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PRESENTATION ON THE STATUS OF THE SERVICES POLICY STUDIES IN UGANDA BY UNCTAD

INTRODUCTION

- Appreciation to UNCTAD for undertaking two studies.
- SPR study objectives
 - Contribution of services to the national economy
 - Review of the regulatory, institutional, and legal framework of the services sector
 - SWOT analysis of the sectors.

1.0 SPR 1(2008)

- Covers 4 Sectors (Insurance, legal, engineering, and accounting)

2.0 Rationale for selection

- Commitments EAC and GATS
- Insufficient statistical data
- Over liberalization without parameters
- Contribution to developmental projects

3.0 Implementation of SPR1

- **Policy development:**
 - Engineering & Construction (National Construction and Industrial Policy.

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Harmonization of regional initiatives- sep 2011
EAC MOU (mutual recognition of the services sectors)

- **Legislation:** Insurance Act passed in September 2011
- Draft Competition Bill, Accounts Bill 2011,
- **Institutional:** Formalization of profession associations (Accounting sector
- **Regulations**
 - Formalizing the Insurance regulatory Authority
 - Draft regulations in wholesale and retail sectors

4.0 SPR 2 (2012)

- Coverage (Distribution, ICT, services auxiliary to all modes of transport)

4.1 Rationale

- Abundant resources with insufficient regulatory framework
- Commitments (EAC, GATS)
- Embracing the digital era
- Contribution to GDP Distribution 14%

4.2 IMPLEMENTATION OF SPR2

- Validation workshop (2), October 2012 and may 2013 respectively

Logistics

- Harmonization of customs procedures in the region(ASCYDA WORLD)- Tr
- Revamping the railway transport system- work in progress
- Consultation on the lead regulators in the logistics sector
- Discussion on alternative routes to the sea

ICT

ICT programs at secondary level of education implemented in schools.

Distribution

- Draft regulations
- Review of trade licensing Act

5.0 CONCLUSION

- Appreciation
- Commitment to implement the key recommendation
- Development of a master plan.