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# Dear Reader,

This is to present to you the July edition of our monthly e-magazine, *The Presidency*. The monthly e-publication highlights the major engagements of His Excellency the President and the entire Presidency for the month, and is one of our Open Government initiatives to bring Government closer to the citizens.

In this edition, we have annexed the Vice President's statement during the closing ceremony of one week induction course for the Resident District Commissioners, Resident City Commissioners and their Deputies, held at the National Leadership Institute, Kyankwanzi, between 25th and 31st July, 2022.

In July, His Excellency focused on popularisation of the Parish Development Model (PDM) which is the Government's flagship programme to push the remaining subsistence farmers into the money economy. The President briefed the Private CEOs Forum, NRM Central Executive Committee and addressed political rallies in Soroti, about the PDM.

The President also made changes in Government, attended the East African Community Heads of State Summit in Arusha, Tanzania, and hosted the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, the highest ranking Russian Government official to visit Uganda.

Lastly, we encourage the citizens to give us their feedback and suggestions about the e-magazine and our other services through our platforms; email: **[citizen@gcic.go.ug](mailto:citizen@gcic.go.ug)**, Whatsapp: **0414670288** or through our social media handles; GCICUganda. We also encourage the citizens who have benefited from the different interventions, programmes and projects commissioned by the President to send us their experiences in form of articles. We shall publish them. I now have the pleasure to present to you the thirteenth edition of *The Presidency*.



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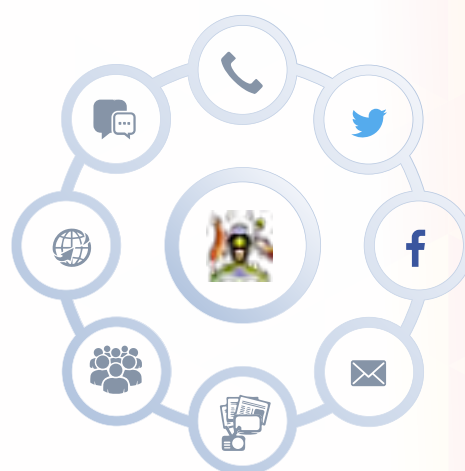
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The Government Citizen Interaction Centre (GCIC) operates under State House as a key contact centre between Government and citizens to enhance the monitoring of service delivery. We provide a channel for feedback and suggestions from citizens in a bid to promote open governance.

Through GCIC, citizens interact with Government through multiple channels including. The data generated through these interactions is analyzed to inform policy decisions, guide in the formulation of policy interventions.



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**IRENGA, NTUNGAMO:** President Yoweri Museveni assured the private sector that the new campaign to rejuvenate the grassroots into modern agro-production will see high returns that must be exploited by the private sector through value addition for export.

“The campaign which is on now, the Parish Development Model is aimed at bringing the 68% of Ugandans who are by-standers in development, to get involved in economic transformation. What is coming is an earth shaker. Before, leaders did not know how to lead. They thought that leading is carrying the burden of their people. Leading is showing the way so that they follow. Those with small acreages of land will select enterprises that have big returns like coffee, fruits, poultry, piggery, etc. With intensive agriculture, people can use their small land to get out of poverty,” the President said.

The President spoke during the second bi-annual Presidential Chief Executive Officers Forum (PCF) which he hosted at his country home in Irenga, Ntungamo District. The meeting was held under the theme, “Positioning the Private Sector for New Markets and Business Opportunities for Sustainability and Thriving Economies in the Region and the African Continent”.

“We want them to do so with a ‘calculation’ for increased production. The private sector will be overwhelmed. In Bushenyi, Dr. Murunga used to get 5.3 tonnes of bananas but now gets over 53 tonnes, over ten times because of fertiliser and irrigation. Before you were

dealing with limited mobilisation of the masses, but with this grass root mobilisation, it will be massive,” he said, adding that he wants the private sector to tie in their presentations with Government’s plans.

The President said the private sector is the easiest way to develop the economy because companies do the work of Government cheaply. “For instance, the Government is not the one looking after our home here. We do it ourselves and in the process, we produce bananas and milk for you in Kampala to consume happily. That’s why we are encouraging the local people like the father of Barbara Mulwana, we also brought back our Indians the ones who had been chased by Idi Amin. If you want to have some Government companies, you can have them but they shouldn’t interfere with the private sector,” he said.



*President Museveni speaks during the meeting with the CEOs at Irenga in Ntungamo District*

Among other things, the President pledged to promote the protection of local products from Chinese and Indian subsidised products, provision of cheaper power for production, cheap financing for the private sector to borrow and support to the KACITA.

“We are committed to that. I was not willing to finance KACITA but they are now pledging to do more export of our products than imports. If KACITA can sell internally and export we can support them,” he said.

The President and the CEOs discussed in-depth the issue of exploiting the vast trade potential with DR Congo including provision of an export credit guarantee, expanding power to the DR Congo, funding the Uganda Air cargo, construction of toll roads into the DR Congo and empowering the National Broadcaster UBC to broadcast across the border. They also discussed the issue of appointment of a commercial attaché who can speak various languages to Uganda’s foreign missions, lifting the ban on Facebook to allow online business since URA has now put in place mechanisms to tax online businesses and provision of cheap power for production.

The Prime Minister Hon. Nabbanja Robinah briefed the President on the countrywide awareness about the PDM and said people are generally excited and anxious to finally undertake in enterprises that will put money in their pockets.

The Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Hon. Matia Kasaija, informed the CEOs that Government is financing local actors through Uganda Development Bank and therefore, they should visit there when need arises. He urged them to work together to resolve any technicality appropriately.

Ms Barbara Mulwana, the Chairperson of PCF on behalf of the CEOs said that PCF mission is to promote, harness and popularise the private sector involvement in providing a platform that advocates for appropriate legislation, practices and policies that eliminate bottlenecks to economic development.

Ms Mulwana noted the forum proposes to highlight the need for strategic positioning

of Uganda’s Private Sector for new markets and business opportunities that can foster economic transformation.

She said their focus is on exploiting new market opportunities, oil and gas sub-sectors, private equity to speak to capital availability and African continental free trade area.

Mr. Emmanuel Katongole, the Vice Chairman of PCF, assured the President of their solid support towards the economic development of the country and added; his great leadership has enabled Uganda to move to a middle-income country.

Katongole thanked the President for the good road infrastructure and new technology like that of Kiira Motors manufactured in Uganda.

“Entrepreneurship is developing and unleashing the power of enterprise to unite our country. We can develop without aid. Aid should be good if it ends future need of aid,” he said.

President Museveni launched PCF in 2020, noting that the Forum will help Government to identify bottlenecks to business and economic growth in the country.

The meeting was attended by the Prime Minister Nabbanja Robinah, Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MoFPED); Hon. Matia Kasaija, the Minister of Trade Industry and Cooperatives (MTIC); Hon. Mwebesa Francis, Keith Muhakanizi; Permanent Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), Geraldine Ssali; Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives (MTIC), Presidential CEO Forum Kampala (PCF) Board members and Secretariat including Ms Barbara Mulwana; the Chairperson, Mr. Emmanuel Katongole; the Vice Chairman, Dr. Ramathan Ggoobi; Permanent Secretary for Finance (PS/ST), Dr. Ruth Biyinzika of Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSFU) among others.





## PARISH DEVELOPMENT MODEL WILL LIBERATE BUSOGA FROM SUGAR CANE GROWING

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*President Museveni*

**STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE:** President Yoweri Museveni said the people of Busoga need to be liberated from sugar cane growing to other ventures outlined under the Parish Development Model (PDM) if they are to get out of poverty.

According to the President, although PDM is intended to scale up Government efforts to support the homesteads in subsistence farming to commercialise, create wealth and gainful employment, and raise household incomes, people in Busoga are likely to remain poor since many have been enslaved and given away their chunks of land for sugar cane growing. He says this needs to change.

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The President was addressing members of the Central Executive Committee (CEC) of the National Resistance Movement (NRM) party at State House Entebbe. The members received a briefing from the Parish Development Model secretariat led by the Prime Minister, Robinah Nabbanja, the Minister of Local Government, Raphael Magyezi and the National Coordinator of the Parish Development Model (PDM), Hon Dennis Galabuzi Ssozi.

The Vice President Major (Rtd) Jessica Alupo Epel and the Speaker of Parliament Anita Among Annet also attended the CEC meeting as guest members.

Busoga has the biggest number of sugarcane mills and huge acreage of sugarcane, making use of its fertile soil around Lake Victoria and Lake Kyoga coupled with good rains.

Uganda Bureau of Statistics 2020 figures show that Busoga has 1.2 million poor persons of which 0.4 million are living in poverty or household food insecurity because many farmers converted their arable land meant for food production for cane growing.

The Prime Minister, Robinah Nabbanja, earlier expressed worry that despite the massive sensitisation about the PDM, people especially in Kalangala and Busoga who were advised to go for oil palm growing and sugar cane growing respectively might remain poor unless given special consideration.

“I have been to seven districts in Busoga. These people rent out their land at a cost of Uganda shillings 500,000 per acre for five (5) years and they don’t have land. You see sugarcane plantations in front of their homes and those plantations are not theirs. They leased land and they’re stuck. To me, this programme is a saviour because they can go for other enterprises like piggery, chicken and the like but we need guidance in that,” Nabbanja said.

She added that in Buvuma, since 2014, they were advised to go for palm oil farming but many who gave out their land have not been compensated.

Under the PDM, households who own 4 acres of land and less will be supported in carrying out intensive farming such as zero grazing, dairy farming, production of



coffee, fruits, and food crops, poultry for eggs, piggery and fish farming. They will also be encouraged to adopt a farming model which is capable of earning USD 6,000 per year (about 21,000,000) from 2 acres of land, 1 acre for food and the other for cash crop activities. Households who own more than 4 acres of land will be supported to carry out extensive farming in crops like maize, cassava, cotton, tobacco, avocado and sugarcane because of the relatively bigger acreage of land required for investment to be profitable.

President Museveni asked the meeting to plan for the excess produce that will be realised as a result of embracing the PDM. H.E. the President directed the Prime Minister, Robina Nabbanja, to work closely with the Ministries of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Trade, Industry and Cooperatives and with the Private Sector Foundation, to prepare how excess production will be absorbed.

“The Prime Minister and the Minister for Finance and that of Industry must have a checklist of how many processors we have in milk, fruits, eggs, coffee, fish processing, etc., and have a plan for each of those items using the Private sector mainly and UDC,” the President said.

