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**Permanent Secretaries;**

**Head of Missions;**

**Members of the Media;**

**Distinguished Participants;**

**Ladies and Gentlemen.**

1. **I** would like to welcome you all to this event of launching the Aid management Platform (AMP). I understand you are all very busy people in your respective offices. Thank you very much for coming.
2. As you might be aware, DP support to our development agenda is quite significant close to 30% of union Government budget annually; but recording of aid information has been a challenge. To deal with this challenge both the Government and DPs decided to adopt AMP with aim of improving data recording on aid inflow to Tanzania. Since 2008 both the Union and Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar have been piloting the use of a web based database for external aid Management. The AMP system is designed to facilitate storage and dissemination of accurate information on Development Assistance provided to Tanzania.
3. The piloting phase involved the creation of the central database and training of staff at the Ministries of Finance and Economic Affairs in Tanzania Mainland and

Zanzibar. Training was also provided to staff of 5 MDAs and 14 Development Partners Agencies. I am pleased to note that all these stakeholders responded positively to the training and in entering data on aid into the AMP database. I commend you all for your cooperation.

4. I am also aware that the piloting of AMP System benefited from the technical support of the Development Gateway Foundation with the financial Support of UNDP and the Government of Switzerland. I want to thank you all for your valuable assistance.
  
5. It is encouraging to note that the pilot has been successful. At this juncture, I am tempted to mention some of the achievements during the pilot phase, including:
  - The government has trained government officials and DPs Focal Points;
  - Approximately 1,200 projects/programmes have been entered into the AMP systems;
  - Data verification and validation has been done in collaboration with the government and Development Partners.
  - Today, we are going to share the first official development assistance report produced using the AMP system. The government will be producing such reports quarterly and annually using the system.
  - A Guidance Note has been developed for MDAs and DPs to use as reference in performing their respective responsibilities in order to ensure the effective and sustainable use of the system.
  
6. After successful implementation of the pilot phase, our intention is to roll out the AMP System to all MDAs on a gradual basis consistent with available resources. The overall objective is to strengthen Government capacity to manage and

coordinate development Assistance more effectively. More specifically, the tool will facilitate achievement of the following objectives:

- i. Better capture donor assistance both on and off budget aid;
  - ii. Reporting of donor commitments, actual disbursements and projection;
  - iii. Generation of a variety of reports on demand;
  - iv. Monitoring and reporting on JAST and Paris Declaration indicators;
  - v. Enhance transparency and accountability by introducing broad access to a data repository on Development Assistance;
  - vi. Enhance Donor confidence in Government systems through transparent data recording and reporting system;
  - vii. To facilitate timely and comprehensive reporting on Development Assistance;
  - viii. To reduce duplication of effort and transaction costs associated with data collection and processing;
  - ix. To standardize reporting terminology between government and donors.
  - x. AMP will also improve accountability and trust between Government and DPs through enhanced transparency on aid data.
7. Apart from the achievement cited above, the pilot phase has also provided important lessons. One important lesson is the importance of stakeholders' active participation in entering accurate information into the AMP System. As we have noted, the positive response of the stakeholders facilitated the success of the piloting phase of the AMP system. As we prepare to roll out to all MDA's. I would like to appeal for your active involvement in inputting accurate data into the

system as well as generating and using information from the system. Only in this way, we can realize the many benefits that I have enumerated above. Without your cooperation, the AMP will not provide magic to achieve intended objectives; I trust we are all committed, let us work together towards improving our database on development assistance.

8. Let me also recognize the presence of challenges, including inadequate funding. This is likely to impede the pace of rolling out to all MDAs. Another challenge is to get every stakeholder on board. I am told some stakeholders are reluctant to input information into the AMP system. I want to encourage them to join us. In addition, there is need to ensure that only accurate data is entered into the AMP system. Otherwise, we run the risk of compromising the credibility of the system.
9. Before I conclude, I would like to appeal to our development partners to support the financing of the second phase of the implementation of the AMP system in order to enable the Government to roll out the System to all MDAs.
10. Finally, let me conclude by thanking you all once again for your kind attention. With these few remarks, I would like to declare that the Aid Management Platform is **OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED**. Thank you for listening.