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PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA



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# Dear Reader,

I once again have the pleasure to present to you another edition of our monthly e-magazine, The Presidency, for the month of July.

I acknowledge the immense excitement with which the first edition was received. I received diverse feedback from friends, supporters of the President and the general public, who were excited by the idea of a monthly magazine. The feedback was mainly in form of proposals on how best we can improve the magazine, to make the information simpler and easier for the reader to process.

Some of the ideas have been incorporated in this edition, while the rest will be considered in the subsequent editions. The magazine remains a work-in-progress tool for our interaction.

As I pointed out in the inaugural edition, the magazine aims at bringing the presidency including office and residence of the President of the Republic of Uganda, closer to the public. We look at the major engagements of the President that are of public interest and bring you the highlights.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the President's schedule has remained largely office based between State House, Entebbe and Nakasero State Lodge. As the Country's champion in the fight against COVID-19, the President has avoided field activities in order to prevent public gatherings of his supporters. However, his desk remains very busy. During the month of July, the President addressed a couple of international meetings, hosted Kenya's deputy President, appointed new civil service leaders among other key engagements.

Lastly, in every edition, we shall provide a link to the President's major speech of the month. In this edition, we will share the link to the President's national address on COVID-19 of 30th July, 2021.

I now have the pleasure to present to you the second edition of The Presidency.



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# Quote of the Month

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*“Here we managed to defeat Amin because we worked with Mzee Julius Nyerere of Tanzania and some of the liberation movements were able to fight and defeat the whites because they fought together”*



President YK. Museveni, 30th July 2021,  
Marking the 59th Anniversary of the Pan African Women



# 6th JULY, 2021

## President Museveni addresses UN Food Summit

H.E. the President called on the United Nations to consider the issue of free access to markets and free movement of goods instead of controls adding that the one who produces more efficiently be supported to supply to others to promote specialization.

The President had been addressing a virtual UN Food Systems PreSummit hosted by Malawian President Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera at the request of the UN Secretary General Antonia Guterres.

“The issue of food security is very, very important. Man was able to stabilize his life more than ten thousand years ago when he learnt how to domesticate animals and also domesticate crops. That is how people were able to have a stable life. It is a shame to hear that even today some people in the world don’t have food. This is not acceptable,” he said.

The summit was held under the theme; **“Transforming food systems is crucial for delivering all the sustainable developments goals”**.

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The virtual meeting was attended by among others the Presidents of Mozambique H.E Filipe Jacinto Nusi, Zimbabwe H.E Emmerson Mnangagwa, Ghana H.E Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Akufo, Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) Prof. George Kanyama-Phiri, the UN Secretary General Special Envoy and President AGRA, Dr. Agnes Kalibata and representatives from various African countries.



*President Museveni addressing the virtual summit July 6, 2021*



# 6th JULY, 2021

## President Museveni and Kenya Deputy President William Ruto launch construction works for mRNA Vaccine Manufacturing Facility at Matuga - Wakiso District

H.E President said Africa's pathogenic economy, which offers huge economic opportunities, is being taken advantage off by others and Africa is totally absent.

The President who was accompanied by Kenya's Deputy President William Ruto was on 6th July, 2021, laying a foundation stone for the multibillion Biological Drugs and mRNA Vaccine Manufacturing Facility at Matuga - Wakiso District. The ceremony was held under the theme, **"Making Africa self-sustaining in Health care, a Giant Leap'.**

"One of the things they were looking for was the green monkey cells which can grow well for the virus like corona. My people have been looking for them but they were nowhere even in South Africa, Morocco, Egypt nothing. They had to go somewhere. Other people had taken them and multiplied them. We have them now. It is going to be the first time these cells are being used in a laboratory in Africa to multiply the virus for the vaccines.

The President welcomed Kenya's Deputy President William Ruto whom he described as 'a very committed East African' for working with the Equity Bank to secure funding for the project.

Kenya Deputy President William Ruto said he was representing East Africans living in Kenya as a demonstration of brotherhood of East African nations.