The Vice President Jessica Alupo asked the meeting and the PDM secretariat to borrow a leaf from the palm oil growing in Kalangala that has transformed lives of over 2,000 farmers despite the excess production. She noted that through their solid cooperative of out growers, they have dividends of UGX 14 billion as a result of palm oil growing, the President marketed in Kalangala.

“They were telling me to ask you that you should find a way of going to see your fruits and asked that their chequ be handed over to them by you,” Alupo told the President, adding that on top of the guidance given to the Prime Minister and stakeholders on excess produce, “palm oil

growing should be singled out as one of the models that can help other farmers like us in the fruits and oranges sector, we’re still not stable, Sir, but we can learn a lot of lessons from the Kalangala story which is very successful,” she said.

The Prime Minister, Robinah Nabbanja, assured the President of the success of the PDM that has so far received overwhelming support from the population.

“The country is so excited, Your Excellency. They have a lot of hope in this programme, including the opposition, to the extent that the other day I was in Nakawa and Butambala where the members of the opposition are the ones now campaigning for the programme to succeed,” Nabbanja said

She however expressed the need to have mechanisms or a law to deal with Ugandans especially in Kampala who might misbehave or disappear after receiving the funds due to the nature of their businesses.

President Museveni directed the Secretariat and the Ministry of Local Government to study how they will trace people in urban areas who keep migrating from one town to the other. He said those who are not ready should not be given the funds.

“If they’re not ready, we keep the money and we serve the ones who are ready and interested,” the President noted.

The Minister for Local Government, Raphael Magyezi, will report back in the next Cabinet meeting the strategies on how to deal with beneficiaries of the PDM in urban areas.

The Parish Development Model project was launched by the President in February 2022 in Kibuku District. Under the programme, each of the 10,594 parishes is expected to receive Shs100 million to benefit various categories of people to eradicate poverty.



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**STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE:** President Yoweri Museveni hailed the outgoing UNHCR representative to Uganda, Joël Boutroue, for his service to the refugee community in Uganda and described him as a ‘trouble-shooter’ who came as a diplomat and is welcome to stay as a citizen.

President Museveni was meeting Mr. Boutroue following the end of his tour of duty as UNHCRs representative to Uganda. He is also finally retiring after over 38 years of active service to the United Nations.

The President called on the United Nations to support Uganda’s environmental protection efforts by providing refugees with alternative means of energy for cooking to avoid the practice of cutting trees.

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environment”, he said.

The outgoing UNHCR representative Joël Boutroue praised Uganda’s refugee policy describing it as exemplary and called on the United Nations for more support to the country.

He said Uganda’s best refugee practice is in danger of being overshadowed by Europe’s attention to the war between Ukraine and Russia, and said Uganda’s generosity alone cannot stay for ever.

“Europe has been shaken up on the war between Ukraine and Russia. We hope they don’t forget Africa. Uganda cannot be a victim. Its best refugee practice is in danger if there is no support. Generosity alone cannot stay for ever. We need to do more for Uganda,” Joël Boutroue said.

Joël Boutroue has been UNHCR Representative to Uganda since April 2018. He joined the UN in 1984. He served as Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary General/UN Resident Coordinator/ Humanitarian Coordinator and UNDP Representative in Haiti from end of 2006 to end of 2009. He was

Deputy Director of the Coordination and Response Division of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). From 1994 to 1996, Boutroue was deployed as the Head of UNHCR in North Kivu, Democratic Republic of the Congo, following the Rwandan genocide. From 1984 to 1994, he worked for UNHCR covering the Persian Gulf crisis (1991), Tajikistan crisis (1993), Malawi (1987 to 1991) and the Sudan (1984 to 1987).

According to the 2020 Global Trends Report, Uganda is the third largest refugee-hosting country in the world after Turkey (3,759,800), Colombia (1,843,900) and Uganda (1,529,900).

Low-income countries continue to host a disproportionately large share of the global displaced population. According to the World Bank income classification for 2021,

low-income countries host 22 per cent of people displaced across borders. This includes very large refugee populations in Uganda, Sudan, Ethiopia, Chad and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Despite generous contributions from donors, UNHCR's 2022 refugee response remains severely underfunded with only US \$30 million received by the end of the first quarter in 2022 against the US \$343.4 million appeal.

Mr. Boutroue, said the severe underfunding of the refugee response and the increased needs in the country will make responding to this emergency and maintaining existing services for the 1.5 million refugees more challenging.





## PRESIDENT SAYYID EBRAHIM RAISOLADATI RAISI OF IRAN TO VISIT UGANDA

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**STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE:** President Yoweri Museveni met and held discussions with H.E. Dr. Mahdi Safari, the Deputy Foreign Minister in Charge of Economic Diplomacy of the Islamic Republic of Iran at State House, Entebbe.

President Museveni welcomed the partnership by the Government of Iran to support Uganda especially in the health sector and promised to work with them.

“For the general pharmaceuticals, we are ready to work with you in joint ventures for any medicine. The same with the vaccine,” H. E. Museveni said, adding that it will help Uganda develop her pathogenic industry which offers huge economic opportunities in therapeutics, diagnostics and the vaccines.

On trade, the President said Uganda has got a lot of production of goods including fresh products which Iran might be interested in and the two countries can exchange them in barter trade without going through the dollar.

Dr. Safari informed the President that Uganda will be among the East African countries that the Iranian President, H.E. Sayyid Ebrahim Raisolsadati Raisi, will visit in the near future.

“We are ready to cooperate with East African countries in trade and other developmental initiatives,” H.E. Safari told the President, who welcomed Raisi’s

visit, saying the two countries enjoy good working relations.

“It will be our honour to welcome H.E. Raisi and receive him here. I have been to Iran myself about four times and I have welcomed several Presidents of Iran here. So, H.E. Raisi will be very welcome,” H.E. Museveni said.

Since the beginning of his presidency, H.E. Raisi has called for increasing cooperation with Africa and recognised its material and manpower capabilities.

H.E. Dr. Safari was accompanied by Mr. Mohammad Soleymani, the Assistant Director-General for Africa, H.E. Mehdi Salehi, the Iranian Ambassador to Uganda; the Economic Director, Embassy of Iran Akbar Khorrami and Mr. Seyed Mohammad Aghamiri.



*President Museveni poses for a photo with the Iranian delegation at State House, Entebbe*

## ABSA TO DIVERSIFY THEIR INVESTMENTS

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**STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE:** President Yoweri Museveni wants Commercial Banks to start looking at ways of attracting more Entrepreneurs into the Country. The President argues that despite the stability, security and a good investment climate prevailing in the country, there are low levels of local entrepreneurship and this has slowed efforts to achieve higher levels of growth.

The President says foreign companies including Banking and Telecommunication Services, are concentrating a lot on making profits from Ugandans and have not done enough to attract and support business and entrepreneurial growth in the country which has been his intention for allowing foreign companies to operate in Uganda.

“For instance, I told MTN, don’t just come here to make money from villagers who are making calls. Bring investors in value addition, so, that they invest in agriculture, minerals, etc. This was my idea,” H.E. Museveni said.

The President was meeting officials from Amalgamated Banks of South Africa - ABSA Bank, led by the Group Chairman, Mr. Sello Moloko at State House Entebbe.

The President noted that for a longtime, Africa has been lacking peace, macro-economic stability and infrastructure, saying after these are worked on, the only thing lacking are entrepreneurs to support growth through processing because the market is there.

“If you have these three, then the next thing you need is entrepreneurs. Even for banks, you will have more money to keep if you have more entrepreneurs,” the President said, adding that there is a ready market for the products.

“The king of business is natural resources, infrastructure and the market. We have the market, namely; 43 million Ugandans here, that of East Africa (300 million people), the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), the whole of Africa. We need entrepreneurs who have got the eyes to see an opportunity and the capital to invest,” Museveni noted.

ABSA Bank Group Chairman, Mr. Sello Moloko informed the President that through their franchise, they will identify entrepreneurial opportunities to invest in.

“We do have a presence here in Uganda and we would like to expand our interests into various areas. We just want to assure you Mr. President that we are very serious about supporting entrepreneurs. We shall use your office in Pretoria to connect investors and interest them in this economy,”



Chairman Maloko said.

For two days, ABSA Group Chairman – Sello Moloko, Group CEO - Arrie Rautenbach & Group Executive (ARO) – Saviour Chibiya were in Uganda for a working visit where they have had insightful discussions with various stakeholders.

The meeting was also attended by Mr. Saviour Chibiya; Chief Executive, ABSA Regional Operations, the Board Chair, ABSA Uganda; Mrs. Nadine Byarugaba, the Managing Director; ABSA Uganda; Mr. Mumba Kalifungwa and the Company Secretary, ABSA Uganda; Edward Ocen.



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*President Museveni poses for a photo with the ABSA Group delegation at State House, Entebbe*



## TORORO GIRLS SCHOOL TOURS KAWUMU PRESIDENTIAL FARM

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**KAWUMU, LUWERO:** Over 200 schools girls from Tororo Girls School (TGS) under their umbrella association, Young Farmers Association toured Kawumu Presidential Demonstration Farm in Luwero district.

The delegation of students and teachers who were led to the farm by the school’s head teacher, Madam Beatrice Akware, visited the farm purposely to acquire knowledge and skills on the best farming practices.

TGS, under their former head teacher, Mrs Hellen Wataba, wrote to the President in March this year seeking for permission to tour and learn from one of the Government’s demonstration farms.

H.E. Museveni accepted their request in June and recommended them to visit Kawumu Presidential Demostration farm.

The delegation comprised of students from Senior one to Senior six especially those taking Agriculture as a subject. They were received by the Farm Manager, Mr. Geoffrey Gandugga, at 1pm and thereafter taken on a guided tour of the farm.

Among the many enterprises at the farm which the students visited were a fish farm; a greenhouse with a nursery bed, a tomato



*Students of Tororo Girls School take notes during the visit of  
Kawumu Presidential Farm in Luwero District*



garden, cabbage farm, pasture, poultry keeping; Dairy farming; banana, coffee and mango plantations and pineapple garden.

Mr. Gandugga told the students and their teachers that much as they had toured all the enterprises at the farm, they emphasise the four- acre model that the President speaks about passionately especially for people with small pieces of land.

“As we demonstrate, we emphasise enterprise selection under the four- acre model plan”, Mr. Gandugga said.

The Private Secretary to H.E. the President in Charge of Youth Affairs, Ms. Hellen Saku, said that the purpose for which demonstration farms were started was to help Ugandans realise that Agriculture is profitable and that one can get rich through Agriculture if done with a Kibalo (calculation).

“The President’s purpose for starting these demonstration farms was mainly to help Ugandans know that agriculture is very profitable. Here, we demonstrate only good agricultural practices. We thank God that you have come here”, Ms. Saku said.

