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Citizens decide on 10th Parliament!!!

It is now official that the 10th Parliament was on 18th February 2016 voted into power and the sketchy details available indicate that only about 72 MPs have retained their seat.

This can either be good or bad. On the positive, it brings us a new breed of MPs, with fresh minds that might have a determination of outdoing the previous Parliament. The negative is that for majority of stakeholders engaging this group, there is a requirement to strategize on how effectively to work with this group ensure they are committed to the various causes we push for. There is also a requirement to build their capacities and working smart with them to. In this Edition (Part 1) we share with you our opinions on some of the MPs that impacted our work. This is in respect to the preliminary results which we are aware might be challenged as indicated by many.



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As a Shadow Minister for Finance, his contribution in making government responsive to citizens needs in the budget can't be forgotten. On annual basis, he without fail presented to Parliament Minority Reports to the National Budget and Tax Bills containing alternatives choices for Government. CSBAG can't forget his contribution in the development and passing of the Public Finance Management Act, 2015 and his valiant struggle against the Public Finance Management (Amendment) Bill, that Government tabled in Parliament in November last year.

Hon. Geoffrey Ekanya

As Leader of Opposition, he without the unnecessary bureaucratic delays provided us space to engage the Shadow Cabinet during the campaign against taxing Agriculture inputs. From this, many of the Shadow Ministers joined campaign and voluntarily collected farmers' signatures which were later presented to the Speaker of Parliament in 2014. In addition, he was among the very few MPs that turned up for plenary to discuss and challenge the Public Finance Management (Amendment), Bill 2015 while others stayed in their constituencies to canvass for votes.

Hon. Wafula Oguttu



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Her contribution to the CSOs call to include the Certificate of Gender and Equity in the Public Finance Management Act, 2015 can't be taken for granted. Hon. Rosemary was that one MP who wouldn't shy away from bringing to the fore gender equality and women's empowerment issues on the floor of Parliament can't be forgotten. Rosemary is quoted so many time in the Hansard pushing for gender equality, and women's empowerment issues.

Hon. Rosemary Nyakikongoro



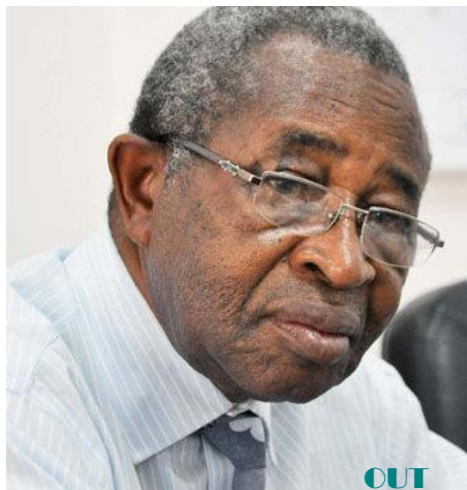
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Just like Hon. Nyakikongoro, Hon Margaret's passion for gender equality and women's empowerment and her push for the Certificate of Gender Equity to be included in the Public Finance Management Act, 2015 can't be forgotten. She is one of the Gender Budget Champions that organizations like FOWODE who is also CSSBAG member always relied on to deliver on the gender agenda.

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Margaret Koboijana



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When he was appointed as Minister for Agriculture, most comments from the public were not as positive. To many, it was a confirmation that the Ministry of Agriculture was indeed an abandoned sector otherwise why would the President have selected him amidst very many young and energetic Ugandans. Well just to comfort those worried comrades, voters in Kisoro specifically Bufumbira South have relieved you by bringing back Hon. Sam Bitangaro

Hon. Tress Bucanayandi



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Hon. Kahinda Otafiire and Hon. Henry Kajura: formed part of the 'Dozing Crew' of Cabinet. Whenever the nation awaited for those major budget events, like State of the Nation Address and the National Budget Speech majority of Ugandans would only wait to see which dozing stunt these two would pull. Not to say they did not do a great deal for this country, however there is part of this population that is glad that voters in their areas voted for new people this time around.



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He has been voted back into Parliament and we cannot forget him together with Hon. Beatrice Kiraso who drafted the Bill that was later passed by Parliament as the Budget Act, 2001. Key to note is that it is this Budget Act that introduced the Budget Committee and Budget Office that have since been very crucial entities in increasing Parliament's ability to scrutinize the budget. Since its establishment Budget Office has been viewed by many in the region as a best practice.

Hon. Isaac Musumba



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