

Launch of the Professional Driver Training Project

10:30 – 12:30 hrs, Thursday, 6 July 2017

KCCA Grounds

- **The Honourable Minister of State for Energy, Simon D'UJanga, the Minister of State for Transport, Aggrey Henry Bagire, the Country Director, GIZ, representatives from government and private sector, all protocols observed, ladies and gentlemen,**
- I am pleased that HMG through DFID in collaboration with GIZ is supporting skills development in Africa through the SOGA programme in Mozambique, Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda. The development of skills is critical in ensuring that nationals are able to participate in important sectors like oil and gas and industrialisation. Specifically for Uganda, the programme supports the government's ambitions in developing national content.
- We cherish the long standing relationship HMG has with Uganda ranging from development support, shared common regional objectives, governance and trade.
- I am pleased that a UK International Development Organisation, Transaid, in partnership with GIZ is today launching the Professional Driver Training Project with the objective to deliver high quality driver training at least 800 drivers in Uganda. Transaid has significant experience in the region, most notably having developed the East African Community Standardised Curriculum for Driver Training on behalf of the East African Community with support from Trade Mark East Africa – also supported by DFID.
- It is my belief that the professional driver training programme will go a long way into development of skilled drivers in Uganda and we look forward to a successful programme.
- We know that the SOGA project - and the oil and gas sector – face skills challenges far beyond driving. We are also looking forward to seeing the initial results from the full range of SOGA's interventions in market relevant vocational skills, skills databases

and their partnerships with the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development

- Thank you