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## Kadaga pledges a law on Gender and Equity Budgeting

**The Speaker of Parliament Rebecca Kadaga has pledged a legislation to make sure that gender and equity budgeting becomes a law for the interest of the vulnerable people in communities.**

"As Legislators of the 10<sup>th</sup> Parliament of our country Uganda, we pledge our part by ensuring that Gender and Equity planning and Budgeting becomes a law. As we continue to serve, we commit to continuously protect the most vulnerable," stated.

Kadaga's words were contained in a speech that was read on her behalf by David Bahati, the State Minister for Planning on October 30<sup>th</sup> during Gender and Equity Awards 2019 at Imperial Royale Hotel.

According to her, promoting equal opportunities and affirmative actions through Gender and Equity Responsive Budgeting is very instrumental in achieving sustainable inclusive development world over.

"We have done before, like when we rejected repeal of section 13, 15 g(i) and g(ii) of Public Finance Management Act 2015, the very core of Gender Responsive Budgeting," said Kadaga.

### Non-Gender Responsive Budgets suspended

The speaker said has supported Finance Ministry by rejecting submission of National Budget Framework Paper and ministerial policy statement for all the time they were not accompanied by Gender and Equity certificates.

"Respective Parliamentary Committees have continued to sermon non-compliant ministries, departments and agencies in accordance to section 78 and 79 of the Public Finance Management Act among others," she stated.

Kadaga called up on all MDAs and Local Governments to double efforts in addressing the needs of our vulnerable people.

"Gender and Equity Budgeting reduces women's misappropriations share of unpaid care and domestic work as well as enhancing productivity of the economic activities and opening up new economic opportunities," said the Speaker.



Sylvia Muwebwa(holding microphone) speaks while launching Gender Responsive Budget materials on October 30<sup>th</sup> at Imperial Royale in Kampala as Julius Mukunda(extreme right) Minister Peace Mutuzo(second right) look on.Second-left is David Bahati, who represented Speaker of Parliament Rebecca Kadaga. @CSBAG

### Status of Gender and Equity Budgeting

Sylvia Muwebwa the Equal Opportunities Commission chairperson told media that Uganda standards at 61% in terms of Gender Responsive Budgeting but Government needs to up the game.

"Because we are one of different countries globally that made commitments to 17 SDGs that talk about leaving no one behind, we are not well placed, we want that mark to go up," she stated.

About the event, she said the Commission wanted to show MDAs, CSOs to come up and join the cause so that the country performs better in terms of Gender Responsive Budgeting and planning for the population.

"We want it to go up to 80% or even 100%. Before, we were looking at NDPII before it comes to an end but we didn't stop from there. As EOC, we have put all the Gender and Equity issues that we want our country address in the coming NDPIII. We have already submitted them to National Planning Authority," said Muwebwa.

### CSO's take

Julius Mukunda, the Executive Director Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group said although a lot has been Government in ensuring Gender Responsive Budgeting, a lot needs to be done.

He hailed Equal Opportunities for the awarding best Gender Responsive Budgeting MDAs and sectors, saying it will act as motivation to have others follow suit.

### Winners

During the ceremony, a number of entities, personalities scooped awards in different categories.

Awards winners included Mbarara District emerged the best in Local Government category. Kampala Capital Authority (best MDA), Works and Transport Sector (best in sector category), FOWODE(out-standing CSO), Rebecca Kadaga( out-standing personality) among others.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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Robert Kasule From PPDA making a presentation at Eureka for procurement planning and contracts management for LG training on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019. @CSBAG



Kyewalabye Majegerere Waira of Bunya East speaks during a meeting with Physical Infrastructure and Local Government Public Accounts Committee (PAC) in Mbale on October 31<sup>st</sup> 2019. @CSBAG.