Ruto said the investment is significant in three fundamentals ways including that; Magoola, who is the brain behind this great multibillion investment, is an East African and a Ugandan.



*President Museveni and Kenya Deputy President William Ruto launch construction works for mRNA Vaccine Manufacturing Facility at Matuga - Wakiso District*

*“Ordinarily, investments of this magnitude have white faces. Ordinarily it is people from Europe and America who engage in these investments. Congratulations to Magoola. We are proud of you as an East African that the language you are speaking of billions of dollars, we are domesticating it in our continent.*

*H.E William Ruto*

# 7th July, 2021

## Commemoration of African Integration Day

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# 8th July, 2021

## President Museveni swears in new cabinet ministers

H.E. the President presided over the swearing ceremony of the 15 ministers who missed out in June. “And terrorists, I am warning you, don’t run. If we come, surrender! If you try to run, you are dead. You have been looking for trouble but now you are going to get it. You have been killing our people, but now you are going to die. Your only way out is to surrender,” a tough-talking President Museveni, straight facing cameras said on 8th July, 2021, announcing a series of measures that are aimed at nipping the reemerging security threats in Kampala and Karamoja regions.

President Museveni was the Chief Guest at the swearing in ceremony of the 15 ministers who missed out in June. After congratulating the ministers upon their swearing in, the President immediately updated the country on the COVID-19 situation and also briefed it on the prevailing security situation in Kampala and Karamoja before announcing that government is going to intensify the use of technology to deal with urban crime.

“We are going to intensify these technological means like putting digital monitors in every car and piki piki, if you try to remove them, we will see you and go after you,” he said.

The President said previously the country was faced with terrorists such as Kony in the north, ADF in the Rwenzori region who were attacking people but were defeated after the army developed capacity to defeat them in forests and mountains.

According to the President, four years ago however, urban terrorism emerged and started a new way, especially the ADF of planting bombs and they were still defeated.

President Museveni said he is talking with our regional friends about the ADF group linked to ADF in Congo.

“In Karamoja also, cattle rustlers are making trouble. Cattle rustlers stop! We are organizing the army and we shall come for you. Stop! Stop! Stop! he said.

The President said they are going to launch a very serious offensive in Karamoja and those involved will regret why they are doing what they are doing.

On the issue of Social Media, President Museveni said security services should quickly investigate and follow up individuals who peddle false news on social media.



*President Museveni addressing newly sworn-in ministers  
at Kololo Ceremonial Grounds*



# 9th July, 2021

## President Museveni flags off Uganda's Olympic team to Japan

H.E. the President flagged off Uganda's Olympic and Paralympic teams to Japan with a caution to stay disciplined and guard against the Corona virus that is ravaging the world and had already affected the first contingent of Ugandans who arrived in Japan.

"Don't waste your chance now with indiscipline. Preserve yourselves and develop. This corona is really a test. The problem is not the virus, it is ourselves. People who don't listen to guidelines carry around the virus. You people, apart from being careful in life, be careful about Corona," President Museveni said shortly before flagging off the teams at a ceremony held at Kololo Ceremonial Grounds on 9th July, 2021.

Two members of the Uganda nine-member team tested positive in June upon arrival in Japan. The team had travelled earlier to acclimatize in the Japanese city of Izumisano.

The Olympics were postponed for the first time in their history last year as a result of the pandemic and kicked off on 23rd July, 2021 despite a fresh wave of cases in Japan. "I was told they were tested many times but allowed to mix with others after Kapchorwa. You are now in strict quarantine. Don't mix with anybody. You are fully vaccinated, but you can be infected with new clans of the viruses. Watch out," the President said.

The President who was accompanied by the First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports Janet Kataaha Museveni congratulated the team upon their qualification to the games and advised them

to stay true to their skills outlining 8 points which he said are important for any sports person including talent identification, developing fitness (including good nutrition and training), discipline (by avoiding alcohol, 'woman'isation and 'man'isation), perseverance and a noble spirit (not envious or mean).

