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The Auditor-General, presents at the launch of the Public Finance Mentorship Program webinar (Wednesday 25 August 2021)

The Auditor-General, Mr Ajay Nand was invited as a panellist to present at the Launch of UNDP's Webinar on Public Finance Mentorship Program held on Wednesday, 25 August 2021.

Mr Nand thanked the European Union and UNDP for the excellent work being done in building public finance management capacities in the region.

The theme of the webinar is 'Make it Public – Finance: almost experts' and has been especially organised in an effort to open the space for Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to interact to enhance external oversight for greater transparency and accountability.

The Auditor-General in his speech mentioned that while OAG's relationship with the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, development partners and clients are clear and well established due to regular interaction. He believes that, relationship with civil society can be significantly improved, going forward.

Mr Nand shared that plans are being made to convene a face to face workshop to bring all our stakeholders together to strengthen our partnerships.

In the lead up to the workshop, UNDP is supporting OAG to prepare Citizens Audit Report which will simplify our reports to be easily understood by the people.

The Auditor-General also highlighted plans with UNDP in further strengthening OAG's Stakeholder Engagement. He said "plans are in place to convene a face to face workshop later this year to bring all our stakeholders together to strengthen our partnership".

The A-G also shared that UNDP is supporting the OAG to prepare a Citizens Audit Report that will simplify audit reports to be easily understood by the people. He thanked the UNDP for all their support.

OAG is also working towards adding a training module on the Work of the Auditor General as part of the Public Finance Management Online training currently offered by the UNDP Public Finance Management Project. This initiative is expected to begin soon.

The Auditor-General stated that the enthusiasm shown by the civil society organisations to learn public finance management from the experts and simplify this very technical topic for the citizens is commended.

Mr Nand also participated in a panel discussion on the webinar.

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