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# Dear Reader,

This is to present to you the August 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 the month of August, His Excellency hosted a number of high profile dignitaries and delegations that included; the President of the Federal Republic of Somalia, US Ambassador to the United Nations, and UN Special Envoy for the Great Lakes Region. Others were the Bochasa Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan (BAPS) leader for the African region and a delegation from South Sudan.

His Excellency also received credentials from the new Envoys. The Envoys are from Pakistan, Sudan, Kenya, Vietnam and Ghana.

As is the practice, in this edition, we have annexed His Excellency's speech delivered on the occasion of marking the International Youth Day Celebrations and commissioning of the Regional ICT Infrastructure and E-Government services, held in Gulu city.

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 fourteenth edition of *The Presidency*.



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## PRESIDENT MUSEVENI MEETS ETHIOPIA'S AMBASSADOR

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“The correct thing is dialogue so that all concerned will have a win-win situation,”  
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State House, Entebbe:

President Yoweri Museveni received and held talks with the Ethiopian Ambassador to Uganda, H.E. Alemtsehay Meseret Gelaw, who called on him at State House, Entebbe. The President and his guest discussed bilateral matters pertaining to the two countries. They also discussed the economic and security situation in the region.

“The correct thing is dialogue so that all concerned will have a win-win situation,” President Museveni observed.

On her part, H.E. Gelaw conveyed to President Museveni and the people of Uganda her condolences upon the demise of several people in the recent flash floods in the Eastern

part of the country, attributing the incident to global warming.

“Your Excellency, I also wish to extend to you and to the people of Uganda my condolences upon the death of some Ugandans in the floods. This is partly because of climate change,” she noted.

The envoy expressed the need to increase the volume of trade between Ethiopia and Uganda, especially in the sector of dairy products.

H.E. Gelaw also hailed the cultural exchanges between Ethiopia and Uganda, citing the recent visit by the Ugandan cultural group to her country, adding that their performance in the Capital Addis Ababa was very impressive.

The envoy was accompanied by officials from the Ethiopian Embassy in Kampala.



President Museveni poses for a photo with H.E. Alemtsehay Meseret Gelaw and other officials at State House, Entebbe



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President Yoweri Museveni strongly urged Criminal Investigation Department (CID) police officers in the Uganda to carry out their duties diligently without any diversions characterised by corruption and lack of patriotism.

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The President made the remarks while closing a six-week Leadership and Ideological Course attended by over 50 Senior Regional CID Officers and Heads of Department in the Uganda Police Force (UPF) at

Kasenyi, Wakiso District.

The Departments were that of Economic, Cyber, Media and Transnational crimes. Others included Narcotics, Local Government, Economic and Financial Intelligence, Land Protection and Homicide.

President Museveni took participants of the course that was also attended by 10 Senior Lady Police Officers, through the justice practiced in the Traditional African Society before and after colonialism where there was and still is no room for impunity.

He added that NRM came up with the four principles of Patriotism, Pan-Africanism, Socio-Economic Transformation and Democracy in order to modernise society and to take the role of arbitrating cases in the courts of law instead of people taking the law into their hands resulting in mob justice.

The President, therefore, challenged the Police CID officers to enable the people of Uganda to maintain faith in them as their defenders.

“Are you going to enable Ugandans to maintain faith in the Republic as their protector?” the President challenged the police officers.





*President Museveni poses for a photo with Senior CID Officers after the meeting at State House, Entebbe*

The Political Commissar Special Forces Command (SFC), Col. Gilbert Owamagyezi, said the course is aimed at equipping officers with tools of analysis in their work and also enable participants to transform themselves.

The Director of CID, Maj. AIGP Tom Magambo, said the course will be rolled out to benefit junior officers in the force. He disclosed that participants were provided

with lectures of opportunity facilitated by technocrats from various Government departments including the Judiciary aimed at linking CID with what is taking place in the process of socioeconomic transformation of wanainchi in the country.

The Coordinator of the course, Brig. Charity Bainabaabo, said the course was for the empowerment of the Senior Police CID Officers.



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State House, Entebbe:

The Archbishop of Kampala Archdiocese, His Grace Paul Semwogerere, highly commended President Yoweri Museveni for his good leadership and support to the Catholic Church in Uganda and Kampala Archdiocese in particular.