Mindset change, according to Ms. Saku, is also encouraged for all Ugandans especially the young people.

“What is your attitude towards Agriculture? Is it positive or negative?” she asked.

Asked by the students what inspired the President to start up these demonstration farms, Mr. Gandugga said that the President is so passionate about the development of Uganda.

“President Museveni was inspired by his love for development. He saw this some time back and started spreading the gospel. He wanted us to open our eyes and widen our thinking towards Agriculture.

He wanted to change our mindset towards Agriculture”, Mr. Gandugga said.

President Museveni has since encouraged all Ugandans to participate in any of the four sectors of wealth and jobs creation. The four sectors are; Commercial Agriculture, Industry, Services and ICT.

Kawumu Presidential Demonstration farm was commissioned by H.E. Museveni in November 2016.

The farm has since helped the community and other people from across the country that visit it to learn good farming practices, according to Mr. Kiwuuwa Charles, the Private Secretary in Charge of Agriculture and Supervisor of the farm.

“The President is promoting diversification with a four-acre enterprise. You can choose two, three or four as long as they will give you income. Start slowly with one thing and grow,” Mr. Kiwuuwa advised the student’s delegation.

The TGS head teacher, Mrs. Beatrice Akware, commended President Museveni for his visionary leadership and for the opportunity he gave the school to visit the farm.

“We are happy that we are here. In a special way, we want to thank the President for giving us this opportunity as Tororo Girls School. Not everyone comes here,” she said.

President Museveni set up regional Presidential Demonstration farms in Kawumu-Luweero, Kityerera in Mayuge, Barelegi in Otuke and Arua, among others.

These farms demonstrate basic agricultural practices that farmers can adopt to enhance productivity on their farms.



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*State House Comptroller*

**NALI, KYANKWANZI:** The State House Comptroller, Ms. Jane Barekye, advised industrial hub managers during a two week leadership training at the National Leadership Institute (NALI) in Kyankwanzi, to use the opportunity of their new roles at

the hubs to contribute towards the development of the country.

Ms. Barekye, who was giving a lecture to 40 newly-appointed managers and their assistants from the different State House industrial hubs spread across the country, stressed that by giving clear leadership in the skilling programme of youths in their respective regions, they will be making a positive contribution towards Uganda’s development.



*State House Comptroller, Jane Barekye (in address) poses for a photo with the Hub Managers and NALI leadership at NALI, Kyankwanzi*



She stressed that it will be through such programmes that the Government will eliminate poverty in rural and urban households in Uganda. She applauded the vision and efforts of President Museveni for coming up with the great skilling programme.

“Please, use this opportunity as managers to contribute positively towards the development of our country by serving diligently at all times, to ensure the success of the skilling programme in your respective regions,” she said.

Barekye also challenged the managers to ensure that there is strict discipline among the learners saying any form of indiscipline such as Immoral behaviour will discredit the main objectives of the skilling programme.

She said each industrial hub will be accommodating a total of 300 youths who will be training in different skills over a period of six months adding that all the participants shall be residing at their respective hubs.

NALI Deputy Director, Col. Henry Seruga, welcomed the participants saying they would do their part to churn out cadres who are patriotic,

committed with perseverance and have a broad understanding of Uganda’s national interests and elements that shape the country’s political and economic panorama.

He said as Uganda gears towards Vision 2040, they need to remind themselves of their cardinal roles in this effort, saying being industrial hub managers places upon them a high premium in terms of responsibility, good leadership, creativity and innovation.

“We are confident that these young men and women will measure up to the country’s leadership expectations,” he said.

Eng. Raymond Kamugisha, the Director Presidential Projects and Industrial Hubs, disclosed that 12 industrial hubs would start full operations by the 23rd of July and would each admit a total of 300 youths per semester who will be studying on a residential basis for six months.

He said the hubs will go a long way in acting as key centres for transforming the lives of Ugandans across the country.

## PRESIDENT MUSEVENI FLAGS OFF TEAM UGANDA TO GLOBAL COMPETITIONS

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“Today brings me and the entire fraternity of the Ministry of Education and Sports another moment of happiness and a new hope in flagging off our National Sports Teams, as they prepare to represent our homeland in various sports events on the world stage. I thank God who has enabled us as a country and our young people to come this far in participating in international sports events. I can only say Ebenezer,”

*Hon. Janet K. Museveni*

**KOLOLO INDEPENDENCE GROUNDS, KAMPALA:** President Museveni flanked by the First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Kataaha

Museveni flagged off the Ugandan teams set to participate in the upcoming Commonwealth games in Birmingham City, United Kingdom and the World Athletics Championships in USA.

Uganda was represented in 13 sporting disciplines including athletics, netball, rugby, table tennis, and badminton, weightlifting, swimming among other disciplines.

Uganda was among the countries competing at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in

*President Museveni and the First Lady hand over the Uganda flag to Team Uganda at Kololo Independence Grounds*



Birmingham, England, between 28th July and 8th August 2022, which was Uganda's sixteenth appearance at the games.

Addressing the sports men and women at the ceremony, President Museveni explained the advantages of engaging in sports, apart from being good for fitness also builds character, promotes entertainment, builds team work and gives the country publicity among others.

"Whenever I get a chance to speak about sports, I speak about its advantages. These include being good for fitness, building character and part of the character is not giving up. The discipline of sports is that you should not give up," President Museveni said.

The President appealed to the athletes of Uganda to work as a team and encouraged them to be disciplined. He said that was the best way they will give publicity to themselves and the country at large.

"You should emphasise sports for teamwork. Many people fail in the world because they don't want to work as a team. As sports people, you can't work alone, you need team work. If you have this talent of sports, you should not misuse it. It's a good talent," President Museveni said.

The President warned the sports men and women against hazards in sports like alcoholism, prostitution among others because they can

damage one's organs and hence failure to perform.

"Sports needs all your organs to be working well, i.e., the heart, lungs, liver, intestines, etc. All these are at risks with alcohol. Having known the value of sports for you and the country, you now need discipline to guard that talent," the President said.

The President commended the Minister of Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Museveni and the entire Ministry of Sports for exhibiting team work in the Ministry that has seen strides being made.

"I want to thank Maama and her team for the team work spirit in that ministry. Because of her team spirit, you can now see we are moving. It is now my pleasure to send off all teams, I wish you God's blessing," President Museveni said while flagging off the team.

The First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni, was grateful to God for yet another moment where the President is blessing Team Uganda that is going to participate in the Commonwealth games and the World Championships.

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represent our homeland in various sports events on the world stage. I thank God who has enabled us as a country and our young people to come this far in participating in international sports events. I can only say Ebenezer,” Hon. Janet Museveni said.

The Minister said that the successes registered by the Sports sub-sector of Uganda in the recent past is not only attributed to the God-given talented population we have as a country, but the stability in the nation generally.

She said as such, “Public financing for Physical Education and Sports Sub-Sector increased by 304 per cent (that is UGX 20.77 billion), from Uganda Shillings 6.83 billion in FY2015/2016 to Uganda Shillings 27.6 billion in FY2020/2021.”

This investment over that period, the First Lady said has brought us more than 180 various medals of which at least 75 were gold medals in various teams and individual sports.

“It is worth noting that at least 60 of the 180 medals won were by either female team or individual athletes. It is, therefore, a great honour for us at the Ministry of Education and

Sports, to flag off yet another set of sports ambassadors for our beloved nation,” Hon. Janet Museveni said.

Minister Janet Museveni informed Team Uganda to always remember that while they are abroad, they are holding the Uganda flag wherever they go. She urged them to ensure that they do nothing that brings shame to the flag.

“Therefore, please remember to keep our flag flying high. Show the pride in being Ugandan. Remember everybody is watching you, praying, and wishing you the very best. There can never be any better country for you other than your God-given homeland,” she said.

She congratulated the teams for making it to representing Uganda at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games and the World Athletics Championship.

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**STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE:** President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni said that Africa must unite to guarantee the prosperity of its people and for its strategic security.

“The Africans will wake up because they have no alternative. Pan Africanism which was being pushed by our elders Julius Nyerere, Kenyatta, Modibbal Keita, Seko Toure, etc., must be made clear to all the people you talk to,” President Museveni said.

The President was meeting with the Executive Council of the global Pan-African Movement at State House Entebbe.

The Executive Council is led by the Global Chairman, Maj. Gen. Kahinda Otafiire, who is also the Minister for Internal Affairs.

The President called on the Global Pan-African movement to spread the Pan-African gospel based on three issues of; prosperity, strategic security and unity of the African people.

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*President Museveni meeting the Pan-African Movement Delegation at State House, Entebbe*



for you is the Pan-African market,” he said.

With a united Africa, the President said, Africa can negotiate more with the external markets.

“Please unite because you are linked. And we have Kiswahili, which is a neutral language,” the President added.

The President promised to support the upcoming Pan-African Congress to be held in Uganda in the year 2024.

The Chairman Global Pan-African Movement, Maj. Gen. Kahinda Otafiire, said that the congress was delayed because of COVID-19 pandemic that ravaged the word and unwillingness of some member

states to organise it.

“The governing council has decided to have it again. It has been delayed because of COVID-19. The council is now here to plan for the next 8th congress, which will be in Uganda in 2024,” Minister Otafiire said.

“We are presenting to you a budget as the Patron. We request you to get involved actively in the preparation,” he said.

The meeting was attended by delegates from Tanzania, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Ghana and Togo among others.



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**STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE:** President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni commended the active cooperation that exists between Uganda and South Africa and said that if African countries work together, they will develop the continent faster.

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President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni was speaking during a meeting with the South African Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Hon. Dr. Naledi Pandor.

Minister Naledi also delivered a special message to President Museveni from President Cyril Ramaphosa of South Africa. She was accompanied by the South African High Commissioner in Uganda H.E. Lulu Xingwana.

The President said companies such as MTN, Stanbic etc., should widen their scope and venture into investments in agro-processing and mineral processing.

“Even MTN, when they came, I told them that there are bigger sectors like agro-processing and mineral processing that they can go into. I am very glad you have come to revive this. We are ready to work with our African brothers including South Africa, so that we widen our economies,” he said.

On the issue of security, President Museveni said that if Africa works together, there is no problem they can't solve by themselves. “There is nothing we can't do if we cooperate,” he said.

Giving an example of Libya, President Museveni said that if Africa had cooperated in unity, Ghaddafi would not have been thrown out. “Up to now Libya is in chaos, it is disgusting,” he said.

Mr. Museveni appealed to the South African business community through the Minister to come and invest in Uganda. He said Uganda is peaceful and has a very conducive environment to do profitable business.