The First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports Janet Kataaha Museveni said the flagging-off of the national team to the Olympic Games does not necessarily mean that the COVID-19 pandemic is no more.

“Our son Joshua Cheptegei broke and set two world records during this pandemic making us so proud as a country. Therefore, as you carry our national flag high at the Olympic Games, you are reflecting the light and voice of hope that is within you and the society you represent. That voice of hope that says to us, “Do not give up.” That voice of hope that urges us to maintain a persistent focus to overcome the limitations around us and within us,” said the First Lady.



*President Museveni hands over the National flag to the National Olympic Team. Looking on is First Lady, Janet K. Museveni.*

# 15th July, 2021

## President Museveni appoints new Head of Public Service, IGG, Permanent Secretaries and other leaders.

H.E. the President appointed Mrs. Lucy Nakyobe Mbonye as the new Head of Public Service, replacing long serving John Mitala, who becomes Senior Presidential Advisor on Public Service. Nakyobe was replaced by Jane Barekye, as State House Comptroller. The former Minister for Lands, Housing and Urban Development, Mrs. Beti Kamya was appointed the new Inspector General of Government. The former Deputy IGG, Ms. Mariam Wangadya, was appointed the new Chairperson of Uganda Human Rights Commission.

The President also appointed new Permanent Secretaries as listed below;

- Head of Public Service and Secretary to Cabinet - **Lucy Nakyobe**
- Deputy Head of Public Service and Secretary to Cabinet - **Deborah Katuramu**
- State House Comptroller - **Jane Barekye**
- Principal Private Secretary to the President - **Dr. Kenneth Omona**
- Principal Private Secretary to H.E. The Vice President - **Alex Kakooza**
- Office of the Prime Minister - **Keith Muhakanizi**
- Office of the President - **Yunus Kakande**
- Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries - **David Kyomukama Kasura (Maj. Gen.)**

- Ministry of Defence and Veteran Affairs - **Rosette Byengoma**
- Ministry of Education and Sports - **Kate Lamaro**
- Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development - **Batebe Irene**
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs - **Vincent Bagiire**
- Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development - **Ramathan Ggobi**
- Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development - **Aggrey Kibenge**
- Ministry of Health - **Dr. Diana Atwiine**
- Ministry of Internal Affairs - **Joseph Musanyufu (Lt. Gen)**
- Ministry of Information, Communication, Technology National Guidance - **Dr. Amina Zawedde**
- Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs - **Robert Kasande**
- Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development - **Dorcas Okalany**
- Ministry of Local Government - **Benjamin Kumumanya**
- Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives - **Geraldine Ssali**
- Ministry of Public Service - **Catherine Bitarakwaate**
- Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities - **Doreen Katusiime**
- Ministry of Water and Environment - **Alfred Okidi**
- Ministry of Works and Transport - **Bageya Waiswa**
- Secretary to the Judiciary - **Pius Bigirimana**
- Health Service Commission - **Mary T. Wenene**
- Public Service Commission - **Dr. Godfrey Mbabazi**

- Judicial Service Commission - **Dr. Nassali Lukwago**
- Ministry of Science, Technology and innovation - **Abolished and retired**
- Ministry of East African Community Affairs - **Edith Mwanje**
- Ethics and Integrity - **Alex O. Okello**
- Clerk to Parliament - **Hon. Adolf Mwesige**
- Inspectorate of Government - **Kafeero Rose**
- Education Service Commission - **Dr. Asuman Lukwago**

## **PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORS**

- **John Mitala** - Senior Presidential Advisor, Public Service
- **Mary Karoro Okurut** - Senior Presidential Advisor, Public Relations
- **Odrek Rwabwogo** - Senior Presidential Advisor, General Duties
- **Florence Nakiwala Kiyingi** - Senior Presidential Advisor, Gender and Youth Affairs
- **Adonia Ayebare** - Special Envoy and Ambassador to the United Nations



# 16th July, 2021

## President Museveni chairs NRM Parliamentary Caucus meeting

H.E. the President said Ugandans vote for the NRM party because it has for many years, been known for providing security to the country.

