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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 August.

I have been receiving diverse feedback from friends, supporters of the President and the public regarding the editions of June and July. The feedback is highly appreciated and my conviction is that we shall continue to improve until the magazine becomes a simple but informative tool for the reader.

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 are driving the Open Government agenda and we want to make sure every citizen feels they are part of this Government and Country, by receiving transparent, factual, relevant and timely information from the Presidency and Government in general.

In the subsequent editions, we shall bring you analyses from the different Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government, where the President has launched various projects, and how those projects intend to benefit the citizens and the Country.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the President's schedule remains office-based between State House, Entebbe and Nakasero State Lodge with exceptions of launching the Kiira motor vehicle manufacturing plant, addressing ARIPO Diplomatic Conference at Munyonyo and a few engagements at Kololo Independence Grounds.

Lastly, in every edition, we run the President's major speech of the month. In this edition, we have included the President's condolence message on the loss of the late Maj. Gen. (posthumously promoted to Lt. Gen.) Paul Lokech of 27th August, 2021.

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



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# Quote of the Month

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*“Africa has tremendous cultural and technological potential which can be greatly enhanced through copyright protection. The globalization of the world economy has made knowledge a critical element in attaining socio-economic transformation; but, majority of African countries have not exploited the benefits that intellectual property rights offer to its users, despite considerable improvements to existing knowledge and options for protecting knowledge.”*



President Y.K. Museveni, 27th August 2021



# 3rd August, 2021

## President Museveni meets Kabaka Ronald Muwenda Mutebi

President Yoweri Museveni received the Kabaka of Buganda, His Royal Highness Ronald Muwenda Mutebi, who paid him a courtesy call at the State Lodge in Nakasero.

During the meeting, President Museveni and Kabaka Mutebi discussed development and other matters of mutual interest between the Kingdom and the Government.

The two leaders later briefly exchanged pleasantries, both acknowledging that they have taken long without meeting, before going in for a closed door meeting.

The Kabaka of Baganda was accompanied by a four-man delegation including Prince David Wasajja and Katikkiro (Prime Minister) of Buganda, Charles Peter Mayiga.



*President Museveni walks with the Kabaka at State Lodge, Nakasero*

# 4th August, 2021

## President Clears Workers for Mid-term Access to NSSF Savings

President Yoweri Museveni granted workers mid-term access to their savings in the National Social Security fund and directed the Minister for Gender, Labour and Social Development, Betty Amongi to make changes to the Bill and return it for consent.

“You remember Shakespeare’s play, The Merchant of Venice? Shylock with his, “my pound of flesh whether you die or what!” For the NRM not to be that Shylock and since these people think this is the solution, let’s go ahead. If it doesn’t work out we shall see, learn together instead of being like Shylock,” the President said, before adding, “You go, I wash my hands. I have become Pontius Pilate.”

Shylock is a fictional character in William Shakespeare’s play; The Merchant of Venice, a Venetian Jewish moneylender.

While in St. Matthew’s gospel, Pontius Pilate washed his hands before the multitudes, saying, “I am innocent of the blood of this just person.” This was to show the crowd he did not want Jesus dead, but ordered his death because that is what the people wanted. He was washing his hands of the responsibility.

It has now been agreed that somebody who is 45 years and has saved for ten years can access up to 20% of their savings. The commencement date will be set in the statutory instrument; supervision of the fund is by the Ministry of Finance, while the NSSF Managing Director is a member of the Board of Directors.

The meeting was attended by Workers’ representatives in Parliament, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, and leaders of Workers’ trade unions; NOTU and COFTU.



According to the NSSF Managing Director, Richard Byarugaba, the fund collects Shs 125 billion a month, Shs 1.5trillion per year and pays up to Shs 900bn for members qualifying in other benefits.

However, Gender, Labour and Social Development Minister, Amongi Betty, said they had delved into all the issues and their conclusion was that, it would not have a substantial impact on the depletion of the fund because the fund is Shs 15 trillion and they need between Shs 800bn to 1 trillion to handle mid-term access at a go.

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



*President Museveni posing for a photo with representatives of workers after the meeting at State House, Entebbe*

# 5th August, 2021

## President Museveni retires 14 Generals, Senior Officers

President Yoweri Museveni who is also the Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces described as “success of a miracle” while bidding farewell to 14 retiring General and Senior Officers at a colourful ceremony witnessed by their families and friends.

“I am happy to be here to witness success of a miracle. I wrote a book – the Mustard Seed – a small seed which was planted but produced a big tree. This here is just a sample. Each individual’s story is a miracle. How each became part of the resistance movement. Everybody has a story to tell,” President Museveni said.

He was today presiding over the send-off ceremony of retiring General, Senior and Junior officers at State House Entebbe.

The President gave a detailed background to the liberation struggle and how each of the retirees became part of the success story of the current professional UPDF army.

Gen. Ivan Koreta is today’s most senior retiree and one of the original 28 boys who were taken to Mozambique for training and who was to return later and infiltrate back into Uganda.

“By the time Kampala was captured, we had a force of 9,000 fighters. Banyankore call it **okutuubuura** (making something small grow big). This is NRM. Ivan was the original seed,” the President said.

The President also cited the story of RO/16504 Brig. Gen Al-Hajji Moses Kigongo who started the Resistance Committees to support the Popular Resistance Army to popularise the peoples struggle and RO/00170 Brig. Gen. Shaban Moses Lukyamuzi who joined the struggle and started the first Signal Unit of the NRA.

Another Mwanainchi RO/16506 Capt. Nathaniel Mayanja Kitaka who was a laboratory technician in Kiboga Hospital before joining the struggle.