Minister Naledi Pandor thanked President Museveni for according her and her delegation the opportunity to discuss cooperation between Uganda and South Africa.

“Thank you for meeting us. We were impressed by your speech at the just concluded CHOGM in Kigali, Rwanda,” Hon. Naledi said.

She revealed that Uganda and South Africa are initiating a programme to cooperate in different fields like legal assistance, agriculture, tourism among others.

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*President Museveni poses for a photo with the South African Delegation during the meeting at State House, Entebbe*

Uganda and South Africa. We are looking at visa waiver to increase tourism and trade between our countries. We agreed with the Minister, that we need to do more, and in Uganda We have agreed to do more in agriculture especially in agro-processing,” she said.

Dr. Naledi Pandor said that South Africa and Uganda can play an important role in uniting Africa.

“We believe in you Mr. President and President Ramaphosa to silence the guns and have peace in Africa,” Dr. Naledi said.

The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Hon. Okello Oryem, revealed that Hon. Dr. Naledi Pandor had unveiled the Nelson Mandela statue in Namboole and had also toured Kaweweta.



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**STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE:** President Museveni pledged Government's support to Uganda's Joint Clinical Research Centre (JCRC) to construct a modern Research Centre that is estimated to cost 33 million dollars.

This was revealed during a meeting the President held with the executive members of Joint Clinical Research Center (JCRC) together with a delegation of science scholars from the Western University of Canada at State House, Entebbe. The Joint Clinical Research Centre (JCRC) team was led by Dr. Cissy Kityo while the Scientists from Western University of Canada were led by Dr. Opio Oloya and John Yoo, the Dean, Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry and included Ms. Jessica Prodger and Mr. Eric Arts.

The Joint Clinical Research Centre (JCRC) entered a partnership with the Western University's Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry based in Ontario, Canada to help expand research and training services in Uganda.

President Yoweri Museveni applauded the partnership and collaboration between JCRC and the Western University of Canada promising them full support as government to do more scientific research

on a number of diseases especially HIV.

“I am very happy with the collaboration and wish you good luck. I will support you locally here. We are also working with other groups. The plan to build a Research Centre, which will cost US\$ 33 million is welcome and we shall support it,” the President said.

The Executive Director of Joint Clinical Research Centre (JCRC), Dr. Cissy Kityo, said that the partnership will also provide Ugandan students, faculty, clinicians and researchers opportunities to develop their skills and enhance their training through reciprocal placements hosted at Western University and its affiliated partners in South western Ontario.

“JCRC will serve as a national coordinating centre for the conduct and operation of facilitating international clinical, practicum, and research placements for students registered at the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry and Western University more broadly, for experiential learning, clinical and research placements. Students undertake various activities in the areas of basic medical sciences, clinical sciences, global and public health, medicine and dentistry,” Dr. Cissy Kityo said.

According to Dr. Opio Oloya, who led the delegation of the scientists from Western University of Canada, they believe that the quality of research and teaching will be strengthened by the establishment of international cooperation links leading to their mutual enrichment in scientific,



academic, and cultural areas.

“We are very happy to see you, thank you for the opportunity to meet you. Western University is one of the biggest Universities in Canada and known as a research university,” Opiyo Oloya said.

With this collaboration, Oloya said Uganda will become the centre and destination of Excellence on the African continent and beyond.

“The commitment to education in Uganda is commendable. Uganda is a role model to many of us. Thank you for

your commitment in this collaboration,” Oloya said.

The key objective of this partnership according to Dr. Cissy Kityo is to establish a long-term research collaboration in fields which are compatible with the orientation of each institution, and which are relevant to the industrial, scientific, social and cultural interests and needs of Uganda and Canada, and helping to address some of the most challenging issues in global health



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*President Museveni poses for a photo with the teams from Joint Clinical Research Centre and Western University of Canada at State House, Entebbe*



## UGANDA TO SUPPORT ACTOR TERRENCE HYDROGEN TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE

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*Terrence Howard to President Museveni*

**STATE LODGE, NAKASERO:** President Yoweri Kaguta said he welcomes the idea of the new hydrogen technology initiative by visiting American actor Terrence Dashon Howard and his wife Mira Pak who were in Uganda to explore Uganda’s tourism potential and investment opportunities in technology.

“You are most welcome to Uganda. I am happy about the initiative and I will

give you land if you need it. People in the Ministry should take you around and see where the project can best fit. We are ready on our side to work with you,” President Museveni said.

The couple had paid a courtesy call on President Museveni at State Lodge Nakasero where they held a jovial discussion with the President.

The couple later visited different parts of the country to explore the beauty of the countryside and explore Uganda’s magnificent tourism potential among others.

Mr. Terrence, who was also looking for investment opportunities in the fields of



*President Museveni chats with Actor Terrence Howard and his wife during the meeting at State Lodge, Nakasero*

technology, said that he wanted to start up a New Hydrogen technology plant in Uganda, which would be the first of its kind in Africa.

According to reports, hydrogen technologies are technologies that relate to the production and use of hydrogen as a part hydrogen economy. Hydrogen technologies are applicable of many uses.

Some hydrogen technologies are carbon neutral and could have a role in preventing climate change and a possible future hydrogen economy. Hydrogen is a chemical widely used in various applications including ammonia production, oil refining and energy

Mr. Terrence Howard who is a professional in science and technology revealed that he has been practicing his profession especially in the field of research at the same time doing his film acting.

“Thank you for allowing to meet us, I want to develop a new hydrogen technology in Uganda. The main purpose of the project would be to defend the sovereignty of the country as far as technology is concerned,” Mr. Terrence said.

He commended President Museveni and government for their wise and exemplary leadership, which has helped the country to make positive strides.

## **Acting Background**

Terrence Howard's first major role in the 1995 films *Dead Presidents* and *Mr. Holland's Opus* helped him break into the mainstream with a succession of television and Cinema roles between 2004 and 2006. He was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Actor for his role in *Hustle & Flow*.

The actor has had prominent roles in many other movies, including; *Winnie Mandela*, *Ray*, *Lackawanna Blues*, *Crash*, *Four Brothers*, *Big Momma's House*, *Get Rich or Die Tryin'*, *Idlewild*, *Biker Boyz*, *August Rush*, *The Brave One*, and *Prisoners*.

He also played James “Rhodey” Rhodes in the first *Iron Man* film. He starred as the lead character Lucious Lyon in the television series *Empire*.

His debut album, *Shine Through It*, was released in September 2008. In September 2019, Howard announced that he had retired from acting, as he was “tired of Pretending.” However, on February 1, 2021, it was announced that he would star in the British sci-fi/thriller film *Beneath*.

The meeting was attended by Hon. Frank Tumwebaze, Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, Hon. Joyce Ssebugwawo, Minister of State for Information, Communications and Technology, among others.



## PRESIDENT MUSEVENI RECEIVES A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TSHISEKEDI

**STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE:** President Museveni received a special message from H.E. Felix Tshisekedi Tshilombo, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The message was delivered by a Congolese delegation led by the Senior Minister of Works Hon. Alexis Gisaro Muvunyi.

The delegation included; Maj. Gen. Ntumba Frank Buamunda, Special Presidential Adviser on Military Affairs and Lt. Gen. Rwuibasira Obed Ruyumba, Chief of Staff in charge of Operations.

In the message, President Tshisekedi was seeking guidance from his Ugandan counterpart President Museveni on how best they can handle the crisis in Congo.

Addressing the Congolese Delegation, President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni thanked President Tshisekedi for sending him a high-level delegation to talk about peace in Congo, and the Great Lakes Region at large.

“If you want to fight and win, you must fight a just war,” President Museveni said; making references to the wars he has been fighting in the last 50 years in Uganda and in the neighboring countries.

The President advised that the correct way to solve the problem of insecurity in the Congo is to have a ceasefire in place, engage the regional leaders and have a dialogue in place with the M23 people so that you listen to their issues.

President Museveni commended his

Congolese counterpart, President Felix Tshisekedi, for his efforts in wanting to stabilise Congo. He thanked him for strengthening bilateral cooperation between Uganda and Congo since he came to office.

On his part, the Head of delegation and Congolese Senior Minister of Works, Hon. Alexis Gisaro Muvunyi, conveyed warm regards from President Tshisekedi to President Museveni. He said that since President Tshisekedi took power, he has developed an open political relationship with everyone in Congo and with neighbours.

Mr. Gisaro said that as of then, the M23 was still occupying Bunagana. The delegation however stressed that they don't want arms in the region but they want development.

“We are open to negotiations, we accepted regional forces to come, but they (M23) have to show good will,” he said.

The Congolese delegation commended the recent strides made between Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo, when the two states agreed to have a joint force to flush out ADF, the building of two roads in Congo and starting of direct flights of Uganda Airlines to Congo.

The meeting was attended by the Ambassador of Congo to Uganda H.E. Jean Pierre Massala.



“We want to thank you for your sacrifice and contribution in our struggle. We have got a special attachment and bond with you. I was even told that Mandela had a Ugandan passport. We are truly grateful,” Dr. Patrice Tihopane Motsepe to President Museveni

**STATE LODGE, NAKASERO:** President received and held discussions with the President of the Confederation of African Football (CAF) who is a South African billionaire and businessman, Dr. Patrice Tihopane Motsepe.

The First lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni, was represented by the State Minister in charge of Sports, Hon. Hamson Obua, to receive the CAF President who is in the country for a two-day visit.

President Museveni while addressing his guests revealed that the sports sector has been receiving little support because the economy had collapsed during Amin's regime and after reviving it, Governments' concentration was put on infrastructural development that has helped to grow the economy.

“When we came into Government in 1986, Uganda's economy had collapsed. So, our immediate intervention and mission was to revive the economy. Now that the economy is doing better, we shall put more funding in sports,” President Museveni said.

The only big support we have given to sports, the President said is peace. “Because of the peace in the country,



*President Museveni receives an accolade from CAF President, Dr. Patrice Tihopane Motsepe, during the meeting at State Lodge, Nakasero*

many young people are coming up by themselves,” he said.

President Museveni promised more support to the sports sector and said that when Government commits, it will commit big.

“On the issues of football, we have not yet supported you as we want, but we are going to give you more support”, he said.

The meeting which was organised and attended by the Speaker of Parliament, Hon. Anita Among Annet was attended by among others FUFA President Moses Magogo Hashim, the Deputy Speaker Thomas Tayebwa and CECAFA President Wallace Karia.

On the support given to the African National Congress (ANC) in South Africa, President Museveni said they had to support our African brothers to defeat Apartheid.