Speaking at the party Parliament Caucus meeting held at Kololo ceremonial Grounds on 16th July, 2021, the President assured the country that his government would work tirelessly to ensure that life and property for all continues to be protected.

He underscored efforts by government to install security cameras around the country which he said helps security agencies to track criminals. He said this would be followed by the installation of security trackers in all vehicles and motorcycles.

“One of the people’s needs is security and other one is infrastructure. Infrastructure has helped us economically, security wise and also politically. The other need that you as leaders should address is education of the children of the poor, health and theft of drugs in the health centres. You have seen how my monitoring unit has been arresting people stealing drugs from health units. Nurses and doctors are corrupt. You as Members of Parliament should take interest in your health centres. Go and check, that is what you are supposed to do as leaders,” he said.

The President told the MPs that the country will only address the issue of jobs for the youth through wealth creation. He retold the story of Nyakana who he introduced to the MPs during their retreat at the National Leadership Institute, Kyankwanzi in May.

He reminded them about how Nyakana and the wife were not employed until they took his advice. Since then Nyakana and his wife employ 15 people on just an acre of land.

During the meeting, the party held elections to replace the late Hon Mathias Kasamba as one of Uganda's representative in the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA). Hon James Kakooza emerged victorious with 93 votes, beating former State Minister for Tourism Hon Godfrey Kiwanda Ssuubi who got 85 votes whereas Mr Abbas Mutumba got 54 votes.

The meeting also voted four members to the NRM Caucus executive including Herbert Kinobere as Vice chairperson, Lilian Aber as General Secretary, Nakut Faith as Treasurer and Brandon Kintu as Publicity Secretary.



*President Museveni and NRM Chief Whip (blue jacket) pose for a photo with the newly elected NRM caucus Executive at Kololo 17th July, 2021*

# 17th July, 2021

## Meeting the Busoga University Steering Committee

President Museveni met the committee on Government takeover of former Busoga University that included former Speaker of Parliament and Minister for East African Affairs Rt. Hon. Rebecca Kadaga, Dr. John Chrysostom Musingo, the Minister of State for Higher Education, Bishop His Grace Bishop Samuel Stephen Kaziimba Mugalu and Protestant Bishops. The meeting was also attended by the First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports Janet Kataaha Museveni.

Busoga diocese agreed to hand over Busoga University and its assets to government as a public institution after a series of meetings that will now see government take over its 15bn shillings loan, all university land without any encumbrances and the court case withdrawn without any costs to both parties.

The President had sought assurances that the takeover was on condition that the land was free in perpetuity and that the debts were legal.

Busoga University was founded by Busoga Diocese in 1998 with its headquarters in Iganga District. However, in 2017, the National Council for Higher Education revoked its license following allegations of having unqualified students and lecturers and running illegal study centres and unaccredited courses.

“We must solve a few issues. We must get the land free, in perpetuity. I don’t want to hassle. Give us the land so that it is government land. We don’t want to buy or rent, because there is no reason to do that. Secondly, there were some debts which of course we shall pay if they are legitimate debts,” the President said.

Prior, President Museveni said the NRM policy was to have a public university in the original 18 colonial zones of Uganda, adding,





*President Museveni and First Lady, Janet Museveni, posing for a photo with the steering committee of Busoga University*

the issue of a public university started slowly with Mbarara and it became popular. Mengo zone was covered by Makerere and Kyambogo, Ankole by Mbarara, Kigezi, Tooro by taking over Mountains of the Moon, West Nile – by building Muni University, Acholi by building a new university at Gulu, Lango by building Lira University, Teso, Bukedi etc.

“In Busoga we are going to build a public university there. We have started with Namasagali. As we were planning that, the idea of taking over this private university was started by people there. I have no problem with that,” he said.