Maj. Gertrude Nanyunja Njuba kept the records bag and acted as the first Comptroller while Maj. Hajjat Jannat Balunzi Mukwaya who was formerly a magistrate became the judge.

“Don’t look down on people, everybody is useful. The army will not be strong if you don’t have the support of the people. Don’t bark at people. We are strong because we were attracting all those people,” he said.

President Museveni thanked the retirees for making their country proud. “Thank you for your contribution. We are proud because you have built a big capacity which has never been there before, a big army of this size,” he said.

He called on them to copy the mustard seed by using their kasiimo (pension) to multiply and enable them to live a dignified life.

“With kasiimo, go and multiply it. Don’t squander it. Don’t go to the villages and become destitute and spoil our name. People will fear to join the army. Multiply it properly and live a comfortable life,” he said.

The Minister of Defence and Veteran Affairs Vincent Bamulangaki Ssempijja said the Generals leave behind a tremendous legacy and accomplishments achieved under the UPDF and have been cadres of astute character.

“Go with your heads high up knowing those who wish Uganda well remain indebted to your service. You have diligently served Uganda and exhibited excellence in many fields,” the Minister said.

The Chief of Defence Forces, Gen. Wilson Mbadi commended the Generals for serving with discipline, professionalism, patience, clarity of purpose and diligently and said they have greatly contributed to the fundamental change in the country.

The UPDF retired 14 General officers and 604 senior and junior officers and men. Other ceremonies for the retirees were held at various respective service headquarters, formations and units.

The Generals included Gen. Ivan, Koreta, Lt.Gen. Pecos Onesmus Kutesa (RIP), Lt. Gen. Jim Besigye Owoyesigire, Maj.Gen. Amb. Robert Rusoke, Maj. Gen. Fred Mugisha, Maj. Gen. Christopher Murema Kazoora, Maj. Gen. Moses Wadimba Ssentongo, Maj. Gen. Innocent George Oula, Brig. Gen. Al-Hajji Moses Kigongo, Brig. Gen. Jacob Asiimwe, Brig. Gen. Shaban Moses Lukyamuzi, Brig. Gen. John Kasaija, Brig. Gen. Muhamed Abiriga and Brig. Gen. Frank Kanyarutokye. Senior Officers included Maj. Gertrude Nanyunja Njuba, Maj. Hajjat Jannat Mukwaya, Maj. Abdul Nadduli, Maj. Abby Hafez Mukwaya, Maj. Henry Jjuko Walugembe, Maj. Stephen Katenta Apuuli Kapimpina, Maj. John Kaddu, Maj. Sula Sserunjoji, Maj. Fred Ntege and Maj. Ronald Richard Magezi.



*President Museveni posing for a photo with Gen. Ivan Koreta during the ceremony to retire Generals and Senior Officers at State House, Entebbe.*



# 10th August, 2021

## President Museveni bids farewell to Swedish Ambassador

President Yoweri Museveni bid farewell to the outgoing Swedish Ambassador, H.E Per Lindgarde, who has concluded his five-year tour of duty in Uganda.

Ambassador Per Lindgarde who paid a courtesy call on President Museveni at State House Entebbe, thanked him for the wonderful time he has had in the country.

“It has been a pleasure working in Uganda; we had a wonderful time here. The weather is so wonderful,” he said, adding that the historical ties between Sweden and Uganda have given the two countries the opportunity to enrich their cooperation.

President Museveni commended the bilateral ties and good working relationship between Uganda and Sweden.

He called on the Ambassador and the Swedish Government in general, to work together for the benefit of the people in the two countries.

President Museveni and the outgoing Swedish Ambassador also discussed other areas of co-operation including investing in clean energy. They also discussed matters of peace, democracy and good governance, health, water and sanitation.

Lindgärde who previously worked in Nigeria, was in April posted, as Ambassador to Somalia in Mogadishu. He will take up his new position in September of 2021.

He has worked at the Swedish Embassies in Nairobi and Addis Ababa, as well as a Swedish representative in Geneva. He has also served as the UN Secretary-General's Deputy Envoy for Somalia and has been a special advisor for the Horn of Africa at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

The meeting was also attended by the Foreign Affairs Minister Hon. Jeje Odongo.



*President Museveni chats with Ambassador Lindgarde at State House, Entebbe*

# 11th August, 2021

## President Museveni receives medallists

President Museveni flanked by First Lady and Minister for Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Museveni, received the Olympic Gold medallists, at a ceremony held at Kololo Independence Grounds.

The President said there are many factors that had enabled the athletes to come up. “One of the factors that have enabled the athletes to come up is peace. This is not a miracle. It is a product of peace.” said the President.

“I congratulate Cheptegei, Chemutai, and Kiplimo on bringing us so much pride, happiness, and success at the Olympic Games. Sports publicises the country. I am happy you ‘twinned’ sports with tourism. Keitapon!” he said.

“I gave an order in 2013 that anybody who wins Gold at a Continental level, Commonwealth, or Olympics be paid Shs 5m per month, Shs3m and Shs1 million for silver and bronze respectively. I am told they are being paid quarterly. I speak English very well; let their money be paid, even the arrears”, he directed.

“And for giving us such great talent, the parents of the gold medallists will be appreciated too. The government will build houses for them”, added the President.

The President also congratulated the First Lady and Minister for Education for bringing grandmotherly love to the ministry that has brought this success.



*President Museveni with First Lady also Minister for Education and Sports posing for a photo with Uganda's Olympic Team*



# August 12, 2021

## President Museveni attends International Youth Day Celebrations

President Yoweri Museveni called on leaders to step up their efforts of sensitizing the youth to actively engage in economic production if they are to improve their standards of living.

“You the youth leaders be should be clear, because you if are not, you are going to kill your own people. Stop being polite to people who are not working. Stop wasting your time and engage in production to be able to live purposeful lives,” the President said.