“I started supporting ANC in 1967, with ANC’s representative in Tanzania. We were students that time and working closely. That’s when I started supporting ANC. When we came to government here, we continued with the support,” he said.

The President of the Confederation of African Football (CAF), Dr. Patrice Tihopane Motsepe, said that South Africa will never forget the sacrifice and contribution that President Museveni and the Government of Uganda gave to them during the struggle for freedom.

“We want to thank you for your sacrifice and contribution in our struggle. We have got a special attachment and bond with you. I was even told that Mandela had a Ugandan passport. We are truly grateful,” Dr. Patrice Tihopane Motsepe said.

He commended the President and Ugandan Government for supporting sports saying that sports unites people.

“We should teach our children that the unity of Africa will develop the continent. Today we came to talk about football, the President of FUFA Uganda always praises your support for sports especially football. Thank you for your love for the game and we request you to continue with the support and love. I want to conclude by thanking you for your inspirational leadership, economic growth, peace and stability and the support for football,” Dr. Patrice Tihopane Motsepe said.

The Speaker of Parliament, Rt. Hon. Anita Annet Among commended President Museveni and First Lady for their contribution towards the sports sector. She said that football unites the community regardless of peoples political or tribal affiliations.

“Football is a uniting factor. It knows no political, social, tribal affiliation. Thank you and First Lady for your contribution towards sports,” Hon. Anita Among said.

Hon. Anita Among said that they have so many young people in the ghettos who have talent and skill and they just need support to develop them.

FUFA President Hon. Moses Magogo, commended Government for the continued support given to them that has seen their performance grow over the years.

President Museveni and First Lady were thereafter given accolades and gifts in recognition of their contribution towards the sports sector.

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*President Museveni*

**KARAMA, MUBENDE:** President Yoweri Museveni who is also the Commander-in-Chief of the Uganda Peoples Defence Forces (UPDF) assured the army that the issue of salary enhancement will be handled gradually as the economy improves.

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Gen. Museveni was officiating at a pass-out ceremony of over 100 platoon commanders and over 450 Armoured crew graduands at Armoured Warfare Training School Karama in Mubende district. The commanders were trained in armour gunnery, combat driving, armour design and maintenance, communication, tactics, political education, military health, international humanitarian law, military war, mine warfare, among other things.

The President heartily congratulated the leadership of the army for implementing his directive of using a combined approach while training a force that can annihilate the enemy with strategic precision.

“I want to congratulate the commanders

and all of you. When I advise you, you listen and implement. You must use all the combined elements to subdue the enemy. I congratulate you. You were very accurate, hitting targets during the exercise. I didn’t see any body missing. Therefore, we are moving very well,” he observed.

Gen. Museveni had prior to his remarks witnessed a spectacular military exercise by graduands that also involved other sections of the army including the air and land forces and tank artillery.

He described as substandard attacks on the enemy of using only a single element tactic ‘like a person eating cassava without sauce and drinking water’ citing the recent case of rounding up cattle rustlers in Karamoja sub-region where soldiers were using ‘fata nyayo – follow the footsteps,”

“If you eat cassava or millet food alone, you can die. You need sauce and water, if not; it will send you to hospital. You also need salt and all spices to make the sauce nice. In order to eat properly, you need combined elements. So it is with war, you need a combined assault,” he counselled.

Gen. Museveni added that with this type of training, the army is finally getting into the system and culture of a real revolutionary army.

Gen. Museveni strongly advised graduands to mind their health by avoiding situations that can end their life prematurely like alcoholism and immorality.

The Deputy Chief of Defence Forces (CDF), Lt. Gen. Peter Elwelu thanked President Museveni for always supporting and





guiding the army in order to achieve the historical mission. He also thanked the Commandant of the school for a job well done and congratulated the graduands upon successfully completing their course.

The Commandant of Karama Armoured Warfare Training School, Col. Jackson Kajuba, said the core objective of the course was to produce armour commanders and armour crews capable of executing their duties effectively and efficiently in all conditions. He added that the school endeavors to produce ideologically clear officers and men who understand the importance and the value of the people.

The Colonel further said that the aim was also to inculcate into the graduands the culture of creating wealth through individual or group activities.

The ceremony was attended by senior military and Government officials. Others present included district leaders from Mubende and Kyegegwa, religious leaders and the neighboring community.

Gen. Museveni later awarded gift to the best performers in all categories. The recipients included Lt. Juma Mulebe as the best overall student.



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*President Museveni watches drills during the pass out ceremony at Karama in Mubende District*

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## **NRM SIGNS COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH DP**

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*President Museveni and DP President General, Nobert Mao, display copies of the agreement during the signing ceremony at State House, Entebbe*



**STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE:** The National Resistance Movement signed a working cooperation agreement with the Democratic Party at State House, Entebbe.

President Yoweri Museveni, also the National Chairman of NRM, signed on behalf of the party, while DP President General, Hon. Nobert Mao, signed on behalf of DP.

NRM secretary General, Hon. Richard Todwong and that of DP, Dr. Gerald Siranda, witnessed the signing.

President Museveni, after the signing, congratulated Hon. Mao upon agreeing to work on steering DP to work with the NRM. He noted that this is something that should have happened at the top administrative level long ago.

“You know the history. I keep telling you that DP without Museveni is not a serious group because I was a very active member of DP,” he said.

The President said that DP had good quality and was definitely sincere and more straightforward.

H.E. Museveni said he was very happy with this milestone, saying that all this time although DP has been supporting opposition, they have not been destructive.

“Although DP has been in the opposition, they have not been destructive. They criticise but are not destructive,” he said.

On his part, the DP President General appreciated the milestone on behalf of his party, saying that this is a continuous journey which started before some of them were born.

He told President Museveni that he now has the historical opportunity to gather party members scattered all over Uganda.

Mao said that DP is committed to adhering to what has been agreed upon and that this is a living document that should continue growing. “This is a living document. It has to continue growing and we have signed it in a good faith,” he said.

Mao said the documents signed show that they have managed to resolve the contradictions that they have been having.

He saluted the courage President Museveni exhibited all through and the risks he has taken saying that Museveni is the captain of the ship called Uganda and that it is important to pray for Museveni as he leads Uganda.



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**ARUSHA, TANZANIA:** “There is no way in modern economies where you can achieve prosperity without markets. If the producers of goods and services can have more people who buy from them, the better,” President Yoweri Museveni said.

He said this while addressing a high-level retreat for the East African Community (EAC) Council of ministers under the theme, “11 years of realising the commitments of the EAC Common Market

Protocol: A reflection on the achievements, opportunities, challenges and the journey ahead”.

President Museveni cited the USA which he said is prosperous because of a big market size while Latin America is also big but disintegrated and disorganised.

“If you want to see laboratories of success or failure, you have two free samples: the US which is relatively new but is rich and powerful because of market size. Next to them is Latin America which is rich but poor and disorganised. See how people are suffering. Flocking to the USA,” he said.

The President said the push for integration



*President Museveni is greeted by traditional performers at Kilimanjaro International Airport in Tanzania*

is not political but for survival.

“Integration is not just politics but for survival. I am glad the private sector is coming on board,” he said.

The High Level retreat for the summit on the EAC Common Market

was attended by President Uhuru Kenyatta; who was Chairman of the EAC Heads of State and President of the Republic of Kenya, the host President Samia Suluhu Hassan; President of the United Republic of Tanzania, President Gen. Evariste Ndayishimiye of the Republic of Burundi, Hon. Edouard Ngirente; the Prime Minister of Rwanda representing President Paul Kagame, Hon. Jean-Michel Lukonde; the Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Congo representing President Felix Tshisekedi, President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud of the Federal Republic of Somalia who was a special guest and Hon. Dr. Barnaba Marial Benjamin; the Minister in Charge of the Presidential Affairs of the Republic of South Sudan, representing President Salva Kiir among others.

President Museveni cautioned that the issue of policy on trade among member countries can make people fail and must be addressed if integration is to be achieved.

“For example, Uganda easily produces food, some seasons it is a lot. Because of the Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs), even with a lot of maize and sugar, it can’t be sold easily in East Africa. Because of that, farmers leave and go on to other things. Now, if there is crisis, we say no sugar, but the farmers moved on. We should be very strict on policy,” Museveni said.

He also gave an example of rice trade between Uganda and Tanzania.

“There is inefficiency. Rice growers in

Uganda were asking me to put a tax on rice because Tanzania was growing rice cheaply. I told them to drop that nonsense. How do we force Uganda to buy expensive rice? Let the market be free. If you can’t produce rice in Uganda, you migrate to Tanzania,” he said.

On the issue of COVID-19, the crisis did a wonderful job in waking the region up.

“COVID-19 was good. It taught us that if you are foolish, you will die. It also revealed what some people are like. I am a Christian and we asked other Christians to help with vaccines but they told us to first wait. But Christianity says love your neighbour as you love yourself. It’s good that we had this crisis. It was a problem but also an opportunity, we can now exploit the pathogenic economy. We did it with AIDS by making our own ARVs. Now we are doing research on vaccines for humans, therapeutics, diagnostics, etc., and have created money and jobs. We must begin making all those vaccines, medicines and even non-medical materials here in East Africa,” he said.

On the issue of fuel crisis, President Museveni said the continent must minimise the use of fuel since it is still very expensive.

“The fuel crisis is also another opportunity. In Uganda, we had started making electric cars - prototypes. They are called Kira. We must now upgrade this project of making electric cars and minimise fuel. Besides electric car development, we have petroleum plans. But even before the Ukraine war, petroleum prices were already going up because of fears of no demand in future, which slowed production. We must migrate from petrol and diesel to electric cars,” he said.

“If we integrate, unity is very crucial. All opportunities are there and we shall take advantage of them but with a strong market,” he said.

President Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya said the region must work towards a common market.

“Arusha is not a Geneva. Arusha is the heart of Africa. We do not want to compare ourselves to other people. If Arusha beats properly, we will keep going well. Arusha ni roho yetu. “We must be able to communicate across East Africa, that’s why we have invested so much in infrastructure linking the countries. In a short while, H. E. Suluhu will visit her counterpart (it won’t be me) to launch another,” said President Kenyatta.

“There are some people who prefer for us not to be interlinked because they don’t want us to progress. They want to take our raw materials and bring them back as finished goods. They want us to remain markets for them,” President Kenyatta added.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan of the United Republic of Tanzania called for more modern agro-production.

“Yes, we need to increase the amount of land under food production and can double it but we cannot focus on land

alone. We should also focus on irrigation, for instance. And access to finance and mechanisation,” she said.

President Suluhu said decreasing post-harvest losses and improving local storage systems will help farmers produce more.

