

**Remarks by Young Statistician (UGANDA) on the Occasion of the 5<sup>th</sup> ISibalo Conference of Young Statisticians, Pretoria, 13-16 June 2016**

***Ministerial Visit of 15 June 2016***

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Your Excellency, Honourable Minister Jeff Radebe

Statistician-General of South Africa

Program Director

Distinguished Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

I am privileged to be given few moments I have been given to speak on behalf of African young statisticians.

Minister, I represent Uganda. But I also represent my peers in this gathering from Benin, Burkina Faso, Botswana, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Lesotho, Malawi, Nigeria, Swaziland, The Gambia, Zambia and Zimbabwe,

I stand on their behalf to thank the government of the Republic of South Africa. We thank your Office, Minister, we thank the Statistician-General and we thank our fellow South African Young Statisticians. The momentum gathering to achieve Sustainable Development Goals requires new capacities, new partnerships, new technologies and a new perspective on our unity as Africans. Who better to drive this new agenda presented but us young people of this continent, us young statisticians?

For this opportunity granted to us to start taking the baton forward we are grateful. *Webale nyo webale daala, katonda akuwe omukisa.*

I thank you.

**Lillian Ayebale (Uganda)**