The President was speaking during the commemoration of the International Youth Day at Kololo Ceremonial Grounds under the theme; ***“Transforming Food Systems: Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health”***.

Uganda has one of the youngest populations in the world, with 78% of the country being under the age of 30. According to reports, in the next 20 years the world’s population is projected to increase by a further 2 billion.

President Museveni who made a reference to his own personal journey “working while still young”, urged the youth to engage in commercial agriculture, adding that Government jobs are so few and cannot employ all the youth.

The President urged the youth to engage in the four sectors of the economy including; commercial agriculture, industries, services and ICT. He noted that the NRM government has been very clear about wealth creation through these sectors.

Mr. Museveni highlighted deliberate programs such as peace and security, immunisation, education for all, skills and vocational training programmes, infrastructure as well as wealth creation funds, as Government efforts aimed at creating a conducive environment to empower the youth.



On the issue of COVID-19 pandemic, the President noted that the main target of the Government is survival of the people. While he acknowledged that some businesses have collapsed, the President noted that the Government through the Ministry of Finance will put in place measures to ensure a recovery process for those affected by the pandemic.

He appealed to the youth leaders to support the Parish Model to consolidate Government efforts of creating wealth and fighting poverty. He said Government is committed to putting more funds to fight poverty.

The Gender and Social Development Minister, Hon. Betty Amongi applauded the Government for creating a favourable environment for the youth to work. Hon. Amongi noted that the surge in population was due to deliberate government programs to improve the health of its people.

The UN Resident Coordinator in Uganda, Ms. Susan Ngongi Namondo thanked the President for always prioritising the youth, saying that Uganda is a youthful country. She noted that UN and other development partners have put in place programmes aimed at sensitising the people in the fight against poverty in Uganda. She pledged the UN's total commitment to working with Uganda Government and Africa in general, for the common good of the people.

# 13th August, 2021

## President Museveni meets Acholi sub-region leaders

President Museveni held a meeting with Acholi sub-region leaders led by Chief Justice Alfonse Owiny-Dollo to look into the issues surrounding the Apaa Land. The meeting resolved to form a commission of inquiry to look into the matters extensively to achieve a lasting solution once and for all.

“In the meantime, any planned settlements in Zoka Forest must be stopped henceforth and those who had already settled there must exit” the President directed.

Apaa land sits on the border of Amuru and Adjumani districts and is contested between the two districts and Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA). The Government evicted people from the disputed land following several clashes between the Madi ethnic group from Adjumani and their Acholi neighbours from Amuru.



*President Museveni posing for a photo with Acholi leaders  
led by Chief Justice, Alphonse Owiny Dollo*



# 14th August, 2021

## President Museveni lays foundation stone at Kiira motors

President laid a foundation stone at Kiira Motors in Jinja Industrial and Business park. Kiira Motors is Uganda's first motor vehicle manufacturing plant in Uganda.

The President saluted UPDF for building Uganda's first motor vehicle plant in Uganda. This plant was established to develop, make, and sell motor vehicles and components in Africa. In due course, it will create 100,000 jobs directly and indirectly.

The President said that the plant will provide jobs to the youth and build our wealth instead of adding wealth to the current manufacturers by importing second hand cars yet the manufacturers are already wealthy.

"The amount of money we spend importing vehicles is \$550m per year. We earn over \$500m from coffee and it all goes back when we import other people's vehicles. We are giving jobs to the Japanese and other nationalities. We are losing these jobs. This should end," the President said.



*President Museveni disembarking from a bus manufactured at Kiira Motors*



# 15th August, 2021

## President Museveni address the Nation on Security

President Museveni addressed the nation on important security matters including discipline of the security forces and human rights. The President also briefed the nation on Emyooga program and COVID-vaccination.

In his address, the President said that discipline of the army and respect for human rights is one of the reasons they had engaged in the liberation struggle.

“Evidence through torture is unreliable. Torture is unnecessary and wrong. It must not be used again if at all it was being used like I see some groups claim in the media. Why do you beat a prisoner? Coerced confessions by criminals are unnecessary if investigators do their work well,” the President said.

“Nobody should be in the uniform of the army if you don’t respect the people of Uganda,” he added.



*President Museveni addressing the nation on security matters on 15th August, 2021.*

# 17th August, 2021

## President okays Earth & Applied Sciences University in Bunyoro

President Yoweri Museveni okayed the process of operationalisation of the Earth and Applied Sciences Public University in Bunyoro sub-region. He said he has passionately championed the policy of establishing a public university in each of the 18 original regions of Uganda including Bunyoro.

This was during a meeting, with the Bunyoro Caucus leaders led by the Prime Minister Rt. Hon. Robinah Nabbanja, at State House Entebbe.

Through their memorandum of understanding on behalf of the people of Bunyoro read by their chairperson, Hon. Karubanga Jacob, MP Kibanda South Constituency, they presented the need for the operationalisation of a public university of Earth and Applied Sciences in the Bunyoro sub-region, a move they say will foster and create opportunities for technological and economic transformation through research and innovation.

President Museveni said his concept is to have zonal universities in the country and advised that a taskforce should be set up to guide on the courses that will not only help the students but also the country.

“Let us not have white elephant courses. Let us have courses that will help these children and the country to have innovation skills,” he said.

He noted that children should always be guided to do courses that will meet the world demand not the ones that will leave them on streets after school. He gave an example of Mbarara University which is concentrating on Sciences and creating change.

The President appealed to the leaders in Bunyoro and the country at large, to support his integrated efforts of eradicating poverty and increasing household incomes for economic transformation.