“We should also have proper agro-processing,” she said.

The Common Market is one of the 4 pillars of Regional Integration, which has been in force since 2010, in line with the EAC Treaty provisions.

The protocol aims at accelerating the EAC economic growth, EAC Partner States must maintain a liberal stance towards; the free movement of goods and services, capital, persons, labour/workers and the right of; establishment and residence.

EAC partner states have eliminated internal tariffs on locally produced goods with a growth in intra-EAC trade now at US\$5.9billion in 2020 up from US\$3.7 billion in 2010 according to EAC Secretary General, Peter Mathuki.

The two-day summit saw the Heads of States open a key 42-kilometre Arusha bypass, one of the major road projects to be successfully completed under the EAC cooperation.





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**ARUSHA, TANZANIA:** “Africa must emphasise and support an indigenous entrepreneurial class, national capitalists who can help build and economically develop their countries,” President Yoweri Museveni has said.

“The local capitalists are the ones who help build the country. We

should start up more national capitalists and support them,” he said.

President Museveni was speaking shortly after a ceremony in which Heads of State of the East African Community commissioned the 42.4 km Arusha bypass road, one of the major road projects to be successfully completed under EAC cooperation.

Arusha bypass forms part of the 15,000km East African Road Network and the Trans African Highway from Cape Town to Cairo through Gaborone. The road starts at Ngaramtoni and crosses Dodoma road at Kisongo.



*Heads of State of the EAC pose for a photo during the commissioning ceremony of the Arusha bypass in Arusha, Tanzania*

The launch was attended by President Uhuru Kenyatta; the then Chairman of the EAC Heads of State and President of the Republic of Kenya, the host President Samia Suluhu Hassan; President of the United Republic of Tanzania, President Gen. Evariste Ndayishimiye of the Republic of Burundi, Hon. Edouard Ngirente; the Prime Minister of Rwanda representing President Paul Kagame, Hon. Jean-Michel Lukonde; the Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Congo representing President Felix Tshisekedi, President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, of the Federal Republic of Somalia who is a special guest and Hon. Dr. Barnaba Marial Benjamin; the Minister in Charge of the Presidential Affairs of the Republic of South Sudan, representing President Salva Kiir among others.

President Museveni said there are many countries in the world with a lot of problems because of poor leadership but said they could learn from some countries that have had foresighted leaders like China.

“There are countries which have had a lot of problems in the world because of poor leadership. One country known as China was lucky to have very foresighted leaders especially Mao Tsetung and Deng Xiaoping. When we discuss here, I can see there is a need to utilise what some of the good leaders did,” he said.

Mao Zedong also known as Chairman Mao, was a Chinese

communist revolutionary who was the founder of the People’s Republic of China (PRC) while Deng Xiaoping was a Chinese revolutionary leader, military commander and statesman who led China through a series of far-reaching market-economy reforms earning him the reputation as the “Architect of Modern China”. He contributed to China becoming the world’s second largest economy.

“When you have these groups in society, things like what we have been discussing here, the Non-tariff barriers (NTB) can be addressed. Look at how Mao helped China. He analysed the Chinese society and said it has four social classes; the feudalists, the bad people we must get rid of, the comprador bourgeoisie, these are people who make money on behalf of foreigners, commission agents, importers and the national bourgeoisie, the local capitalists that we should support to help build up our countries,” he said.

President Museveni said he was happy that the place from where they commissioned the road is now developed and expanded.

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The President's memories of Arusha are particularly nostalgic as this is the place where the regions elders launched the revival of the East African Community after its collapse in 1977.

"I was also remembering when we revived the community with Mzee Moi. We had started with Hassan Mwinyi, I think by that time we launched, we did it in the stadium somewhere. I am just here to say how happy I am and to congratulate everybody, the East Africans," he said.

After a closed-door session for the Heads of State, Republic of Kenya's President, H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta, who took over Chairmanship on 27th February 2021, handed over the bloc's leadership to H.E. Évariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi in Arusha, Tanzania, as the Chair of the EAC. The Republic of South Sudan will serve as rapporteur.

President Uhuru Kenyatta, the outgoing Chair of EAC Heads of State said infrastructure development is important for achieving the objective of a common market.

"Infrastructure is critical in achieving our common objective of being a Common Market," he said.

According to the EAC, Infrastructure across EAC has reduced the transit time. Mombasa Port to Kigali through Uganda has reduced from 18 days in 2014 to 5 days in 2021.

Dar-es-Salaam Port to Kigali and Bujumbura has reduced from 22 days in 2014 to 7 days in 2021 while cost reduction per consignment has also reduced from US\$3,500 in 2014 to US\$2,200 in 2021.

The EAC summit Heads of State appointed Hon. Justice Cheborion Barishaki from Uganda as judge in the appellate Division

and Justice Gacuko Leonard from Burundi as a judge in the First Instance Division of the East African Court of Justice.

The Summit of EAC Heads of State also appointed President Uhuru Kenyatta as facilitator to oversee the implementation of the Nairobi Process on the DRC, as provided for in the modality for the establishment and functioning of the EAC Panel of Eminent Persons and deployment of Special Envoys.

The President of the Federal Republic of Somalia who is a Special guest of the 22nd Ordinary Summit of the EAC Heads of State said his country is ready for admission to the bloc.

"We are ready for admission into the EAC," H.E. Hassan Sheikh Mohamud said.



## SHC GETS NEW HOUSING FACILITIES

“ I thank you for the very strategic thinking and may God continue to bless you because you have not finished the work and Ugandans still need you,” Minister of State for Veteran Affairs

**LUNYO, ENTEBBE:** President Yoweri Museveni, who is also the Commander-In- Chief (C-I-C) of the Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces (UPDF), commissioned 102 Special Forces Command (SFC) officers housing units at Kambarage Nyerere quarters at Lunyo in Entebbe Municipality.

The housing units were constructed by the SFC Engineering Unit. The construction started on March 28th, 2022 and was completed within three months.

Each housing unit has three bedrooms, a living room and is self- contained with a kitchen and store. Each three-bedroom house cost Shs71 million. The units were constructed with funding from the Government of Uganda.

Gen. Museveni, after touring some of the units, congratulated UPDF, Front for National Salvation (FRONASA) and National Resistance Army (NRA) for fighting to defend Uganda for no salary or low salary for a long time until now when the NRM Government has got money to enhance the salaries of the UPDF.

The C-I-C said that the target of Government is to pay a private over one million shillings. He noted that the time has come to start constructing houses for the army.

“The time has now come to start doing something about accommodation for the UPDF,” he said.

The President said he was glad that the UPDF accepted the advice he gave them to use direct labour which is cheap, like the SFC Engineering Unit undertaking construction of the housing units.



*President Museveni plants a tree during the commissioning ceremony of the SFC Housing estate at Lunyo, Entebbe*

"I am glad that you accepted that advice. Please, stop using contractors because they will not solve the problem of the army. I am glad that you have all seen this. The use of direct labour has helped so much. Don't waste time with private contractors, but continue with the construction and we shall look for more money to build the houses ourselves," he said.

He congratulated the Ministry of Defence and Veterans Affairs, the Chief of Defence Forces (CDF) and SFC for the good work done coming from grass-thatched houses to permanent buildings.

The C-I-C advised the officers to make the compounds of the houses attractive by using pavers and planting of grasses for neatness.

He noted that by repeatedly talking about ideology, it seems that the army is beginning to get and understand the meaning. He said that ideology means you do what is needed and that if you follow rationality, you will not fail because you do what is needed.

The State Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs, Hon. Huda Oleru, commended H. E. the President for building a professional army that is admired in the whole world.

She said that it is now easy to defend the budget of the UPDF than any other Ministry because the Engineering Brigade have built their name through excellent work.

She thanked the Unit for the good work done in the construction. She also thanked the President for exemplary leadership of making what seemed impossible possible within the shortest time.

Hon. Oleru also commended President Museveni for signing an agreement to work with Hon. Norbert Mao (of DP, who

was recently appointed the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs) saying this is a big fish which will stabilise the Northern region of Uganda.

"I thank you for the very strategic thinking and may God continue to bless you because you have not finished the work and Ugandans still need you," she said.

The Chief of Defence Forces, Gen. Wilson Mbadi, thanked the President for finding time to come and commission the beautiful housing units.

He said that Ministry of Defence and UPDF undertook critical findings to establish decent accommodation for the Force. He said this was to make the army stay together and to avoid being vulnerable while renting outside the barracks. He said this will help them to benefit from health, education, among other services in the units.

He said that the construction done by the UPDF Engineering Unit has made them save a lot of money, saying that they had no extra cost except buying of materials.

He congratulated the SFC for taking the lead in completing the 102 housing units as part of the bigger plan to acquire houses for the troops.

Gen. Mbadi requested for more funding to construct more houses for army officers.

The Commander of Special Forces Command, Brig. Gen. Felix Busizoori, briefed President Museveni on some of the development projects that are under construction. He noted that accommodation in the barracks is important for easy organisation of the army to be ready for any emergency at any time.

## KIGEZI DIOCESE RECEIVES BRAND NEW LAND CRUISER FROM THE PRESIDENT

**KABALE:** State House handed over a brand new Toyota Landcruiser G-R Sport to the Bishop of the Diocese of Kigezi, Rt. Rev. Gaddie Akanjuna, to facilitate him in his pastoral and evangelism work.

The brand new vehicle was delivered at the Bishop's residence on Rugarama Hill in Kabale town by the State House Comptroller, Ms. Jane Barekye, who thanked the leadership of Kigezi Diocese for being patient as they waited for the vehicle which was a Presidential gift to Bishop Akanjuna at his consecration ceremony that was held at Lower playground in Kabale town on 29th May, 2022.

"His Excellency President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni on May 29th, 2022, gave a gift of a vehicle to the Bishop of Kigezi Diocese, Rt. Rev. Gaddie Akanjuna, but we later established that it could not manage climbing the hills of Kigezi. It is because of this reason that President Museveni decided to import this brand new and strong Toyota Land Cruiser specifically for the Bishop of Kigezi to facilitate his

pastoral work. His Excellency thanks you for the patience exhibited," Ms. Barekye said.

The Head of the Laity for Kigezi Diocese, Rev. Canon Johnson Baryantuma Munono, and the Head of the Clergy in the same diocese, Rev. Canon Reuben Byomuhangi, together with Bishop Akanjuna thanked President Museveni for fulfilling his pledge and promised to continue supporting his able leadership that has created development in Uganda.

"As the Diocese of Kigezi, we are very grateful to President Museveni for fulfilling his pledge. We shall use the donated vehicle not only for evangelism and pastoral work but to mobilise the community to engage in different Government programmes aimed at poverty eradication such as the Parish Development Model," Bishop Akanjuna said.

