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Statement by His President Adama Barrow at the national launch of the National Development Plan of the Gambia (2018-2021) Venue: State House, Banjul Date: January 6, 2018 Your Excellency, Vice-President of Your Lordship, Honorary Speaker of the National Assembly of Honorary Ministers of the Cabinet Honorary Members of the National Assembly Members of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps Coordinator of the UN System Members of the Private Sector and Civil Society Organizations All other Ministers were observed by honorary guests of the Prime Ministers of the Cabinet Of The Honorary Members of the National Assembly members of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps Coordinator of the UN System Coordinator of the Private Sector and Civil Society Organizations. I am very pleased to chair the launch of the National Development Plan for 2018 - 2021. Today's event demonstrates my Government's commitment to projects and programmes that will help transform our country into a more progressive, dynamic and inclusive society. The success of the NDP will ensure that the Government's medium-term development aspirations are implemented. It will also contribute to the implementation of our global and regional commitments, such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the African Union Agenda (AU) for 2063. Dear guests, we all know that my government has inherited the most relevant of which is the frustration and lack of opportunities for our youth. This has led thousands of our young people to travel risky across the Mediterranean in search of a better future. Similarly, many of our capable and distinguished sons and daughters in the diaspora have been forced to live in exile because of the repressive situation that has thus prevailed, depriving the country of the vital human capital and resources necessary to ensure the economic and social transformation of our society. Since coming to power, my Government has taken many measures to address these problems. Among the measures, we worked urgently to stabilize the economy, restore public confidence in the government, strengthen democratic institutions and eliminate the energy crisis. However, I am aware that much more needs to be done and urgent. That is why I have instructed my Government to develop a new National Development Plan (NDP) to ensure greater clarity and direction of the Government' action, the participation of citizens, and our development partners, who are eager and willing to assist us. The National Development Plan 2018-2021, to be launched today, is the result of and a series of consultations and interactions with various stakeholders. Strategic orientation and At the heart of the plan are several elements, the key of which are the Manifesto of the Coalition of Political Parties, defeat the previous regime, and the government treaty agreed during the exit cabinet meeting on May 5-7, 2017. Through its eight strategic priorities and critical challenges, my Government is seeking not only to lay the foundations of a modern democratic State, but also to address the most pressing economic and social problems facing our society. This plan, based on a robust accountability system, responds to my concerns about coxing results, strong monitoring and evaluation processes, and strengthening interaction between my Government and the citizens of the country, including the diaspora. Comprehensive participation processes with thematic working groups, comprising government, civil society, private sector and development partners have been adopted in the development of the plan. Dear guests, the aim of the National Development Plan (NDP) is to ensure good governance and accountability, social cohesion and national reconciliation. It seeks to revitalize and transform the economy for the well-being of all Gambians. This objective is linked to a national vision that seeks to transform the Gambia into a country where: - All citizens enjoy the benefits of the highest standards of governance, equal before the law, and freedom of expression is fully guaranteed; The Government was fully accountable to its citizens, and the constitutional provision on the separation of powers was fully respected; Social cohesion and harmony between communities; Citizens, taking advantage of a high standard of living and access to health care, education, food, quality basic services and housing, are guaranteed to enable citizens to lead a dignified and dignified life; Women and young people are fully at their full potential; Children, the disabled and the elderly have conditions for care and upbringing; The conditions are favourable for the private sector to prosper and to create decent jobs, especially for young people; Our natural investments and their sustainability provide lasting solutions to poverty; Modern science, innovation and technology are used to stimulate human-centered development; and - there is good neighbourliness with all countries, based on our cherished values of democracy and mutual tolerance. Cooperation among all stakeholders must be strengthened if this complex but desirable vision is to be successfully achieved. On this basis, the plan adopted a comprehensive multi-sectoral approach by encouraging cross-sectoral cooperation in programme implementation. Thus, this plan aims to ensure inclusive development without leaving anyone behind, in accordance with the principles of the Sustainable Goals United Nations. Nations. Ladies and gentlemen, the plan is accompanied by a funding strategy that clearly articulates the financing mechanisms for effective implementation. Given our current economic challenges, the Government will launch an active campaign to sensitize all stakeholders in order to mobilize the necessary resources. The aim of these sensitivity campaigns is to promote the NDP by increasing stakeholders' knowledge and understanding of these issues, as well as strengthening the responsibility for successful implementation. Dear guests, ladies and gentlemen, given the popular demand to turn this country into the best socio-economic conditions, I have no doubt that we will be able to do so. With commitments and professionalism in how we manage public affairs, the results of this plan will be implemented as outlined. I call on all Gambians to make this NDP their plan, to seriously interrogate themselves about how best they could contribute to its implementation, and, most importantly, to hold us accountable when we fail, in a constructive and positive spirit of nation-building. I am convinced that the courage and determination shown by the Gambians in defeating tyranny and oppression can be successfully used to also help us overcome our problems and ensure that together we fully understand the vision and purpose of this national development plan. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the friends of the Gambia who have supported us in difficult times and continue to do so - bilateral friendly Governments and multilateral institutions. I look forward to strengthening cooperation and partnership as we move from developing a plan to full implementation. Let us work together, let us take the destiny of our great country into our own hands. Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, I am announcing the official launched National Development Plan for the Gambia for 2018-2021. I thank you all for your kind attention. The Government believes that the new Gambia is the country that maintains the highest level of governance, accountability and transparency; where social cohesion and harmony prevail between communities; Citizens have a standard of living and access to basic services so that they can lead a downhill and a dignified life; young people, women and children are fully at their full potential, and there are conditions for education and care for the vulnerable; Creating a conducive environment for our private sector to prosper; and our natural heritage is nurtured and preserved for future generations. The Government's goal is to ensure good governance and accountability, social cohesion and national reconciliation and to revitalize and transform the economy for the well-being of all Gambians. To get please download the document. Good governance and accountability, social cohesion and a revitalized and transformed economy for the well-being of all Gambians The abbreviated version of Know and Take Responsibility for Your National Development Plan (NDP) !!! On 2 December 2018, the President of the Republic of the Gambia, Adama Barrow, with great courage, determination and dignity, decided to return his country after 22 years of dictatorship. During this period, abuse of power and total disregard for our constitution, the rule of law and respect for the basic human rights of citizens were raging. This historic decision, which marked the beginning of the new Gambia, has led to a seismic shift in the trajectory of our country since independence in 1965. It marks the 100th chapter in our history and provides a new opportunity to build a modern, accountable State based on the foundations of democracy, good governance, respect for human rights, security and prosperity for all. However, it also creates new challenges that need to be urgently addressed. My Government has inherited an extremely complex legacy of a broken economy, the gross abuse and plundering of our meagre public resources, social regression, poor and dilapidated infrastructure and wide-ranging social problems, one of the most pressing of which is the frustration and lack of opportunities for our youth. The latter has prompted thousands of our young people to make the risky journey, often with tragic consequences, across the Mediterranean in search of a better future. Similarly, many of our capable and distinguished sons and daughters in the diaspora have been forced to live in exile because of the repressive environment that prevailed in this way, depriving the country of the vital human capital and resources necessary to ensure the growth and economic and social transformation of our society. 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This plan, based on a robust accountability system, responds to my concerns about ensuring that results are prepared, monitored and evaluated reliably as well as strengthening the strengthening of the government and citizens, including the diaspora. As you will see, the plan also calls for the creation of a Presidential Monitoring and Evaluation System (PMSE) that will allow me to personally monitor the implementation of the plan in some critical areas. This will complement and strengthen the sector-level monitoring and evaluation processes envisaged in the plan. If we are to realize the vision and purpose of this plan, creating a safe and stable environment, fostering strong social cohesion and security and peace are crucial. Therefore, my Government, with the assistance of the United Nations, the EU, ECOWAS and other partners, has also embarked on an active process of reforming the security sector, aimed at fully taking full control of the security services, ensuring that the structures and human resources of the forces are in line with our national security needs, and that men and women in our armed and armed forces can play a meaningful and positive role in national development. I call on all Gambians to make this NDP their plan, to seriously interrogate themselves about how best they could contribute to its implementation, and, most importantly, to hold us accountable when we fail, in a constructive and positive spirit of nation-building. 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..... His Excellency Adama Barrow President of the Republic of the Gambia Where did we come from? - The Gambia's context is on the cusp of a historic transition triggered by a pivotal event on December 2, 2016, when the Gambian people voted outside of their post of former President Jammeh, who ruled the country for 22 years. During this period, the Gambia's governance structure was characterized by a system of arbitrary one-man rule that subjugated the population with gross human rights violations, terror and serious abuses of office. Similarly, in the area of security, the armed forces do not play a role in upholding the constitution and protecting the sovereign will of Gambians. Therefore, the Government with the support of partners (United Nations, European Union and Economic Community of West African States) security sector reform aimed at engaging security services full democratic civilian control. There is a direct link between the denial of fundamental freedoms and the poor governance that existed under the previous regime on the one hand and the dire economic and social situation inherited by the new Government on the other. Fortunately, through providence the determination of the citizens of the country, the efforts of the new Government, and the assistance of the international community, that dark chapter in the history of the Gambia is being stunned. However, despite the new democratic dispensation, the country is facing a difficult socio-economic situation: (a) a stalled economy caused by several shocks: these include the poor agricultural season of 2016/17, which has drastically reduced the peanut harvest; a serious decline in tourism revenues in the traditional high season and volatile oil and commodity prices. The cumulative losses from these shocks are estimated at \$31 million, or 3 per cent of GDP. In addition, gross international reserves also decreased to US\$ 60 million, or 1.6 months, import coverage (2016). b) economic mismanagement and massive embezzlement by the previous regime: this led to further financial shocks. Since mid-2014, thefts from state-owned enterprises (STATE enterprises) have been estimated at 4 percent of GDP per year. (c) The country is in distress of its external debt: it has an unsustainable public debt of D 48 billion (1 billion U.S. dollars), or 120 percent of GDP. As a result, debt servicing consumes a huge amount of government revenue, leaving a very limited financial space to finance critical infrastructure and human capital development