“We want to have a Marines Institute. When we want to train marine people, they go to Dar es Salaam in Tanzania or Mombasa in Kenya. I want Namasagali to concentrate on Marines training. The other campuses, we shall develop courses which we know are marketable. If we have agreed on land, audited debts and removed the case, all issues are now settled,” he said.

# 21st July, 2021

## President meets Workers' Representatives

H.E. the President met Workers' representatives including Peter Werikhe, Usher Owere, Charles Bakabulindi and COFTU representative Dr. Sam Lyomoki said while they had agreed with the NSSF that only workers who are 45 years and have saved for ten years (45 years and 10 years' savings) be allowed mid-term access of 20 percent of their savings, they were shocked to learn that the wording had changed to (45 years or 10 years' savings). The meeting was also attended by representatives from the Ministry of Finance led by the Minister Matia Kasaijja, the MD of NSSF Richard Byarugaba members of NOTU and COFTU.

Conflicting information and change in wording regarding the National Social Security (Amendment) bill forced the President to push a major decision on the workers' mid-term access to their savings for another two weeks.

"Let us give ourselves two weeks and conclusively solve this matter. I want to be clear with the figures. I am going to do my own research. Let us meet on August 4th," the President said.

The President said he wants to do more research on the figures after the Workers' representative said Shs 800bn was needed for the mid-term access while NSSFs Byarugaba said they may need up to Shs 3trillion shillings.

Prior NSSF MD Byarugaba had said the total fund now stands at Shs 15 trillion and that each worker saves for between 25 – 30 years and earns 150million shillings. He said if they access their savings now, they lose up to 30 million shillings in 20 years. He also said the fund would lose money because it would offer securities at a discount in a fire-sale.

NSSF is a government agency responsible for the collection, safekeeping, responsible investment and distribution of retirement funds from employees in the private sector who are not covered by the government retirement scheme.



# 21st July, 2021

## Meeting with the Uganda Retirement Benefits Regulation Authority

H.E. the President vowed to sort out the issue of pension fund regulation after it emerged that the Ministry of Finance is using NSSF funds to manage the Uganda Retirement Benefits Regulatory Authority (URBRA).

“They set up an authority to regulate private pension schemes and it is the workers funding it? A regulator comes in because of private saving schemes. I rejected that idea,” the President said. He said while the idea of regulation for private schemes is good, it must not be done with workers’ money.

The Minister of Finance Matia Kasaijja said the President rejected the idea, but Parliament enacted it into law. “We may have to look at the law again” he said.

Patrick Ocailap, the Deputy Secretary to the Treasury in the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development also informed him that there are over 120 schemes including the NSSF. He said the Authority is like Bank of Uganda which supervises other banks.

“The law must start with logic! Why workers’ money? Why can’t a department of government do it? Bank of Uganda Supervises money makers but this is workers’ money. I don’t see why we need a regulator. If private yes, but not NSSF! We shall study it and perhaps do away with regulation and have a department,” he said.



In 2015, President Museveni rejected proposals by the Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic development for the Retirement Benefits Sector Liberations Bill which if passed would put an end to the monopoly of NSSF. He said splitting the management of workers' savings would hamper the enhancement of its value. "Having one player is advantageous in a way because you have huge sum of money available for projects."

The Uganda Retirement Benefits Regulatory Authority (URBRA) is a government-owned, semi-autonomous agency responsible for regulating, licensing, supervising, and controlling the retirement sector in Uganda, the third-largest economy in the East African Community.

URBRA was established by an Act of Parliament of Uganda in 2011. The agency is under the Uganda Ministry of Finance and Economic Development but is semi-autonomous, with a governing board and a management team led by an executive director as the chief executive officer.

When URBRA was established, it was anticipated that new retirement benefits managers would be licensed and the sector would be liberalized and improved, with more choices and new retirement products introduced.

# 21st July, 2021

## President Museveni meets KCCA & METU bus industries

H.E. the President met the Executive Director of KCCA and the Managing Director of METU bus industries to finalise the plan to roll out buses in Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area (GKMA).