He urged the leaders to go parish by parish to audit the wanainchi on their efforts to leave subsistence agriculture and join a commercial economy.

He saluted the people of Bunyoro for supporting him and all the NRM leaders in the recently-concluded elections.

The Prime Minister Rt. Hon. Robinah Nabbanja thanked the President for the time and strategic developments in the Bunyoro sub-region. She said that with a public university in the region, it will support the country's social economic transformation.

In 2015 Parliament of Uganda passed a resolution urging government to start public universities in Lango, Teso, Kigezi, Busoga and Bunyoro among other areas.



*President Museveni waves to Bunyoro leaders after a meeting at State House, Entebbe*

# August 17, 2021

## President Museveni meets World Bank Country Manager

President Yoweri Museveni called on the World Bank to support Uganda's priorities including industrial transformation and value addition if they are to help lift the standards of living of the people of Uganda.

"Support our priorities if you want to help the people. I want money to build capacity for our people to benefit," he said.

President Museveni was speaking during a meeting with new World Bank Group Country Manager, Ms. R. Mukami Kariuki and her delegation at State House Entebbe.

President Museveni highlighted industrial transformation, value addition as well as other money earners as areas where the World Bank can partner with Uganda to improve the economic development of the country.

The two leaders also discussed cooperation between the World Bank and Uganda particularly in the areas of innovation, the impact of COVID -19 on the economy, infrastructure, education and health.

The World Bank's Mukami also sought the President's guidance on how to maximally utilise the funds meant to respond to the emergencies in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic.

Ms. Mukami appreciated the working relationship between World Bank and Government of Uganda.



Under Mukami's leadership, the World Bank Group will continue to work closely with the government of Uganda and other stakeholders to provide innovative products and services that respond to its diverse development challenges and contribute to achieving sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction, with a specific emphasis on COVID-19 recovery.

Her appointment comes at a time when the government of Uganda is confronting both the immediate and longer-term health and economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis.

The meeting was attended by Finance Minister Hon. Matia Kasaija and Uganda's Special Representative to the United Nations based in New York Amb. Adonia Ayebare among others.



*President Museveni meeting with World Bank Country Manager, Ms. R. Mukami Kariuki. Extreme right is Amb. Adonia Ayebare*

# 21st August, 2021

President Museveni mourns Lt. Gen. Pecos Kutesa

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# 23rd August, 2021

## State House receives a new Comptroller

Ms. Lucy Nakyobe Mbonye handed over the office of State House Comptroller to her successor Mrs. Jane Barekye, formerly the Special Presidential Assistant responsible for Economic Affairs.

“I take this opportunity to hand over the office of State House Comptroller to you and wish you good luck,” Nakyobe said.

The handover ceremony took place on 23rd August 2021 at the State House Administration Block of Okello House in Kampala and was attended by all senior management officers.

In her handover statement, Nakyobe commended and thanked President Museveni for the opportunity he gave her to serve as the State House Comptroller since May 2010.

“Today as I hand over the office of Comptroller following my promotion as Head of Public Service and Secretary to Cabinet, I want to thank the President for the trust and confidence he put in me for all these years,” Nakyobe said.

Recently, President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni promoted and appointed Mrs. Lucy Nakyobe Mbonye as the new Head of Public Service and Secretary to cabinet replacing Mr. John Mitala. He also appointed Mrs. Jane Barekye as the new State House Comptroller.

Mrs. Nakyobe said that it has been an incredible journey working with all staff at State House and serving H.E the President in particular and Uganda in general.

She congratulated the new State House Comptroller, Mrs. Jane Barekye and advised her to be a leader who listens, who knows the way and shows the way.



“Congratulations Mrs. Jane Barekye. I implore you to be a leader who knows the way, shows the way and goes the way. Trust and believe in your team and you will achieve all the success,” Mrs. Nakyobe said.

After her handover report, Nakyobe presided over a ceremony as the new SHC Barekye took the oath of secrecy that was administered by the Human Resource Commissioner of State House, Mr. Ronald Kiberu.

Nakyobe commended staff for the support and co-operation given to her during her tenure for all the years and urged them to support the new State House comptroller to ensure that she takes the institution to greater heights.

A hand over report was given to the new State House Comptroller together with all other necessary office documents by the outgoing Comptroller.

In her statement, Mrs. Jane Barekye thanked the outgoing Comptroller for the support rendered to her during her tenure and during the transition period.

“Thank you for allowing me to work with you and I have learnt a lot from you during your period as State House Comptroller,” she said.

Mrs. Jane Barekye thanked President Museveni for her appointment and pledged not to let him down because he has put trust in her.

“I would like to thank God and the appointing authority for trusting me with this appointment and pledge not to let him down. I call for team work and pledge to work with all of you as we serve the Presidency. I will continue with the open-door policy and encourage all of you to work with me. Let’s guide each other as we execute this mandate,” she said.

She pledged to work with everybody in their capacities at State House and asked for guidance whenever it is needed.





*Ms. Jane Barekye, the new State House Comptroller*



*Ms. Lucy Nakyobe Mbonye, the new Head of Public Service and Secretary to Cabinet*

# 20th August, 2021

## President Museveni meets NRM caucus over Parish Model

President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni appealed to members of the 11th Parliament to support Government's decision to put more money in the Parish Development Model to fast track economic transformation at the grass roots.

"I appeal to this Parliament to support the Parish Development Model because we are shifting from deciding for the people to the people deciding for themselves," President Museveni said.

The President appealed to the NRM Caucus to support his proposal for Government to put Shs 100 million per Parish per year in the Parish Development Model Fund.

The President was addressing the 4th Parliamentary Caucus meeting that was convened at Kololo Independence Grounds in Kampala, on 20th August, 2021.