Bishop Akanjuna later handed back the Renault Koleos vehicle that had earlier been given to him to Ms. Barekye.



*State House Comptroller, Jane Barekye, hands over keys of the new vehicle to Rt. Rev. Gaddie Akanjuna, in Rugarama, Kabale*





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*President Museveni*

**SOROTI CITY:** The National Chairman of NRM, President Yoweri Museveni, told the people of Teso sub-region and Soroti City East Constituency in particular that politics is not about personalities but about the party that can ably solve challenges faced by the people.

“Politics is not about leaders but it is about ourselves and the party that

can ably solve the problems of the people. You need a good tube ‘epii’ in Ateso’ to be able to suck properly ajon (local millet brew) from the pot and that epii is Ariko,” President Museveni said.

The National Chairman of NRM was in Soroti City East Constituency to drum up support for the NRM flag bearer, Hon. Herbert Edmund Ariko, in the by-election that took place on the 28th July, 2022, which the NRM candidate won.

The Soroti City East Constituency seat fell vacant following the



*Vice President, H.E. Jessica Alupo, addresses the delegates at St. Kizito Technical School in Soroti City*

annulment by court of the victory of FDC's Attan because of election irregularities.

President Museveni told delegates who had gathered at St. Kizito Technical School playgrounds in Madera Ward that politics is about a party that can and will always be with the people solving their problems that include security, adding that NRM is the only tested party that can implement that task.

The NRM National Chairman said even if a candidate is good but is in a bad party, that person is of no value and cannot do much to help the wanainchi.

He therefore, advised the electorate in Soroti City East Constituency to support the NRM flag bearer, Ariko, as he is standing for NRM that is doing much for the country in various sectors like infrastructure.

He reminded them of the politics of the 1960s that was sectarian resulting in the bloodshed that caused a lot of chaos in the country.

President Museveni also reminded the people of Teso how NRM managed to overcome numerous challenges that included among others floods, locusts and recently the COVID-19 pandemic that ravaged the world but because of the correct

policies and measures taken by NRM, the number of deaths was significantly reduced compared to the developed countries that lost millions of their people.

On the Education sector, President Museveni strongly urged the people of Teso sub-region and the country at large to reject the move by some retrogressive elements to bring back charges in schools pointing out that his main plan was to help the children of the poor attain free education.

"You need to force those who don't accept my plans to stop their schemes. The completion rate of primary education is 38%, 62% don't go beyond P7. Now how do you modernise the country?" he wondered.

He urged the people of Teso and Uganda in general to support the plan of the NRM Government to implement Universal Education in Uganda before the end of the Government's term.

On wealth creation at the homestead level, President Museveni reminded the people of Teso to embrace modern and calculated farming, advising families with small land holding to concentrate on intensive agriculture and leave extensive farming to people with huge chunks



of land. He further asked those with a few acres to practice poultry and piggery in the backyards of their homes. Those near the swamps can use the edges of the water bodies for fish farming. He cited the project being run at Limoto in Pallisa and that of Anyara in Kaberemaido as some of the successful projects in fish farming.

The President also urged Ugandans to take advantage of the Parish Development Model (PDM) now being rolled out, describing the programme as a rescue formula.

The President said another intervention is the Emyooga for those with no land as it mainly involves hand skills.

President Museveni told the gathering of the wooing of investors to Uganda to build factories that will create employment and widen the tax base.

He said the people of Teso sub-region are witnesses to the work already done like the construction of the good road network in the region and plans to build the road

from Kumi to Ngora to Serere and beyond, the road from Soroti to Amuria, Obalanga to Acan Pii among others, and the ferry from Bukungu, Muntu, Kagwara to Bugondo.

On the fuel crisis, the President said Government will spend the available resources for the new safer energy sources in a modern way like the making of electric vehicles and motorcycles, railways, as well as solar and wind energy instead of agitating for fuel subsidies.

The Vice President, H.E. Jessica Alupo, who attended the meeting reported to President Museveni how appreciative the people of Teso were for the peace and security now prevailing in the country.

The Secretary General of NRM, Hon. Richard Todwong, thanked the people of Teso for voting NRM in the last elections. He assured the people of areas that were annexed to the newly created city that NRM will deliver all the services that they are lacking like electricity and clean water.



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*H.E. Sergey Lavrov*

**STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE:** President Yoweri K. Museveni received a special message from Russia's President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin which was delivered by Russia Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov at a ceremony at State House, Entebbe.

Sergey Lavrov and his delegation who had been on a two-day official visit to Uganda as part of his tour of African countries including Ethiopia, Egypt, Uganda and Congo-Brazzaville later held a bilateral meeting with President Yoweri Museveni and his delegation before both leaders addressed a joint press conference.

Museveni commended Russia's long-standing relationship with Uganda describing Lavrov's visit as the first by a high ranking Russian official.

“The people of Uganda and myself welcome you here, you are the first high level Russian Government leader who has ever visited Uganda, he said, adding, “Russia has been supporting anti-colonial African movement for the last 100 years”.

President Museveni noted that Russia is one of the countries which came to the defence of African countries in the fight against colonialism at a time when African chiefs failed to defend their countries .

He said there is a lot of potential areas of cooperation in addition to security citing

agriculture such as coffee, bananas, tea, milk and beef among others.

He also highlighted cooperation in space science, nuclear energy and pathogenic economy, saying that with Uganda's market together with East Africa and Africa in general is enough potential for trade.

President Museveni said that with trade agreements, some of the African products that have been going to Russia through Western Europe could go directly to benefit both sides.

Commenting on the global conflict between Ukraine and Russia, President Museveni said they don't believe in being enemies of somebody's enemy.

“We want to trade with Russia. We want to trade with all countries of the world. We don't believe in being enemies of somebody's enemy, no. We want to make our own enemies not to fight other people's enemies,” he said.

Russia' Sergey Lavrov said that he had a fruitful engagement with President Museveni concerning the international agenda among other matters discussed.

He acknowledged the long-standing relations between Russia and Uganda that started with the fight against anti-colonialism movements in Africa and said his country supports reforming the United Nations (UN) Security Council to give a more powerful role to developing countries.

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developing countries. The solution is more representation of Asian, African and Latin American Countries,” he said.

Lavrov said the two leaders found a lot of promising domains including energy, agriculture and cyber security among other areas.

Russian exports to Africa account for US \$14 billion a year and imports of African products of about US \$ 5 billion making the bilateral trade to about US \$ 20b .

Russian Trade and Investment has been increasing in Africa and like China it has also viewed the African Continental Free Trade (AFCFTA) which came into effect

on January 1st this year as an opportunity.

Russia and Uganda have agreed to co-operate on areas of economy, agriculture, cyber security, space technology, nuclear technology, pathogen technology and ideological studies. This was announced during a presser by President Museveni and FM Sergey Lavrov at State House, Entebbe.

The meeting was attended by Uganda’s Foreign Affairs Minister Jeje Odongo, State Minister Okello-Oryem and Minister of Defence and Veteran Affairs Vincent Bamulangaki Ssempijja among others.



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*President Museveni gestures to H.E. Sergey Lavrov during the meeting at State House, Entebbe*

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**STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE:** The appointment of Hon. Norbert Mao, the President General of the Democratic Party as the Minister designate for Justice and Constitutional Affairs is part of the NRM Governments’ efforts to keep Uganda stable and strong.

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The President was speaking shortly after presiding over the swearing-in ceremony of the new Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Norbert Mao, and the Minister of State for Economic Monitoring in the Office of the President.

The ceremony was officiated by the Head of Public Service and Secretary to Cabinet, Ms. Lucy Nakyobe Mbonye.

The President gave an in-depth background of Uganda’s political history said the country has had four attempts by patriots trying to unite the people of Uganda including Ignatious K. Musaazi and the Uganda National Congress Party which later cracked up to create the Democratic Party for Catholics and the UPC for Protestants. Later the Kabaka yekka party came up.

“All these were mistakes of not achieving broad unity. They fragmented the people. That was the first attempt by UNC but it didn’t succeed,” he said.

President Museveni said in 1979 when Uganda National Liberation Front (UNLF), a political group which was formed by exiled Ugandans opposed to the rule of Idi Amin, it had the same ideas but it broke up creating another season of fighting. However, when the NRA came in 1986, it said the problems that need to be solved were the same including infrastructure development, health care, education, etc.

“We formed resistance councils and people joined on a non-tribal base. The broad-based government in 1986 helped achieve peace,” he said.

However, with the agitation of multi-party politics, there were people who wanted out.



“We didn’t want to be harassed by those who wanted to leave. We said mubaleke bagende, but majority stayed. NRM attempt had succeeded two-thirds to keep Uganda together,” he said.

The President however said, “As in Christianity, you leave the 70 and go to look for the 30 per cent who left. My job is to bring them back. I am glad that some people have come back including Betty Kamywa, Jimmy Akena and now Mao. It is a deliberate effort to unite and solve the problems of Uganda because we all have the same problems like improving roads, water, education, security, etc.

The only difference is the opportunist politicians who don’t want to see a stable country,” he said.

President Museveni urged the new ministers to help solve people’s problems in their service to the country. He cited the new Minister of State for Sports, Peter Ogwang, who he said has been doing a great job of monitoring Government programmes and urged the new ministers to be accountable to the people.



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*President Museveni poses for a photo with Hon. Nobert Mao, Hon. Beatrice Akello, their families and staff from Office of the President during the swearing in ceremony at State House, Entebbe*

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**SPEKE RESORT, MUNYONYO:** President Yoweri Museveni bid farewell to the outgoing Europe Union Ambassador, H.E. Attilio Pacifici, who concluded his tour of duty in Uganda.

Ambassador Attilio paid a courtesy call on the President on the sidelines of the Parliamentary Forum on East Africa Community Affairs taking place in Munyonyo.

In his remarks, Ambassador Attilio saluted the President and the people of Uganda for the warm welcome and love throughout his stay.

“I thank you, Your Excellency, and the people of Uganda for the love and care I have got here. I hope my successor gets the same,” he said.

President Museveni thanked the Ambassador for the good work and the

relationship with the European Union.

H.E. Attilio is a career diplomat of the European Union External Action Service (EEAS). He started his career in European Union institutions in 1993 focusing on Africa and African affairs.

He has been the Head of the European Union Delegation to the Republic of Uganda since September 2017.

In a separate meeting, President Museveni also bid farewell to the outgoing Nigerian High Commissioner, H.E. Zanna Umaru Bukar-Kolo.