“The idea of producing buses and trains in Kampala is to lessen the crowds and reduce piki piki. Katabazi says if you give me concession to operate Kampala Services, I fabricate and operate here. KCCA doesn’t have to incur costs. He will recover his costs through operations. This will address the issue of too many small operations at zero budget for government,” the President said.

The President in a final push to get the project off the ground after three years of bureaucratic red-tape that threatened to sabotage it summoned all stakeholders including the Vice President H.E Jessica Alupo, the Attorney General Kiryowa Kiwanuka, Minister for General Duties in the Office of the Prime Minister Kasule Lumumba, the Minister of Finance Matia Kasaija, Minister for Investment Evelyne Anite, the Minister for Kampala Minsa Kabanda, KCCA Executive Director Dorothy Kisaaka and the METU Bus Industries proprietor Metu Katabazi to address the matter.

The Minister of Finance Matia Kasaija said the project delayed because they were waiting for KCCA to work on the roads which are narrow and may inconvenience or cause accidents.

“Projects go hand in hand. We had to work on the roads and widen them for the buses to open. If roads are too narrow, it may cause inconveniences and cause accidents. I also wrote to the bank to

inform them that the US\$12million that was meant for importing buses should be added on the roads,” the Minister said.

“What I will not accept are contracts that make you import buses. There is no way somebody can tell me that peripheral roads more important than factories. How can a planner equate productive capacity with a road especially manufacture of automobiles,” he said, adding that in the 60s, the Kabandole bus services were moving around Kampala and neighbouring areas.



*The President waves to Ministers, Heads of Government Agencies and METU proprietors after a meeting at State House, Entebbe*

# 23rd July, 2021

## President passes out counter-terrorism soldiers

The President presided over the pass-out of 171 counter terrorism warriors under the Chieftaincy of Military Intelligence who have been undergoing training in combating terrorism, violent extremism, cyber threats, politically motivated violence and threats that transcend borders. The officers are trained in build-up areas in the air, under very strenuous circumstances using both small arms and heavy weapons at short and long distances.

A fast-paced, nail-biting military drill by the newly graduated counter-terrorism officers of the School of Military Intelligence and Security in Nakasongola was the climax of months of rigorous mental and physical training, described by President Yoweri Museveni, the Commander in Chief as 'Being sure of Yourself' in combat.

The young warriors dry-practiced 8 action-packed drills during which they would respond instinctively and without delay to enemy fire while running, crawling, jumping and shooting at targets set at 25 metres, 50 metres and 100 metres and neutralising them in seconds. They also included use of choppers in VIP protection and terrorism and enemy capture in hostage situations.

"It's a good beginning for you, don't lose this chance. One element about fighting is to be sure of yourself. When you are confident of yourself, you can handle any combat situation. I congratulate you upon completing this very difficult course," he said.



The President said in this kind of combat training you need three things; How to effectively use your weapon; How to use cover to protect yourself in buildings and trenches and using instinct and speed with the emphasis on marksmanship and ability to take cover.

President Museveni who had prior broken ground for the construction of the Military Intelligence and Security school that is estimated to cost Shs 40bn, commended Major General Abel Kandiho the in-charge Chieftaincy of Military Intelligence (CMI) for ensuring that the training is done by local trainers from the UPDF which has built that capacity and pledged to build the military school to a full professional institution.

Gen. Kandiho said this is the first intake to be trained exclusively by UPDFs own professionals.

“This course is a careful but deliberate effort to build the army to focus on the terrorism that is facing the world today. It comes at a critical time when the country is facing multifaceted threats of terrorism. We must prepare to effectively deal with this,” he said, urging government to quickly build a permanent school of military intelligence and security at SOMI at Mijeera in Nakasongola where they have over 2.5 Sq miles of land.

The Chief of Defence Forces Gen. Wilson Mbadi said the completion of the training by the elite force is part of building a professional army that is modern, effective and efficient to contribute to regional peace.



