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**WELCOME REMARKS
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EVENT: Fellows Orientation, Research Methodology
and Report Writing Skills Workshop

VENUE: Galaxy Hotel, Kigali Rwanda

DATE: Monday 7th September 2015

- Guest of Honour, Prof. Thomas Kigabo, Chief Economist, National Bank of Rwanda,
- Resource Persons,
- Distinguished Participants,
- Ladies and Gentlemen.

I take the opportunity to thank the Guest of Honour for accepting to open this workshop. It is a great pleasure and honour for me to welcome you distinguished resource persons and participants to this important workshop.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the Candidate Fellows upon being selected to join the Fellows Programme following a rigorous and very competitive recruitment process that was held in Harare, Zimbabwe in July this year.

I have no doubt that you all have the potential and will apply yourselves while on the Programme to join MEFMI's pool of experts in your various areas of specialisation.

In a special way, I welcome the MEFMI Staff who are joining the Fellows Development Programme. This is the first time that MEFMI is enrolling staff members on the Programme.

The objective of this workshop is to orient our 9th in-take of Candidate Fellows, and impart knowledge and skills required to effectively conduct research and write a quality technical paper.

In addition, the workshop is also meant to provide a platform for the Fellows to interact and share experiences

as professionals in macroeconomic and financial management.

I acknowledge the great hospitality we continue to receive from the Government of Rwanda, through the two Client Institutions: Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, and the National Bank of Rwanda. The presence of the Chief Economist, Mr. Thomas Kigabo to officiate at this event, demonstrates the great commitment of the Bank towards the success of MEFMI.

I will elaborate more about the Fellows Development Programme during the next session.

I thank the resource persons for accepting to facilitate this workshop with MEFMI.

I also thank our client institutions for their assistance in organising this event and releasing you to attend the workshop.

At this point, I invite our guest of honour, Mr. Thomas Kigabo, Chief Economist, National Bank of Rwanda, to make his remarks and open the workshop.

I THANK YOU.