President Museveni and the outgoing envoy discussed bilateral matters especially on security in Nigeria.

The President congratulated the envoy and wished him good luck in his next journey of life.

The courtesy meetings were attended by the Minister of State for International Affairs, Hon. Okello Oryem.



*Ambassador Attilio Pacifici addresses the President during the meeting at Speke Resort, Munyonyo*

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### **SPEKE RESORT, MUNYONYO:**

President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni said Uganda is committed to ensuring sustainable use of the environment and the natural resources saying these are at the core of sustainable development and critical for social economic development and transformation, healthy ecosystems and human survival.

Officiating at the closure of the 3-day Inter-Ministerial Conference on Migration, Environment and Climate Change in Munyonyo, Kampala, President Museveni noted that the issues concerning migration, environment and climate change are not new to Uganda and people, majority of whom are vulnerable with limited capacity to adapt to the impacts of climate change, have continued to experience increased frequency and intensity of floods, drought and landslides associated with the impacts of climate change.

“In 2010, we had to relocate and resettle about 3,000 people from Mt. Elgon sub-region, Bududa district in Eastern Uganda to Kiryandongo

district in Western Uganda after their home villages were devastated by the landslides on March 1st, 2010,” Museveni said.

According to President Museveni, Africa particularly is disproportionately susceptible to climate change impact, causing loss of lives and livelihoods from the damage caused by climate change-related disasters. He said East Africa and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and other African countries rely heavily on natural resources that must be protected at all times.

“The changing climate and weather conditions are putting our communities, agriculture, health, water supply, hydro power production, road infrastructure and housing at more risk and making us more vulnerable. We cannot afford to take no action,” Museveni said.

He reaffirmed commitment of African countries to the realisation of the 2030 agenda for sustainable development and Africa agenda 2063, saying climate change adaptation is key in addressing the impact of climate change at all levels including addressing loss and damage and increasing the resilience of communities, infrastructure and eco systems.



“No country can address the challenge of climate change alone. We must work together to increase adaptive capacities while minimising the negative impact of climate-related displacement and involuntary migration,” he further noted.

President Museveni rallied delegates to protect wetlands and plant more trees in their respective countries as a measure to cushion against environmental catastrophes.

He added that wetlands, forests and open water bodies in Uganda contribute 40 per cent of the rain the country receives, while 60 per

cent of the rain comes from oceans. He said parts of West Nile in Uganda are getting more rains partly due to the wetlands in South Sudan and the forests in Congo.

“Therefore, by interfering with the forests and wetlands, we ourselves are destroying 40% of the rainfall of these areas. So, the countries of the great lakes, you really need to watch out. In Uganda here, I’m having war to make sure that no body cultivates in the wetland,” the President.

The President again advised farmers to stop growing rice in swamps since the economic activity causes a negative impact on the environment.



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*President Museveni and President Salva Kiir Mayardit of South Sudan arrive at Munyonyo for the conference*



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H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit, the President of South Sudan who also addressed the conference, spoke highly of measures on climate adaptation and called upon countries to devote more resources towards climate change financing.

He said the Government of South Sudan has submitted its national adaptation plan to the UN framework convention on climate change.

The three-day Regional Inter-Ministerial Conference on Migration, Environment and Climate Change sought to raise awareness about the impact of climate change and environmental degradation on human mobility, ahead of the 27th session of the UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP27) that will take place in Egypt from November 7th-18th, 2022 .

The conference held under the theme: “Enhancing Cooperation in Relation to Climate Change Induced Human Mobility, Including Migration, Displacement and Planned Relocation” was also addressed by

the Executive Secretary of IGAD, H.E. Eng. Mahboub Maalim, the Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Mr Ovais Sarmad, and the Egyptian Ambassador to Uganda, H.E. Ashraf Mohamed Nabhan, among others.

The conference also saw Heads of Ministerial Delegations signing and adopting the Kampala Declaration on Migration, Environment and Climate Change, an important step to dealing with and responding to the impact of climate on migration, displacement and human mobility.

It attracted high-level representatives from countries including Burundi, Djibouti, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya and Rwanda. Others were Senegal, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The East and Horn of Africa is one of the most vulnerable regions to climate variability and climate change. The region regularly faces a wide range of natural hazards and slow-onset events and processes leading to different forms of human mobility (displacement, migration, returns and planned relocation).

## PRESIDENT MUSEVENI, PRESIDENT KIIR DISCUSS CLIMATE CHANGE

**SPEKE RESORT, MUNYONYO:** President Yoweri Museveni met and held talks with the President of the Republic of South Sudan, H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit.

The meeting took place in Munyonyo shortly after the closure of the Regional Inter Ministeral Conference on Migration, Environment and Climate Change.

President Museveni and his South Sudanese counterpart discussed issues to do with effects of climate change especially floods that have left over 800,000 people displaced in South Sudan.

South Sudan has experienced extreme flooding over the past years, something that has affected life in the country.

The two Presidents further discussed matters concerning economy, peace and security, as well the political road map towards the realisation of the peace agreement in South Sudan.

The meeting was attended by Uganda's Minister of State for International Affairs, Hon. Henry Okello Oryem.



*President Museveni and President Kiir in a meeting at  
Speke Resort, Munyonyo*



## **THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF A ONE-WEEK INDUCTION COURSE FOR RDCs, RCCs AND THEIR DEPUTIES HELD AT NALI KYANKWANZI FROM 25th - 31st JULY, 2022**

Speech by Maj. (Rtd) Jessica Rose Epel Alupo, Vice President of the Republic of Uganda

The Honorable Ministers present;

The Secretary, Office of the President and your Senior Staff The Presidential Advisors present;

Senior Staff at the RDC Secretariat; The Dean of RDCs and your Deputy All RDCs, RCCs and the Deputies Ladies and Gentlemen.

It gives me great pleasure to be with you tonight at the closure of this one-week induction course for RDCs, RCCs and their Deputies which has been going on here at NALI Kyankwanzi since Monday July 25, 2022.

I bring you greetings from H.E the President of the Republic of Uganda who congratulates you for completing this course and for preparing yourselves to serve your country with new determination.

I do hope you have made excellent use of this retreat to internalise new ideas, concepts and work methods that will now make you exceptional officers. Remember many Ugandans are dying for a chance to come to Kyankwanzi and if you wasted your opportunity, you will stand to blame yourself.

I take the opportunity to nonetheless congratulate you upon your appointments as Commissioners.

For those assuming the positions for the first time, I am sure you now understand your roles.

Resident District and City Commissioners and their deputies are representatives of Central Government and are chief mobilisers in the districts.

If we experience poor performance as government or we face big opposition from opponents; it means RDCs/RCCs are not doing their work.

You are supposed to inform, to educate and to mobilise the public to participate in government programs that target to improve their welfare and transform areas.

If places fall behind in development, you are largely to blame.

The Centre is playing its part of policy development and appropriation of national budgets but the problem is at the lower levels where implementation is not fully realised.

Accordingly; His Excellency the President issued 23 directives and strategic guidelines which are to be used to transform the country. These directives are linked in the NRM Manifesto and they are the blue print for development of our society.

You are called upon to familiarise

yourselves with these guidelines and have them implemented in your areas. This will make our political targets for 2026-2031 easy to achieve.

Additionally, these directives and guidelines are being implemented by the different government ministries and agencies and it is your duty to supervise their implementation in your areas. Please get hard and soft copies of these guidelines.

I call upon you to work hard to win the hearts of the people so you can work with them.

Use the powers given to you by the constitution and the above presidential guidelines to change the people's lives. These powers are sufficient for you.

You should not be desk officers who wait from offices but you should have ears and feelers on the ground to obtain first hand intelligence. The NRM Government respects intelligence.

gathering and it has very good mechanisms for obtaining intelligence. This factor, in addition to working for the people is what has prolonged our stay in power. Therefore, you are called upon to desist from any actions that distort our intelligence such as fighting personal wars. The governments whose intelligence was weak eventually lost power on the account of this.

RDCs are called upon to work for the people. Our vote percentages will keep on plummeting on the account of RDCs who cannot mobilise.

Looking ahead at your functions; the presidency recently launched the APEX Platform where you are designated as ambassadors of the President in your districts.

This means that you can no-longer sleep on your jobs.

Surely after today there cannot be any excuse for shoddy works or poor performance in your districts.

We cannot expect the ministers to be coming over from Kampala to do your work in the districts. The issues of embezzlement of government funds and sabotage by detractors should be handled by you at your levels.

If Ministers come to do work in your districts it means you have failed as RDCs/RCCs.

Indeed, starting this coming month of August 2022 we require you to make reports on corruption cases because this is the biggest cancer eating up our country.

Who are those people embezzling government money? Corruption and embezzlement are the big leakages that are escalating the national debt so that we operate in circles of continuous borrowing.

You are called upon to do your work. It is very shameful for H.E. the President to go on Radio and TV to remind you to do your work, ladies and gentlemen.

Regarding discipline, I implore you to listen to your supervisors. Respect your leaders. Several ministers complain



that you disrespect them and you are working for their downfall. But you should remember that ministers are planning for the country and if you put them on tension they will not perform.

Also, do not break the law. Do not participate in corruption and don't aid land grabbers. Be exemplary. Otherwise, these unending scandals are destroying the image of the presidency.

Don't be arrogant. Choose your words wisely and don't fight unnecessary political fights that you cannot win. Do not allow politicians to use you. Be neutral in your approach.

Above all, be at the centre of promoting the parish development model which is the fundamental idea of government to eliminate income poverty and inequality among the masses.

I call upon you to ensure that the image of government is improved through the things that you do.

Be people that are seeking for knowledge all the time. Base your reports and speeches on reliable data and information and don't put out unresearched reports which mislead government into wrong decision-making.

Government takes very seriously the report that you make. Please always double check your facts.

Additionally, you are called upon to desist from using excessive force in the execution of your duties. This practice is causing more harm than it is solving problems. If you break the laws, you will face justice as individuals.

Lastly, I wish to congratulate you for selecting your dean; Ms. Justine Mbabazi and her deputy. I call upon you to use her office to get access to important contacts of leaders. The dean is much closer to you for this purpose.

I wish to thank the Minister for the Presidency and the Secretary, Office of the President for organising this retreat. This kind of exposure with knowledge should continue. I have also been briefed that you received guidelines to aid you in your work. Please use them to implement your activities without any deterrent.

I thank you and wish you safe journeys back to your stations.

I now take the singular opportunity to declare this one-week induction course for RDCs/RCCs and Deputies which ran from Monday July 25 and ended today July 31 2022 here at NALI Kyankwanzi officially closed. Thank you very much.





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