*President Museveni gesturing to Chief of Defence Forces ,CMI chief, at the School of Military Intelligence and Security, Nakasongola*

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# 27th July, 2021

## Letters of credence from the new Chinese Ambassador to Uganda

H.E. the President received letters of credence from the new Chinese Ambassador to Uganda, Zhang Lizhong, at State House Entebbe.

President Yoweri Museveni hailed the excellent relationship between Uganda and China especially the support extended to Uganda in various economic fields.

“We have had a very good relationship with China for a very long time. We are grateful for the support China has given to us; the stadium, soft loans, and other programs and projects. We are now looking at the Standard Gauge Railway,” he said.

During a meeting with Ambassador Zhang Lizhong, the President said that Uganda is looking forward to scientific cooperation with China in the development of the COVID-19 vaccines.

President Museveni also noted that the economic rise of China should be an opportunity for more cooperation including business.

Ambassador Zhang Lizhong thanked President Museveni for the warm message sent to his counterpart President Xi-Jinping and the people of China upon the centenary celebrations of CPC.

“We appreciate your message and I want to take this opportunity to convey good wishes and best regards to Your Excellency and also wish greater progress to your national development and your string leadership,” Zhang said.

He said that China will continue to support the economic transformation and industrialisation of Uganda, and will encourage more Chinese investors to come and do business in Uganda as the investment environment and security are very conducive.

He promised to work closely with developing countries on vaccine research and production also disclosed that the 300,000 COVID-19 vaccines promised early this year by his government would be in Uganda on Saturday the 31st of July, and pledged to lobby for more vaccines for Uganda.



*New Ambassador of China to Uganda, H.E. Zhang Lizhong, presents his letters of credence to President Museveni at State House, Entebbe 27th July, 2021*



# 27th July, 2021

## Letters of credence from the new UN Resident Coordinator to Uganda

H.E. the President welcomed the new UN Resident coordinator to Uganda, Ms. Susan Ngongi Namondo, with whom they discussed issues of mutual interest between Uganda and the United Nations particularly environmental conservation and refugees.

“One area you can look at is the environment. This part of the world is very fertile, with a lot of water and nice climate. When Europeans came, they said we had too much rain and water in swamps and started planting water-drying species. A culture some of our people inherited by cultivating in the wetlands. Now we want to reverse that,” the President said.

The President said in some cases, they may have to pay compensation for people who were misled by governments to leave the swamps while those who willingly invaded wetlands would be chased out.

“These swamps are tributaries of the Nile but with aquatic species. For those misled by Governments and colonialists, we shall have to compensate them but those who intentionally invaded swamps and forests, we shall just chase them but we shall not take them to prison, but no compensation. Once we bring back full nature, it is very fertile and can support big part of Africa in terms of food and raw materials, we want to stop this sacrilege,” he said.

The President also singled out the issue of refugees in relation to land, relief, alternative energy and education.



“We have got 1.6million refugees whom you are feeding but they are really cutting our trees. UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres came and organized fundraising and got money for one or two roads in refugee areas which is good but work on another form of energy other than biomass. We can work with our people about alternative energy like biogas,” he said.

The President said if refugees get relief and the issue of energy, which is not depending on trees, is solved and provision of water and education for their children, they will be happy and not cause any deficit. He also urged the UN to have a policy of pre-fabricated shelter to avoid use of trees.

Ms. Susan Namondo from Cameroon on her part pledged to work for the continued support from the UN to Uganda especially in achieving the country’s SDGs.

“My job here is to work with all colleagues and see how to support your development plans,” she said.



*New UN Resident Coordinator to Uganda, H.E. Susan Ngongi Namondo, presents her letters of credence to President Museveni at State House, Entebbe*

# 28th July, 2021

## President Museveni swears in new ministers

H.E. the President cautioned the incoming Cabinet Ministers that this kisanjja (term) is not for “talking” and emphasized that resolving the issue of getting the 39% of the population out of subsistence farming to a money economy in order to achieve the social economic transformation of the population in the country is key in this term of office.