"I am here again to address you on the issues of socio-economic transformation of Ugandans. We can give them the money in their SACCOs and we just monitor and supervise them. I appeal to you all to support the Parish Development Model. All kinds of people are there in the Parish including the women, youth, disabled and old people," the President said.

The Parish Development Model (PDM) initiated by President Yoweri Museveni, is a strategy for organising and delivering public and private sector interventions for wealth creation and employment generation at the parish level as the lowest economic planning unit.

President Museveni explained that the model starts with organising the recipients themselves to make SACCOs where government puts money and they also contribute.

He said under this model, the people are the ones who decide for themselves and not their leaders in Government.

The President emphasized that the Parish Model unlike Emyooga, is mainly for agriculture; crop growing and cattle keeping among others.

On land fragmentation, the President advised the population to divide shares (emigabo) from the land and not divide the land itself in case the owner passes on.

“In 1995 when so many problems had happened because of the land fragmentation, I proposed a 4-acre model. One acre for coffee, second acre for fruits, third acre for food crops and fourth for pasture for the animals,” he said.

Museveni said that the National Resistance Movement Government even put this in the 1996 manifesto but leaders did not help their people.

“We started many programmes like Entandikwa at the sub-county, we put money there and it was embezzled.

We also started the Youth Fund, NAADS, Micro-finance, OWC, and Emyooga which we introduced recently at the constituency level,” he said.

The President who showed members some of the success stories from different people around the country revealed that the latest survey had shown a decrease in the people working only for the stomach going down from 68% to 39 %.

“Operation Wealth Creation has had an impact on this. We could actually do much better than OWC. OWC succeeded somehow because somebody was looking after a given geographical location,” he said.

The issue of value addition, according to President Museveni, will be handled at higher level, working with the private sector to guide where to put factories for value addition.

“We should advise our people to select products that are needed for the market. It should never be the government to decide but the people to decide for themselves.

So please support the Parish Development Model and we put more money there,” he said.

The Prime Minister Rt. Hon. Robinah Nabbanja said that Government has ensured that the Parish Development Model system has a technical person and also involve all parish chiefs.

“We have put aside money to train parish chiefs and the technical persons plus a 7-member committee headed by the Local Council 2 chairperson to head the Parish Model,” she said.

The Minister of Local Government, Hon. Raphael Magyezi said that Government will focus on improving the community roads in the parish, including bridges, provision of internet connectivity etc., to facilitate the effective implementation of Parish Development Model system.

The Government Chief Whip Hon. Thomas Tayebwa said that their aim is to ensure that whatever is done in Parliament is in line and connection with the NRM manifesto.

The caucus meeting was attended by the Vice President (Rtd) Maj. Jessica Alupo, Prime Minister Nabbanja, Ministers and independent NRM-leaning members of Parliament among others.



*The President gestures to NRM Members of Parliament during the party caucus meeting at Kololo Independence Grounds*



# 24th August, 2021

## President Museveni inaugurates Presidential CEO Forum

President Yoweri Museveni inaugurated the Presidential CEO Forum (PFC) with a call to the business community to adopt import substitution and export promotion if the country is to realise tangible economic progress. The ceremony took place at State House, Entebbe.

“If you want the country to grow, you need to look at what business you are doing. Does it bring blood here or does it suck blood and take it out? That is the problem I used to have with KACITA. Their business was importing. They even reached the extent of importing wigs. The main message is, please minimise and eliminate importing,” he said.

The Presidential CEO Forum is a direct and adequate link between the private sector leadership, CEOs’ from corporate institutions and Government executives, with the aim of contributing to the National Development Agenda.

President Museveni noted that there are two economic actors in the economic history of the world.

“Among those economic actors, there are those who import, not importing raw materials or inputs but finished goods. Those people I would like to discourage them and gradually convert them to actors who make things from here,” he said.

The President said he was happy they have agreed on paying scientists well.

“A scientist is not an observer but an actor in the economy. Science is the basis of modernisation. You must go to a higher-level technology so that we protect ourselves but also make money. Foreigners have been making money out of germs for a long time, we should get money from the pathogenic economy,” he said.

Mr. Museveni appreciated the value in having business forums like PCF which he said help government in policy formulation. He directed that government departments such as Prime Minister's Office and the Ministry of Finance to always consult them before formulating policies.

He said government will in turn facilitate the business community with the necessary infrastructure such as roads, cheap electricity, and railway line, and reduce the cost of money through Uganda Development Bank, to lower the cost of doing business in the country. He said that schools and technical colleges should also step in to provide necessary skills that are needed to do business.

The Prime Minister Rt. Hon. Robinah Nabbanja urged the CEOs to share the challenges that affect them while doing their business. She said some young people want to get rich faster than the businesses that employ them.

"I would like to ask the CEOs to report the corrupt tendencies of Government officers who deal with them," she said.

The Chairperson Presidential CEO Forum, Ms. Barbara Mulwana said the inauguration of Presidential CEO Forum marks a significant milestone within the private sector fraternity to have access of championing Government's agenda towards fostering the socio-economic transformation and development of Uganda.

Ms. Mulwana said that the PCF will deliver on its vision through three key initiatives that include fostering the social economic transformation agenda in all policy conversations that are to administer private sector participation, develop a well-profiled and vetted data bank of Ugandan CEO's and compliment Government with practical interventions on economic recovery, entrepreneurship growth and value addition that will enhance home-engineered industrialisation.

The team assured the President of their commitment to soldier on in the war for economic prosperity. They said they are ready to join hands with the government to fully liberate Uganda on economic front.