“Your Excellency, I thank you very much for the services you are offering to our nation as well as your support to the Catholic Church in Uganda and Kampala Archdiocese in particular,” Archbishop Semwogerere said.

The Archbishop made the remarks when he paid a courtesy call on the President at State House, Entebbe.

The Archbishop cited the support President Museveni provided in the refurbishment of Namugongo Martyrs Shrine and asked for continued support for its completion.



On the care of the elderly at Bakateyamba in Nalukolongo in Kampala City, President Museveni advised the cleric to set up an endowment that will generate funds for their support.

“It would be better to get them an endowment for self-reliance,” the President advised.

Archbishop Semwogerere was accompanied by Bishop Kasujja who had just returned from the Vatican after 42 years in diplomatic service.

*President Museveni poses for a photo with the Catholic Church delegation at State House, Entebbe.*

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Mbale:

President Yoweri Museveni contributed Shs 5 million as condolences for each of the flood victims in Mbale. The money was delivered by the Minister for the Presidency, Babirye Milly Babalanda.

23 people were confirmed dead following heavy rains that came down following a long dry spell. Most were victims who were swept into River Nabuyonga.

Each of the families received Shs 5 million for every victim as condolences, and to help in burial arrangements, totalling Shs. 115million.

In his message delivered by Babalanda to the families and the people of Mbale, Museveni described the occurrence as regrettable, but added that it is partly caused by failure of people to take his advice on the issue of protecting the environment.

He further noted that RDCs/RCCs and their Deputies were instructed to ensure that no more encroachment on the protected environment happens again.

“We cannot afford to lose any more lives and to continue spending big sums of money to resettle those affected at a time Government is committing more funds to wealth creation efforts such as Parish Development Model,” said the President.

The President also assured the displaced persons that Government, through the Prime Minister’s Office would assist them in all ways possible.



*Hon. Babirye Milly Babalanda hands over money donated by President Museveni to Mbale flood victims.*

## US AMBASSADOR TO THE UN VISITS KAMPALA

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“We acknowledge Uganda’s peace mission in Somalia. Your mission has made a difference,” H.E. Linda Thomas-Greenfield

State House, Entebbe: President Yoweri Museveni received the US Ambassador to the United Nations, H.E. Linda Thomas-Greenfield, who called on him at State House, Entebbe.

Amb. Greenfield, who was on an African tour of three African countries, started her visit in Uganda where she held fruitful discussions with her host, President Museveni, on regional and security matters.

The envoy expressed her delight to be in Uganda a country she said has a long and deep friendship with USA.

She extended warm greetings from President Biden to President Museveni whom she acknowledged as a pillar of stability in the region.

“We acknowledge Uganda’s peace mission in Somalia. Your mission has made a difference,” she noted.

On the issue of food security in the country, President Museveni informed his guest that food is available in Uganda, noting, however, that the high cost of fuel affects the transportation of food to the markets, thus driving prices up.

“The problem here is fuel. When fuel prices went up, food prices also went up. But we have food like bananas,

cassava, millet and sweet potatoes. Although we had drought, we still have plenty of food,” President Museveni assured the envoy.

The President, therefore, appealed to the US to consider separating African countries including Uganda from the sanctions because the high cost of fuel is affecting the prices of commodities due to high transport charges.

“If you really want to help the third world, why don’t you leave the third world out of these sanctions in a conflict where we are not participating. The priority here is the high cost of fuel which is affecting the price of commodities due to high cost of transport,” he observed.

On regional security, President Museveni told his guest that Uganda’s position is that cases of insecurity can easily be solved through dialogue by all parties involved especially where there is willingness to talk.

“Talking with adversaries is not a sign of weakness but an opportunity for soft landing and saving resources of time, life and dignity,” he pointed out.

Amb. Greenfield was accompanied by the US Ambassador to Uganda, H.E. Natalie Brown, the Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Molly Phee and the African Advisor, Judd Deveron, among others.







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*President Museveni receives a gift of a book from H.E. Linda Thomas-Greenfield*

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“I welcome you to Uganda. I thank Your Excellency for agreeing to come and visit us. We have used the three-day visit for serious discussions. Uganda will support the application by Somalia -and has already done so- to join the East African Community,” President Museveni

Munyonyo:

President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni together with his Somali counterpart, H.E. Sheikh Hassan Mohamud, joined the business community from Uganda and Somalia for The Uganda-Somalia Investment Business Forum. The first of its kind Investment Forum took place at Speke Resort Munyonyo in Kampala and is aimed at tapping viable investment opportunities in both countries of Uganda

and Somalia.

