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**Ministry of ICT shares Digital Uganda Vision as Partner of the 11th ICT4D Conference**

**Kampala, April 26, 2019:** The Ministry of ICT & National Guidance, a partner of the ICT4D Conference next week, will share the Digital Uganda Vision with over 800 international and regional technology and digital development experts from civil society, private and public sector.

“The Ministry is pleased to welcome the 11th Information Communications Technology for Development (ICT4D) Conference to Uganda to be held between April 30 – May 2, 2019 at Speke Resort, Munyonyo. As a country, our development agenda is hinged on how well we adopt and utilize ICT across the sectors of Government. We have consciously and deliberately invested in ICT Infrastructure and IT Systems to maximize the dividends that come with technology adoption,” says Permanent Secretary, Bagirre Vincent Waiswa.

The international multi-sector gathering offers insights from over 300 speakers on how digital innovations are being used to tackle the big challenges, such as sustainable agriculture, disaster response and resilience, health, financial inclusion, and youth engagement and unemployment.

Uganda has one of the youngest populations in the world and one quarter of the young population are either unemployed or underemployed, with rates being higher among young women and those in urban areas.

To celebrate Labour Day during the ICT4D Conference, Regional Director for Africa at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Andrew Rugege will give a keynote speech on ‘Boosting Digital Skills for Youth Employment’.

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**About the ICT4D Conference**

Led by Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Conference is co-organized by international and regional partners, including NetHope, Norwegian Refugee Council, Chemonics, DAI Global, ICRISAT, International Rescue Committee, Mercy Corps, NUDIPU, Plan International, SOS Children’s Villages, UNCDF, and World Vision, and supported by sponsors including: John Deere, Salesforce, Microsoft, Esri, DIAL, Dimagi, Dharma Platform, RTI International, Tetra Tech, Fondation Botnar, QED Group, SkyVision, Fenix International, Ecobank.

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