The ceremony was also attended by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Hon. Matia Kasaija and various CEOs from the public and private sector



*President Museveni posing with members of the Presidential CEO Forum after the launch, at State House, Entebbe*

# 25th August, 2021

## President fulfils a car pledge for Bishop Wokorach of Nebbi

President Yoweri Museveni fulfilled a car pledge he made to the new Bishop of Nebbi Diocese, the Rev. Fr. Raphael Wokorach, the 4th Bishop of Nebbi Catholic Diocese.

The President pledged a brand new car to the new Bishop during his consecration on 14th August, 2021 in Nebbi district. The State Minister in charge of Northern Uganda, Hon. Grace Freedom Kwiwucwiny, represented President Museveni at the function.

The brand new Mitsubishi Pajero Sport was handed over by the State Minister in charge of Northern Uganda, Hon. Grace Freedom Kwiwucwiny on behalf of President Museveni and the ceremony was witnessed by the State House Under Secretary, Mrs Hope Nyakairu.

“On behalf of H.E the President whom I represented during the consecration, I confirm that State House has delivered the car for the Bishop and now take the opportunity to hand it over to his representative,” Minister Kwiwucwiny said amidst chants from the representatives of the Bishop.

Minister Kwiwucwiny assured the State House Undersecretary that the car will safely be delivered to Bishop Wokorach who was absent at the handover ceremony.

Dr Sam Orach, the Executive Secretary at the Uganda Catholic Medical Bureau on behalf of Bishop Raphael Wokorach of Nebbi Diocese, received the vehicle.



“I take this opportunity on behalf of the Bishop and the entire Diocese to thank H.E the President for fulfilling his pledge,” Dr Orach said.

Dr Sam Orach said that the vehicle will help the Bishop to facilitate his movements within and outside the Diocese and promised to deliver it to the Bishop safely.

Born on January 21, 1961 in Ragem Village in Ewuata, Arua District, the Bishop joined St Peter and Paul Pokea Minor Seminary, where he said his beliefs were deepened.



*Hon. Grace Freedom Kwiwucwiny hands over the vehicle documentation to Dr. Sam Orach*

# 25th August, 2021

## **President Museveni receives Ex. Nigeria President, H.E. Goodluck Jonathan Ebele**

President Yoweri Museveni received and held a meeting with the former President of Nigeria Goodluck Ebele Azikiwe Jonathan who was in the country for a working visit.

President Museveni welcomed the former Nigerian leader to Uganda and invited him to enjoy the country's great weather describing it as God-given.

"The greenery you see here is because of the altitude. Here where we are 1,000 metres above sea level. This is part of the reason why Churchill called it, the Pearl of Africa," he said.

Nigeria's leader applauded President Museveni for his able leadership that has seen Uganda transformed to another level of development. He cited education among other areas that has increased in the country including Cavendish University.

The two leaders discussed other areas of mutual concern that included trade and business in the country.

President Goodluck Jonathan paid a curtesy call on President Museveni ahead of his installation as the Chancellor of Cavendish University Uganda, on 26th August 2021.

Cavendish University Uganda (CUU) is a one of the leading Private Universities in Uganda, established in 2008 and is licensed and accredited by the Uganda National Council for Higher Education.

H.E. Goodluck Jonathan was appointed by Cavendish University in Uganda as its third Chancellor effective August 27, 2021.

Goodluck Jonathan replaces H.E. Benjamin Mkapa (former President of the United Republic of Tanzania who was the 2nd Chancellor (RIP) who also replaced H.E. Dr Kenneth Kaunda former President of the Republic of Zambia (RIP)

H.E. Goodluck Jonathan was installed on August 26, 2021, in time to preside over the conferment of Degrees and award of Diplomas and Certificates at the University's 10th Graduation Ceremony that took place at Munyonyo Commonwealth Resort on the same date.

A distinguished scholar, H.E. Dr Goodluck Jonathan who holds a Ph.D. in Zoology from the University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, and has previously served as Governor of Bayelsa State, Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and in 2010 became the 14th President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.



*President Museveni poses for a photo with H.E. Goodluck Jonathan and his entourage after a meeting at State House, Entebbe*

# 27th August, 2021

## President Museveni addresses Conference on the Adoption of ARIPO Protocol on Registration and Notification of Copyright and Related Rights

President Museveni addressed the Conference on the Adoption of ARIPO Protocol on Registration and Notification of Copyright and Related Rights at Speke Resort Munyonyo. **The President's speech is reproduced here;**

I welcome all the distinguished representatives, here present, from the Africa Regional Industrial Property Organisation (ARIPO) Member States to Uganda. I wish you a wonderful stay in Uganda as you attend this important Conference on the **Adoption of the ARIPO Protocol on Voluntary Notification of Copyright and Related Rights**. The African Continent is home to some of the world's greatest cultures, traditions and original compositions of a diverse nature. We have a very rich heritage which is manifested in our music and musical instruments, dances, oral literature, sports, medicines, pottery, sculptures, paintings, traditional ceremonies etc.

While civilization started in Africa, the biggest problem was that it was never institutionalised and regulated. It remained an individual/tribes' skill. The African Chiefs and Kings, who were the rulers of the African states before the conquest of Africa by the imperialists, failed to protect and preserve our rich heritage. They were consumed with tribal rivalry amongst themselves instead of consolidating and safeguarding Africa's unique cultural treasures. The evils of slave trade and colonialism caused huge disruptions to Africa's cultural development. Our social fabric was severely torn apart causing great loss of confidence in our creations and innovations. Therefore, both Africa's art and science were stagnated. In some areas, it was completely wiped out and replaced by the European technology, beliefs, systems and practices.



However, just as the physical conquest of Africa did not manage to completely wipe away the African race as it was with, for instance, the Red Indians in America, the total eradication of the African cultural heritage did not also entirely succeed. A lot of our treasures like our rich languages, songs, paintings etc. which depict the complexity of the civilisation which existed in Africa before colonialism have been preserved.