Addressing the summit, President Museveni welcomed his Somali counterpart to Uganda and pledged to support Somalia's application to join the East African Community (EAC).

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Somalia, the President added, had already wanted to join EAC way back when the organisation had only 3 members (Uganda Kenya and Tanzania).



*President Museveni and H.E. Hassan Mohamud inspect exhibition stalls at the Uganda - Somalia Investment Business Forum in Munyonyo.*

“This time, it is good that Somalia has applied again because they have all it takes. Somalia has got a border with Kenya, and is a democratic country. We shall definitely support Somalia to join the EAC,” President Museveni confirmed.

He also reaffirmed Uganda’s commitment and continued support for Somalia in their struggle to fight and defeat terrorism in their country. “We shall continue to support Somalia in their struggle against the terrorists. I am glad the people of Somalia have stood against these people,” he said.

President Museveni used the opportunity to invite the Somali business community to come and invest in Uganda. He said business people play a big role in de-campaigning sectarianism and promoting unity among communities.

“Finally, businesspersons are the most useful group because these people know the importance of market. Business people, historically, have contributed to the integration of countries. If you are a business man, you should not look at the tribe or religion of the customer,” the Ugandan leader said.

The President emphasised that the business community have a duty to politically de-campaign sectarianism and promote unity in the communities.

On his part, H.E. Mohamud thanked President Museveni and his Government for the warm reception and the friendly relationship between their two countries.

“I want to thank President Museveni, the Government and people of Uganda for the warm welcome and organising this wonderful summit. Somalia and Uganda enjoy a lot of cooperation and values,” President Mohamud said.

He said his country values the strong relations and brotherhood that exist between Uganda and Somalia.

He commended Uganda under the leadership of President Museveni for its continued effort and support in stabilising Somalia which has helped the country to realise peace and development.

“In 2007, Uganda was the first country to deploy in Somalia and keep peace. We are grateful for the support and the sacrifices you have made towards our country,” President Mohamud said.

He promised that these efforts by Uganda will not be in vain. We look forward to welcoming Ugandan business people to invest in Somalia.

He said that the Framework Agreement signed here in 2016 is a clear statement of the strong relationship that exists between the Government of Uganda and the Government of Somalia.

“This summit is crucial and timely. Somalia has a lot of investment opportunities. We also want to ask President Museveni to champion the Somali quest to join the EAC. I want to reiterate the respect Somalia has for Uganda for championing peace in Somalia and our bilateral cooperation,” the Somali leader said.

He said that as Somalis they are ready to learn and share experiences from Uganda.

The Minister of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, Hon. Francis Mwebesa, while addressing delegates at the Business Forum, revealed that a Framework Cooperation Agreement between Uganda and Somalia was signed in Kampala on the 19th of November 2016.

Minister Mwebesa added that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)



covers sectors of Peace and Security, Trade, Investment and Economic Cooperation, Education, Civil Aviation and Communication, among others.

“The MOU on Trade Cooperation that my Somali counterpart and I signed on the 8th of August 2022 gives effect to the Trade component of the Framework MOU of 2016. The joint Permanent Commission that has been established will provide the overarching structure under which we will address Trade and Commercial matters of mutual interest,” Minister Mwebesa said.

The Minister invited businesspersons from the Federal Republic of Somalia to come and invest in Uganda since the location gives them wider market access.

“The Government of Uganda has put in place a conducive investment climate with opportunities in Manufacturing, Commercial Agriculture, Logistics, ICT, Energy, Mining, Petroleum, and services such as Financial Services, Tourism, and Real Estates,” Mwebesa said.

The Minister of Commerce and Industry of the Federal Government of Somalia, Hon. Khadra Ahmed Dualeh, in his speech read by Mr. Mohamoud Abdi Ali, commended the brotherhood and support that the Government of Uganda and the Ugandan people have rendered to the

Somali people in peace-building efforts, economic development, and hosting a large number of Somali refugees and business community in Uganda.

“Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is with great pleasure that I stand in front of you today and an honour to address this business summit where cooperation and collective ideas are at the forefront; aspiring to promote trade, investment, entrepreneurship, job creation and economic growth,” Hon. Dualeh said.