The President was today presiding over the swearing-in of the last batch of Ministers including Hon. Wilson Muruli Mukasa Minister of Public Service, Hon. Sam Mangusho Cheptoris, Minister of Water and Environment and Hon. Kyakulaga Fred Bwino Minister of State for Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries in charge of Agriculture. The oaths were administered by Ms. Deborah Katuramu, the Deputy Head of Public Service and Deputy Secretary to Cabinet.

“This kisanjja (term) is not for talking. I congratulate all the ministers for being elected. Two went through elections, Cheptoris and Kyakulaga while for Muruli Mukasa we agreed,” he said.

The President urged cohesion in the new cabinet in order to implement the programmes of NRM government enthusiastically adding that corruption must not be entertained.

He also called on them to lay emphasis on the integration of East Africa Community so that the issue of the market for Ugandan products can to be resolved.

This is the last group of Ministers to be sworn in before the President, the first one having been sworn in on Monday 21st June 2021 and 8th July, 2021 respectively. President Museveni was gifted an artistic impression of himself by the son of Hon. Muruli Mukasa.



*President Museveni poses for a photo with the newly sworn-in Ministers and their families. On the President's right is the Vice President, H.E. Jessica Alupo.*

# 30th July, 2021

## National address on COVID-19 pandemic

H.E. the President addressed the nation on the COVID-19 situation in the country.

President Museveni who had last addressed the country on 18th June, 2021, when he imposed a full country-wide lock down, addressed the country again on 30th July, 2021, lifting some antiCOVID-19 measures.

Among other restrictions lifted, the President allowed public transport at 50%, lifted inter-district movements, allowed shopping malls and arcades to operate among other many restrictions that were lifted.

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*President Museveni addresses the Nation during a previous COVID19 address.*

# 30th July, 2021

## The 59th Anniversary of the Pan African Women

H.E. the President called on all African leaders to unite for development as well as economic empowerment of the people.

“What we need to address as Pan Africanists is the issue of prosperity through production. We should also solve the issue of market because without the market, you will not get rich,” he said, adding that countries in the world that answered the question of prosperity are very rich.

The President was speaking at a ceremony to mark the 59th Anniversary of the Pan African Women at Kololo Ceremonial Grounds in Kampala.

President Museveni noted that the other areas that should be addressed by the African leaders are strategic security and fraternity of the people of Africa.

On the issue of strategic security, the President noted that there is need to silence the guns and that this can only be done by African countries working together.

“Here we managed to defeat Amin because we worked with Mzee Julius Nyerere of Tanzania and some of the liberation movements were able to fight and defeat the whites because they fought together,” he said.

On African unity, the President said that the African people need to unite and work together because Africans are not only interconnected or linked together, but they are also similar.



“Africans are one people who are either similar or linked linguistically. Africans have four linguistic linkages that can rally the unification—the Niger-Congo speakers, the Nile-Saharan speakers, the Afro-Asiatic speakers and the Southern Africa Khoisan speakers,” he said, urging leaders to embrace the fraternity advantage as a magic chord to string on the African integration.

He appreciated the role played by the pioneers of the Pan African Organization in elevating the lives of African Women. He said the organization was not a welfare association but a political, social as well as ideological unit to contribute to the liberation of Africa from colonialism.

The Vice President, H.E Jessica Alupo, saluted the President for his role in fighting for the rights of women and what they have achieved under his guidance in Uganda. She said that these women inspire young girls and later empower them to become leaders. She said that the main focus should be on financial inclusion of Africa.

Ms. Eunice Lipinge, the President of the Pan African Women organization (PAWO), appreciated the President for his role in uplifting women citing the recent appointments of the Uganda’ vice President and Prime Minister among other political appointment.

PAWO presented an award to President Museveni and the First lady Maama Janet Museveni for their role in fighting for the rights of women in Uganda and beyond.





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