Africa has tremendous cultural and technological potential which can be greatly enhanced through copyright protection. The globalization of the world economy has made knowledge a critical element in attaining socio-economic transformation; but, majority of African countries have not exploited the benefits that intellectual property rights offer to its users, despite considerable improvements to existing knowledge and options for protecting knowledge.

Research into traditional medicine is particularly important in Africa in making good use of our naturally and richly endowed environment. Countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America use traditional medicine to help meet some of their primary health care needs. The age-old cures that kept our forefathers disease-free must be given enough attention so that we improve on them and preserve their use. One of our products, Covidex, has been tried amongst some Covid patients and most of them have fully recovered.

Although the economic philosophy behind copyright protection is to encourage individual effort, there is still limited awareness of its importance. As a result, the rights' holders do not profitably gain from their innovations.

Therefore, this Conference will help the ARIPO member states to build a positive attitude towards copyright; appreciate the benefits of copyright protection and develop stringent enforcement mechanisms to protect Intellectual Property to aid sustainable growth of creative industries in Africa.

In conclusion, I urge you to embrace the Protocol on Voluntary Registration and Notification of Copyright and Related Rights.

I thank you all.



*President Museveni interacts with URSB Registrar General, Mercy Kainobwiso, and her staff during the conference*

# 27th August, 2021

## President Museveni, H.E. Kikwete meet ahead of Africa Green Revolution Summit

President Yoweri Museveni said Uganda is ready to embrace the harmonisation of ideas on what is supposed to be done as far as food security is concerned.

The President was meeting with the former Tanzanian President H.E. Mrisho Jakaya Kikwete on the transformation of Agriculture in Africa ahead of the Africa Green Revolution Summit next month.

During the meeting that took place at State House Entebbe, President Museveni welcomed the former Tanzanian leader and appreciated the Green Revolution in Africa programme.

President Museveni noted that Uganda has already identified key hindrances to agriculture such as the quality of seeds, poor agro practices, irrigation, infrastructure such as roads, post-harvest handling as well as market in Africa adding that the Government has already started on working on most of these challenges.

H.E. Jakaya Kikwete is the member of the Board of Directors of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA).

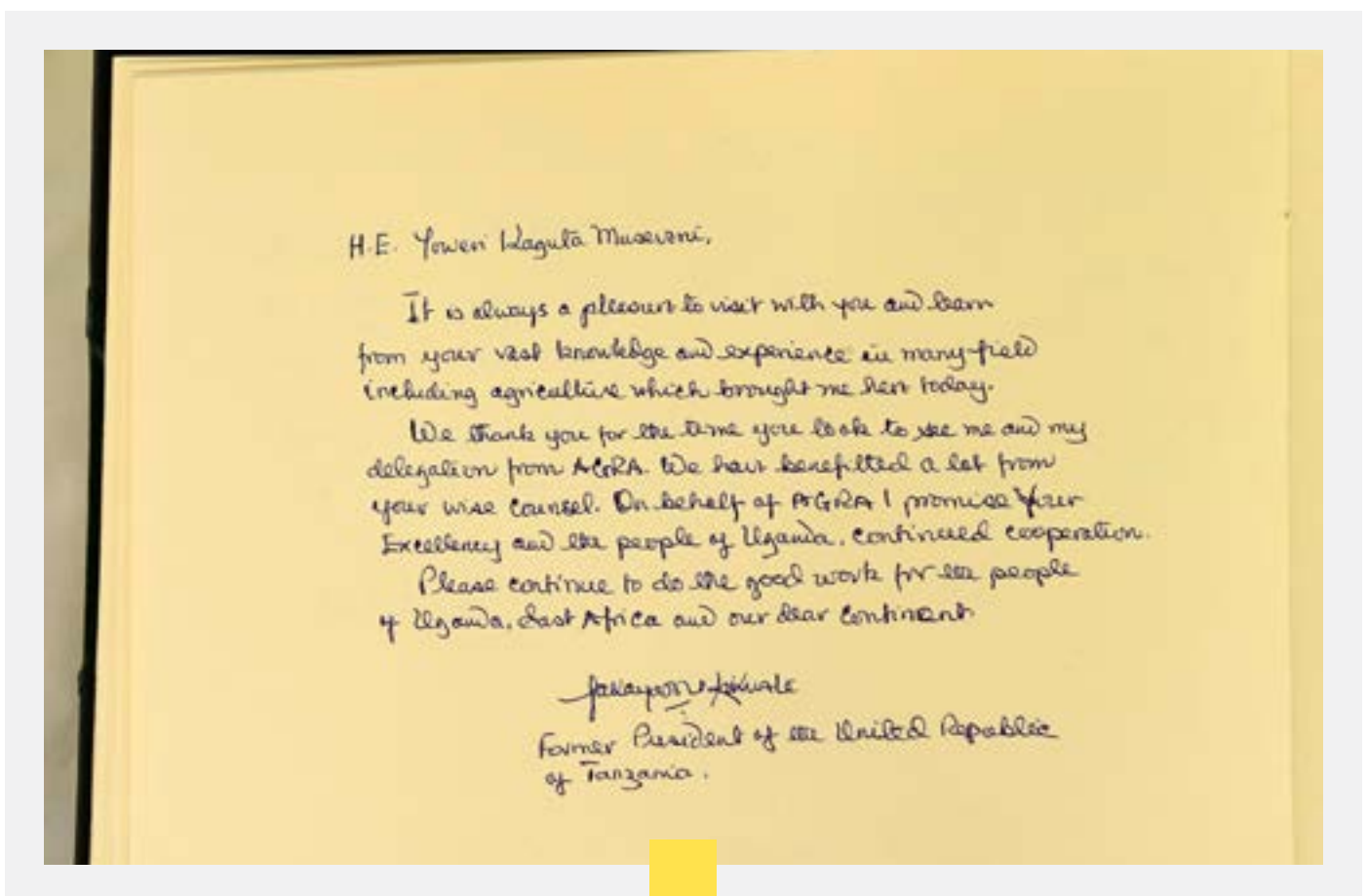
He briefed the President on the forthcoming Africa Green Revolution (AGRF) 2021 Summit scheduled for September in the Kenyan Capital, Nairobi. He said that the summit would be a turning point for the continent's narrative on food systems transformation for the good of the people of Africa and beyond.