The Minister said that Somalia’s trade with Uganda will soar, benefiting businesses and consumers throughout Uganda and helping to level up the whole country.

The Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives of Uganda and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry of Somali thereafter signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

The main objective of the MOU is to galvanise the relations of the two countries, purposeful promotion of bilateral economic and commercial activities, and promote bilateral relations between the two parties and also support each other when it comes to regional trade integration on the basis of mutual benefit and interest.



## NEW JUDGES TAKE OATH

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State House, Entebbe:

President Yoweri Museveni said the National Resistance Movement concept of justice is original from the grassroots with emphasis that the people came from the villages and defeated an army that was in the barracks. He further emphasised that the historical justice of the National Resistance Movement has been largely a pro-people concept that is linked with the African tribal way which never compromised on justice and appealed to

the judiciary in the country never in any situation ever relent or compromise when administering justice to Ugandans.

The President made the remarks at State House, Entebbe, where he presided over the swearing in ceremony of sixteen newly appointed judges of the high court as well as the new head of the commercial court and the head of the High court.

President Museveni told the judicial officers that the rights to justice for Ugandans should not be compromised at all times and added that there should be full accountability for all offenders especially the capital offenders if the judicial system in the country is to serve



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

its purpose and be of use to the people.

“The rights of our people are supreme and can never be compromised and full accountability must be there especially the capital offenders,” he said.

“The concept of bail for capital offenders was causing us problems because the security forces and the population were getting agitated as courts were releasing well-known and seasoned capital offenders,” he added.

The President said that because of some actions of the judicial officers some members of the public had started taking the law in their hands through mob justice and sometimes the security forces were forced to re-arrest known capital offenders that have been granted bail by courts that brought about conflicts between the two Government organs and portrayed Uganda as a country that does not respect the rule of law.

He said that the National Resistance Movement has a history of promoting justice right from the bush days that is why the 2 NRA fighters who killed civilians during the bush war were tried and faced public execution.

Mr. Museveni said that because of his belief in justice he has for the 36 years he has been in power refused to sign a single Status of the Force Agreement where armies operating in Uganda would be tried in their home of origin if they committed crimes in Uganda because justice should not be done but also seen to be done.

On the need to enhance the budget of the

judiciary, the President said that although its justifiable, Ugandans must know that the NRM inherited a failed state with no revenue but as the economy got better the funding of the judiciary like any other arms of Government was enhanced and will continue to be enhanced.

He welcomed the new interventions by the judiciary to reduce the case backlog through arbitration, mediation and pre-bargain.

The Deputy Chief Justice, Richard Butera, said that the judiciary appreciates the President and the Government for their commitment to ensure that Ugandans access justice. He called for increased funding to the judiciary department so as to recruit more judicial officers and reduce the case backlog in the justice department.

He said that there is need to recruit and deploy more judges in the commercial court and lands division noting that because of lack of enough judges over 7 trillion shillings is locked in the commercial court while many cases are pending in the lands department.

Justice Minister Norbert Mao commended the President for ensuring religious, regional and gender balance in his appointments. He said that as the Minister for Justice, he will work with the rest of the cabinet to ensure that the working conditions are improved as they administer justice to the country and appealed to the new judges to ensure impartiality and fairness in delivering justice.





“I appreciate the presentation and congratulate the UPDF under the leadership of H.E. Yoweri Museveni on the good job he has done with the soldiers. I am impressed with how the military is not only defending the country but also developing it using its own resources and know-how,” H.E. Hassan Mohamud

Luwero:

The President of the Federal Republic of Somalia, H.E. Hassan Sheikh Mohamud heaped praise on the Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF) and their Commander-in-Chief, Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, for engaging the army personnel constructively in developmental projects.

President Mohamud who was in the country on a three-day working visit made the statements while touring the Luwero Defence Industries, a subsidiary of National Enterprise Corporation (NEC), in Nakasongola District.

Flanked by a high-powered delegation of Ministers and distinguished dignitaries from both countries, H.E. Mohamud embarked on a tour of the industries, maintaining that he was impressed with what his Ugandan counterpart had achieved with the forces.

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“The military would be in the barracks idling, which is not good, so I congratulate you on this really good project which will be helpful for the development of not only Uganda but East Africa,” he added.

