outcomes of various economies and at times resulted into domestic violence.

I am aware that besides training national statisticians on the production and use of gender statistics, participants will also be introduced to the Manual on integrating a gender perspective into statistics. I wish to commend UNSD for this initiative and I must add that the Bureau is proud to be associated with this effort and will ensure that through the Kampala City Group and Gender Sub Committee, the manual is adopted to improve the production and use of gender statistics.

Ladies and Gentlemen, this workshop comes at a time when the Millennium Development Goals are being reviewed to ensure sustainable development outcomes are achieved come post 2015. As most of you already know, gender equality is at the

epicenter of the Millennium Development Goals. As you discuss the various aspects on gender statistics I suggest you bear that in mind.

I am aware that most National Statistical Offices have been at mainstreaming gender statistics in their statistical programmes over the last 4 years. However, the progress varies from country to country and bringing them here to train and enable them share experiences is well appreciated.

Ladies and gentlemen, I must put on record that the progress with the gender statistics development so far is encouraging but slow in a number of areas. I wish to underline that African National Statistics Systems in Africa are still facing challenges in addressing gender concerns. This is because, in spite of having national gender policies in place, men and women are still measured as a homogeneous group, there is limited appreciation and monitoring of gender issues.

With regards to gender statistics itself, there are still inconsistencies in definition, data gaps, methodological issues and problems with data sources (administrative) among others. It is my sincere hope that this training will empower you to produce the relevant quality statistics but also use the statistics for effective decision making.

Once again, you are welcome and I wish you fruitful deliberations throughout this workshop, and, I urge you to put to good use the knowledge acquired throughout this workshop and contribute to gender statistics development in our countries.

In case we do not meet again, I wish you a Merry Xmas and a Prosperous 2013.

Thank you all for listening to me.