In a heartfelt note he wrote in the guest book, Kikwete said it was a pleasure to visit and learn from Museveni's vast knowledge and experience in many fields including agriculture which brought him here today.

“We thank you for the time you took to see me and my delegation from AGRA. We have benefitted a lot from your wise counsel. On behalf of AGRA, I promise Your Excellency and the people of Uganda, continued cooperation,” he said.

AGRA was founded in 2006 to trigger a uniquely African Green Revolution –one that would learn from and build on previous revolutions. It is a farmer-centred, African-led, and partnerships-driven institution that is transforming Africa’s smallholder farming from solitary struggle to survive to businesses that thrive.

The meeting was attended by AGRA’S Vice President Ms. Aggie Konde among others.



*Message of appreciation from former President H.E. Jakaya Kikwete in the guests’ book at State House, Entebbe*





*President Museveni chats with former President H.E. Jakaya Kikwete and  
AGRA's Vice President, Ms. Aggie Konde*

# 27th August, 2021

## President Museveni mourns Maj. Gen. Paul Lokech

The late Deputy Inspector General of Police, Maj. Gen. Paul Lokech, was laid to rest at his ancestral home in Pader District. The President eulogised the late in a message read by the Minister for Internal Affairs, Maj. Gen. Kahinda Otafiire.

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*The late Maj. Gen. Paul Lokech. The President posthumously promoted him to the rank of Lieutenant General*

# 29th August, 2021

## President Museveni meets Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali

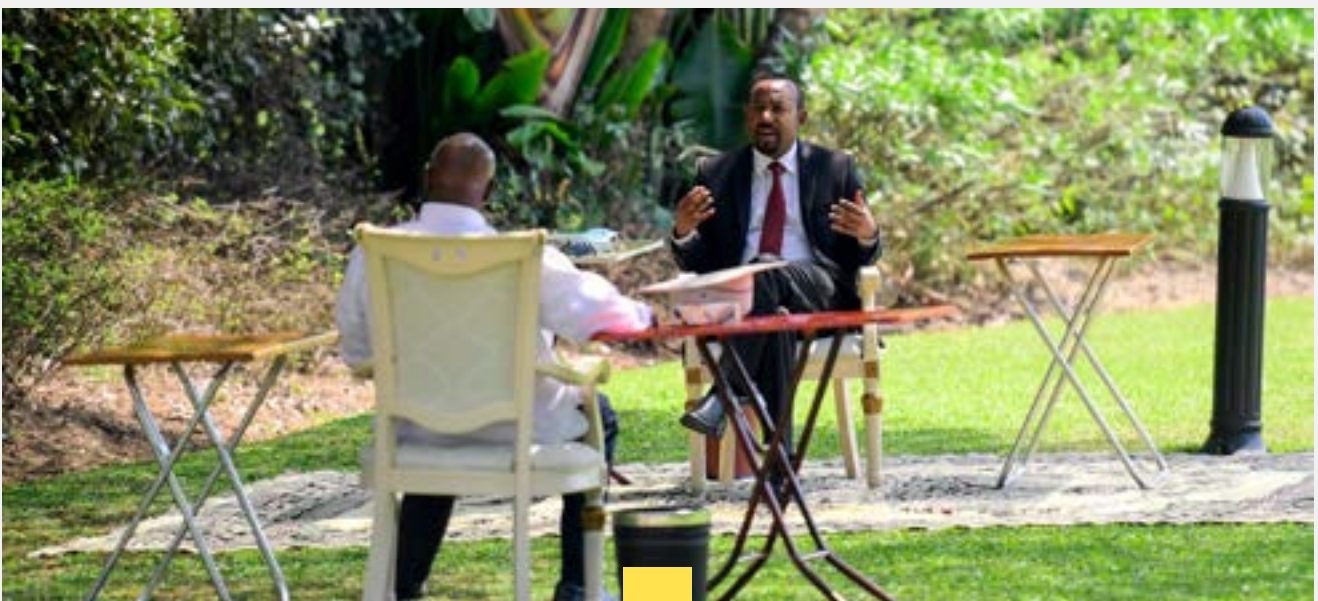
President Yoweri Museveni met and held a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia Abiy Ahmed Ali who was in Uganda on a one day working visit.

The two leaders discussed various issues and agreed to further strengthen cooperation in bilateral, regional and international issues of common interest, at a meeting held at State House, Entebbe.

Ethiopia and Uganda have been cooperating in various peace processes in the region.

The meeting was attended by the Ethiopian Minister – Head of Prosperity Party Main Office H.E. Binalf Anduwalem, the State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia H.E. Redwan Hussain and H.E. Alemtsehay Meseret, Ambassador Plenipotentiary and Extraordinary to the Republic of Uganda

The meeting was also attended by Uganda's Minister of Foreign Affairs Hon. Gen. Jeje Odongo and Uganda's High Commissioner to Addis Ababa Rebecca Amuge Otengo.



*President Museveni in a tete-a-tete with Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali*





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