He continued that the experience at the industries was a reminder of how valuable the military is to society adding that Somalia is looking forward to benefiting from this experience as they have already started working together, collaborating and building the pieces for future engagement.

Lt. Gen James Mugira, the Managing Director for NEC welcomed the President to the facility and relayed its composition.

Maj. Gen. Sabiiti Muzeyi, the General Manager of Luwero Defence Industries, said the UPDF, in addition to the original task of defence of territorial integrity and sovereignty of Uganda, plays a key role in the social and economic development of the country.

He detailed the NEC Vision statement to be a sustainable arm of the Ministry of Defence and Veteran Affairs/UPDF that generates goods and services for progressive social-economic transformation and development among the Defence forces; the veterans and the civil society.

“The mission is to provide goods and services for the benefit of Defence forces, veterans of UPDF and the general public,” Maj. Gen. Sabiiti said.

The NEC has eight subsidiaries and four joint ventures including; NEC Construction Works and Engineering Ltd whose main



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*President Mohamud admiring an armoured vehicle at Streit Group Factory during the official visit at Luwero Defence Industries in Nakasongola.*

focus is road construction, railway, buildings and many other activities, Agro SMC Ltd is another subsidiary which focuses on food security, foods, fertilisers and general production mainly agriculture, NEC Muzima for health which produces water for troops and also the general public, NEC -farm Katunga Ltd deals with the breeding of cattle and it's also now dealing with beef for export, utilisation in the forces.

There is also the NEC T6 industrial and Business Park, NEC pharmaceuticals Ltd

for medicine, and NEC security SMF Ltd which provides security services through the employment of civilians and veterans.

Also, part of the subsidiaries is NEC-LIL JESUS and Partners including Kyoga Dynamics Ltd which produces commercial explosives, Proheli International Services Ltd for repairs and maintenance of helicopters, and NEC STREIT Ltd which manufacturers armoured vehicles and luxury safe vehicles and Kiira motors cooperation.



“Our bilateral cooperation will score tremendous achievements and I look forward to working more closely with you. God bless Kenya. God bless East Africa,” President Museveni.

President Yoweri Museveni congratulated William Samoei Ruto upon his successful election as the 5th President of the Republic of Kenya.

In a letter dated 16th August, 2022, President Museveni reassured Mr. Ruto of Uganda's commitment to continue partnering with Kenya in advancing regional and continental agenda through the East African Community.

“On behalf of all Ugandans, I congratulate Your Excellency William Samoei Ruto upon your election as the 5th President of the Republic of Kenya. Further to my telephone call last night upon your victory, I wish to reassure you of Uganda's commitment to continue partnering with Kenya in advancing regional and continental agenda through the East African Community, African Union and other multilateral

platforms,” Gen. Museveni stated.

“Our bilateral cooperation will score tremendous achievements and I look forward to working more closely with you. God bless Kenya. God bless East Africa,” he added.

On Monday 15th August, the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) declared UDA flag-bearer, Ruto as the 5th President of Kenya after a tight Presidential race with Raila Odinga. Ruto garnered a total of 7,176,141 votes that represents 50.49 percent whereas Odinga got 6,942,930 votes, representing 48.5%

This was Kenya's seventh general election since the introduction of multiparty politics in 1991 where voters lined to elect the country's fifth President, Members of the National Assembly, Senators, County Governors and members of County Assemblies. Kenyans voted for 16,105 candidates vying for a total of 1,879 elective positions.





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*President Museveni with Kenya's President-elect William Samoei Ruto at a past event.*



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#### KAAZI, WAKISO:

During the closing ceremony of the National Scouts Camp at the scouts’ home in Kaazi, Wakiso District, President Museveni declared that the Government would soon share strategies for the restoration of the environment and natural resources following a spell of global climate challenges.

At least 2873 scouts attended the 5-day camp which recorded the youngest scout, a 17 months-old Ssanyu Davina

from Kamuli District. 39 of the scouts were awarded a wood badge which is the equivalent of the degree level.

The scouts participated in game competitions, parade organisation, talent and cultural shows, music, dance and drama.

President Museveni, also the patron of the Uganda Scouts Association tasked the scouts to contextualise the issues of the people and seek ways to help.

Among the issues, the President pointed out the climate and environmental challenges as well as self-inflicted poverty emanating from the inadequate application of the abundant African resources by our people.

