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Enhancing Uganda's Business Environment: Learning Event on Governance and Anti-Corruption Initiatives.

Kampala, Uganda – In collaboration with the Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSFU), and with funding from the European Union, Enabel is excited to announce a learning event aimed at advancing Uganda's business landscape through robust governance and anti-corruption efforts. This event is scheduled for 8/8/2024 and will unite key stakeholders to review the successes and lessons learned from the four-year Skills, Attitude, Governance, and Anti-Corruption (SG+) project, which commenced in November 2020 and concludes in December 2024.

The SG+ project focuses on creating a favourable business environment in Uganda. The project operates through two main components: the Work Readiness Programme, which includes a stipend scheme, and the Governance and Anti-Corruption (GAC) initiative. The GAC component specifically aims to enhance practices, promote evidence-based dialogue, and foster advocacy in both the public and private sectors to tackle corruption effectively. Over the past three years, the GAC component has concentrated on four key areas:

1. Boosting the public e-procurement capabilities of private sector companies.
2. Promoting digitalization and data integration among institutions to combat corruption.
3. Strengthening corporate governance mechanisms, including the introduction of awards.
4. Establishing corruption reporting mechanisms to support advocacy and public-private sector dialogue on corruption.

Notable achievements include; enhancing capacity of over 400 private sector companies on utilising the piloted Electronic Government Procurement system in public procurement, educating more than 180 private sector leaders on data integration and e-government services, raising awareness on anti-bribery and anti-corruption tools among over 120 businesses, and mentoring 35 private sector entities to integrate these practices into their daily operations. Furthermore, PSFU's Corruption Reporting Facility (CRF) has enabled the anonymous reporting of 157 corruption cases by the end of May 2024.

The learning event aims to create a platform for knowledge exchange and collaboration among key stakeholders. Participants will include representatives from ICT, construction, agro-processing, manufacturing, and tourism companies, PSFU member organizations, the Sustainable Business for Uganda (SB4U) Governance and Anti-Corruption Technical Working Group. Also present will be strategic partners like the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Authority (PPDA) and the National Information Technology Authority-Uganda (NITA-U), civil society, and guests from the EU Delegation, the Belgian Embassy, and the Office of the Inspector General of Government. The event will focus on sharing experiences and lessons from the GAC component, highlighting achievements across its four result areas, while exploring strategies to ensure the sustainability of these initiatives

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