

**WELCOME REMARKS BY HON. JUDITH UWIZEYE, MINISTER OF
PUBLIC SERVICE AND LABOUR AT THE 6th EDITION OF THE
AFRICA PUBLIC SERVICE DAY CELEBRATION**

**THEME: “ENTRENCHING A CITIZEN-CENTRED SERVICE
DELIVERY CULTURE: PARTNERING WITH THE YOUTH FOR
AFRICA’S TRANSFORMATION”**

Venue : Kigali Convention Centre, June 21st-23rd, 2017

- **Your Excellency Right Honorable Prime Minister; Our Guest of Honour;**
- **Hon. Ministers ;**
- **Excellencies Ambassadors and High Commissioners here present;**
- **Her Excellency Minata Samate Cessouma, Commissioner for Political Affairs, African Union Commission,**
- **Lord Mayor of The City of Kigali and Hon. Governors of Provinces;**
- **Heads of Delegations,**
- **Hon. Members of our Parliament here present;**
- **Senior Government Officials here present;**
- **Distinguished Guests;**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen;**

1. Good Morning.

2. I would like to start by welcoming His Excellency Right Honourable Prime Minister, Our Guest of Honour.

3. Your Excellency, we are profoundly honored to have this special Day graced by your presence.

4. Thank You very much for being with us.

5. Your Excellency, allow me to also welcome and recognize in our midst a number of high level officials who are here with us.

6. These include Hon. Ministers; Excellencies Ambassadors and High Commissioners, Her Excellency Cessouma Minata Samate, AU Commissioner for Political Affairs; Heads of Delegations from African Countries, Members of Parliament; and other High Officials.

7. Allow me to request some of our distinguished Guests to stand up and greet once again this Assembly:

- **Hon. Sicily Kanini Kariuki, MP, Cabinet Secretary for Public Service, Youth and Gender Affairs, Republic of Kenya.**

Hon. Sicily Kanini Kariuki is also the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Public Service and Administration under the African Union-Specialized Technical Committee on Public Service, Local Government, Urban Development and Decentralization.

- **Hon. Nonde Joyce Chilufya (MP), Minister of Labour & Social Security, Republic of Zambia;**
- **Hon. NDOUMBOUYA BILLY NANKOUMA, Minister of Public Service, the State Reform and Modernisation of the Administration, Republic of Guinea.**
- **Hon. Adamu GOSA, Minister of State for Human Resource Development, Ministry of Public Service and Human Resource Development, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia;**
- **Hon. Karubanga David (MP), Minister of State for Public Service, Republic of Uganda;**

- **Hon. Christine Hoebes, Deputy Minister in the Office of The Prime Minister, Republic of Namibia.**

8. Thank you very much for coming.

9. Your Excellency, with your permission, I also would like to mention my Rwandan colleagues, Ministers here present:

- **Hon. Stella Ford MUGABO, Minister in charge of Cabinet Affairs;**
- **Hon. Jean Philbert NSENGIMANA, Minister of Youth and ICT.**

10. Also joining us later are :

- **Hon. Faith Muthambi, MP, Minister of Public Service and Administration, Republic of South Africa; who will be joining us tomorrow; and**
- **Hon. Hamdi Jalil Aali, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the the Sahrawi who is arriving Today evening.**

11. Allow me also to thank each and every one here present.

12. It is our great pleasure to see so many of you here with us.

- **Your Excellency Right Hon. Prime Minister;**
- **Excellencies;**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen**

13. Rwanda is hosting for the first time the Africa Public Service Day (APSD).

14. This 6th Edition of the Africa Public Service Day is being celebrated under the Theme of “Entrenching a Citizen-Centred Service Delivery Culture: Partnering with the Youth for Africa’s Transformation”.

15. The Africa Public Service Day is also celebrated every two (2) years at the continental level and hosted by one of the Member Countries.

16. Our celebration here is already part of a big picture of coinciding celebrations. Indeed, there are already celebrations going-on at national level in fellow African Countries. The UN is also celebrating the UN Public Service Day on 23rd June this year in the Netherlands. This shows the importance of public services.

17. Previously, in 2015, the Africa Public Service Day at the continental level was celebrated in the Republic of Congo, in Brazzaville.

- ***Your Excellency Right Hon. Prime Minister;***
- ***Excellencies;***
- ***Ladies and Gentlemen;***

18. This celebration gives us yet another opportunity to devise ways of ensuring meaningful engagement of our youth, ensuring that the Youth serve their critical role in Africa's transformation.

- ***Your Excellency Right Hon. Prime Minister***
- ***Excellencies;***
- ***Ladies and Gentlemen;***

19. Allow me to take this opportunity to thank once again our Partners who have spared no efforts in organizing this day. The unwavering support of the AU, AU Members States here present and different Public and Private Institutions has been invaluable.

20. We are sure that through our continued joint efforts and commitment, we can and will do more together to improve our public services and partner with the Youth for Africa's transformation.

21. As I conclude, I would like to thank once again everyone here present, for being with us. This is the sign of African brotherhood and sisterhood.

22. I also want to use this opportunity to encourage all participants to visit exhibitions that are taking place as part of this great celebration of the Africa Public Service Day.

23. With these few remarks, I want to humbly request Your Excellency, Right Hon. Prime Minister to come forward, deliver the keynote Address and officially open for us the 6th Edition of the Africa Public Service Day Celebration, in Kigali, Rwanda.

24. Thank You, Your Excellency.

25. Thank you everyone for your attention.
