**Vote of Thanks by Ms. Liina Kafidi**

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HIS EXCELLENCY THE AMBASSADOR OF –

REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MINISTRY OF GENDER EQUALITY AND CHILD WELFARE

REPRESENTATIVE FROM UNFPA, UNICEF, AND UNDP

MEMBERS OF MEDIA HOUSE

COLLEAGUES,

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

It gives me a great pleasure to stand hear on behalf of NSA to express our appreciation and gratitude to you all for taking time from your busy schedule to join us in the celebration of Africa Statistics day, an important that is being celebrated in Africa. Your presence in deed signifies how you value the importance of statistics in national development.

I would specifically thank Mr Itenge for his commitment for standing in for the HON Minister and deliver her speech which highlights on the theme of the day.

To your Excellences for taking time from your busy schedule to dedicate it to this event which signifies our partnership not only with NSA or statistical development but in national developmental. We really appreciate your presence at this event.

To our development partners, UNFPA, UNDP and UNICEF, we give you special thanks gratitude for your continuous support to the development of our country and specifically for your supports in the production of these two important reports: Poverty Dynamic ad Child Poverty. Without your support we would not have the necessary capacity to produce the quality reports.

I would also like to thank all representatives from our training and research institutions, our key partners in national statistical system. We look forward to work with you as you continue to develop the required skills and human resources in statistics and more value to statistics through researches and qualitative studies.

I would also like to thank all of you who make it to this event, Marketing Link and my colleagues, the NSA team who worked hard in organizing this event and Omalaeti for making this venue available which is one attempt to make statistics accessible to the public since it is a public good.

To all of you I wish you a blessed holiday season and a happy 2013.

I thank you.