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### ***Webinar to mark the International Literacy Day, 2021***

**September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021: 09:30am to 12:00pm Ugandan Time**

#### **Introduction**

Every year on 8<sup>th</sup> September, the world commemorates the International Literacy Day.

The COVID-19 pandemic second wave has spread at alarming speed, infecting millions and bringing social economic activity to a near-standstill as countries imposed tight restrictions to halt the spread of the virus. Limitations to physical interactions and movement have grossly affected service delivery especially where alternative supportive infrastructure is underdeveloped and populations/organizations cannot simply afford it.

The effects of the pandemic and its attendant measures may last many years and the world as we knew it may never be regained. Adult learning and education has not been spared as any forms of gatherings have been largely restricted across many counties affecting service delivery and movement of goods and services. Although this pandemic has been heavily viewed in the context of a global health crisis, it is worth noting that its effects have widened further to other sectors of the economy causing devastating social, economic and political crises that is bound to leave a deep scar on the global economy.

The theme for this year's ILD is “**“Literacy for a human-centered recovery: Narrowing the digital divide” with a particular focus on youth and adult literacy**”. For this year Uganda adopted the International theme as is.

### **Justification for the stakeholders' dialogue**

This stakeholders' dialogue will bring together key technocrats from different sectors and non state actors to reflect on the status of adult learning and education in Uganda over the past year. The dialogue will also highlight the need for stakeholders to realign the mode of service delivery in order to remain relevant in the delivery of adult learning and education in tune with the changing times and the future. Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the dialogue will be virtual.

### **Objectives of the stakeholder's dialogue**

- a) To share experiences among key stakeholders on technology-enabled literacy learning programmes as part of activities to mark ILD 2020
- b) To dialogue on national responses and strategies for the recovery and resilience-building beyond the pandemic
- c) To involve stakeholders in the design of most appropriate mechanisms to deliver ALE service in the face of COVID-19

### **Stakeholders**

To ensure inclusiveness and social cohesion in this dialogue, key stakeholders have been identified to represent the entire adult learning and education fraternity in discussions and deliberations on the way forward. These will include selected government ministries, departments and agencies, academia, learner associations, development partners, National Commission for UNESCO, selected Local Governments, adult literacy facilitators, Civil Society Organizations and the Private Sector

### **Timeframe**

The virtual stakeholders' dialogue is scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> September; 2021 9:00am to 12:00pm Ugandan Time. Participation is open to all

***Programme for Dialogue to mark the ILD 2021***

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
9:30am-10:00am	Preparation (zoom link test) MGLSD Participants Join-in	IT MGLSD
10:00am - 10:05am	Welcome Remarks	Moderator
10:05am - 10:15am	Introducing Key Participants	Moderator
10:15am - 10:30am	Overview of ILD 2021	Mr. Tumwesigye Everest, Commissioner Community Development and Literacy: MGLSD
10: 30 am – 10:45am	Opening remarks	Director, Gender and Community Development: MGLSD
10:45 am – 11:20am	Key note address: Literacy at the heart of a human centered recovery: Enhancing national policies and systems for narrowing the digital divide	Dr. Willy Ngaka, Dean of Students, Department of Adult and Community Education: Makerere University
11:20 am- 11 35am	Digital skills for overcoming COVID-19 disruptions to achieve lifelong learning	Ms. Imelda Kyaringabira, Principal Literacy Officer: MGLSD
11:35 am- 11: 50 am	Partnerships and financing for technology – enabled literacy programmes	Mr. Caesar Kyebakola, Country Director: DVV International
11:50 am- 12:10 pm	Reimagining future literacy teaching and learning: how technology will impact literacy programmes	Dr. Diana Nampijja: Lecturer, Makerere University
12:10 pm- 12:30 pm	Discussions (Q&A)	Moderator
12:30pm- 12:45pm	Closure	Permanent Secretary: MGLSD