

**Closing Remarks by Deputy Governor, Bank of Uganda, at the Certificate  
Awarding Ceremony of the Joint IMF/BOU Training at The Bank of Uganda  
April 13, 2006**

Mission Chief, Mr. Stephen Swaray and your team  
The IMF Country Resident Representative, Mr. Peter Allum;  
Chief Executives of All institutions represented here today,  
Executive Directors and senior staff of the Bank  
Distinguished Guests,  
Ladies and Gentlemen.  
Good evening to you all.

I am delighted to officiate the closure of the joint IMF/BOU workshop on “*Developing a swap market and promoting secondary market trading in Government securities*”. Allow me to extend my gratitude to the International Monetary Fund in general and the delegation specifically for training our market practitioners during the last three days.

I am hopeful that all your expectations as you started this workshop have been realized during the three days that you have been training. The challenge to you all is to build on the information that you have received during the training to better your skills and use it practically for the benefit of your various institutions. I would like to commend all the institutions that set aside resources to invest in human capital, as this will be the driving force of our financial markets. I would like to reiterate Bank of Uganda’s commitment to participate in capacity building efforts aimed at enhancing skills in our financial sector.

As you are all aware, Uganda’s financial market is still thin, characterized by low levels of liquidity. However, going by the developments over the last 2 years, such as the introduction of long-term bonds and the introduction of primary dealers as market makers, Bank of Uganda is optimistic that there is a lot of potential for this market to grow.

Our expectation as the central bank from this particular workshop is that we shall realize a more dynamic and vibrant interbank market as market practitioners improve their liquidity management skills. We are all expectant that we will see a more vibrant secondary market for Government securities and the use of these securities as liquidity management tools. We expect increased trading along all the benchmark points to enable us realize a more meaningful yield curve.

Let me pledge that Bank of Uganda will play its role in putting in place appropriate policies that are supportive of market development. In addition, Bank of Uganda will continue to support efforts aimed at enhancing skills in the Ugandan market. I would also like to challenge you, as market players, to always provide us with feedback relating to our actions in the market. It is through this dialogue that we shall be able to take this market to the next level.

Once again let me extend my thanks to all the participants for their attendance, the IMF team, Mr. Swaray, Mr. Thordur Jonasson, Mr. Geoffrey Heenan and Mr. Meir Sokoler for accepting to come and participate as resource persons in this training, and the IMF for jointly facilitating this training.

I thank you.