He said that the scouts fit the role of



*President Museveni poses for a photo with leaders of the Uganda Scouts Association in Kaazi, Wakiso District.*

preaching such a gospel because their duties encompass character and attitude formation.

“Scouting is about character and attitude formation. It is clear the aim is about character building and attitude molding, it’s therefore up to us to contextualise how we can help our people to get out of poverty and to look after our resources,” he said.

“Scouting movement should teach our people to go from working for the stomach to food security and income using resources they have. We should also involve the issue of environment,” he added, pointing to the different global challenges including the prolonged heat wave in Europe and the dry spell in Uganda that culminated in famine in isolated parts of the country.

He used the same opportunity to announce that the Government has made plans to restore the environment in an effort to achieve food security. “Government will come up with a plan to fully restore our environment here. Once we are done, you will see the environment,” he said.

In a speech read by the State Minister of Primary Education Moriku Kaducu, the Minister of Education & Sports, Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni, said the scout’s movement has distinguished itself worldwide as a time tried and tested effort which equips boys and girls to be responsible and productive citizens for this country.

“I commend you for this significant effort of moulding the younger generation to always have optimistic mindsets in the face of diversity, seek opportunities for personal development and draw futuristic lessons in every situation,” she said.

Speaking at the same event, the Scouts’ Commissioner and Minister for Works and Transport, Gen. Edward Katumba Wamala, was lyrical about the nature of scouts training, maintaining that the formation starts at a younger age so that candidates benefit and become useful as well to their country.

“True to this year’s theme of embracing COVID-19 challenges for steady progress, I wish to inform you that we aim to train our scouts while they are still young such that they can easily embrace the future challenges without deviation,” Gen Katumba said, quoting from a biblical source Proverbs 22:6

The Chief Scout, Dr. Maggie Kigozi, thanked the President for his efforts in protecting the environment and also fighting for the retention of the scouts’ land which houses a forest.

Dr. Kigozi said that by retaining the land at Kaazi, it has helped to conserve the forest which is the nearest forest from the city.

“We intend to use these well-conserved resources for tourism attraction, the forest is fresh and we have a bird-watching tower, monkeys, etc, she said.

In his previous speech, President Museveni said that the over depending on rainfall and the degraded ecosystem pose jeopardy to Uganda’s economy in the face of climate challenges.

Wetlands for instance have declined from 15% to 9% under 30 years while forest cover now stands at 9% as of 2015, down from 45% before independence. Government efforts previously have ensured that the forest cover climbs to 13%. Notwithstanding, at least 4 million Ugandans live around wetlands and depend on them for food security.





“Now even patriotism is not enough because we have got excess production. With economic prosperity, Africa must become one market,”  
President Museveni

Kababamba, Mubende:

President Yoweri Museveni who is also the Commander in Chief of the Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF) said that in order to ensure prosperity, Africa must become one market under the spirit of Pan-Africanism which is one of the four core principles of the National Resistance Movement (NRM), others being Patriotism, Socioeconomic Transformation and Democracy.

While delivering a lecture of opportunity to officer cadets of the 2019/2022 intake under refresher training at Kabamba Military Academy, H.E. Gen. Museveni noted that some Ugandans have started waking up and are engaging in commercial agriculture which has led to excess production that cannot be absorbed by the small market of Uganda and at times East Africa.

“Now even patriotism is not enough because we have got excess production. With economic prosperity, Africa must become one market,” H.E. Museveni said.

According to the President, although some of the past leaders in Africa like Kwame Nkrumah were talking of having the whole of the African continent under one nation which might not be possible for now, we

also talk of political integration of some of the areas that can be integrated like East Africa where we have so many things in common like the language (Swahili). Under East African Federation, we shall be bigger than India and that will guarantee strategic security. That's why, politically, we support East African Federation.

Gen. Museveni said the main message of the NRM from the onset is to ensure prosperity and strategic security of Uganda, East Africa and beyond.

On prosperity, H.E. the President urged officers to help further his gospel of commercial agriculture so that people have enough production for cash and home consumption. His message was majorly hinged on how to get the best out of the four-acre model of production and cautioning against land fragmentation.

“The message of NRM for your families is to engage in commercial agriculture with calculation. What does this mean? Because if you have got four acres and less of land for the family, there are things you might not do and get money like sugarcane growing on a small piece of land,” Museveni said, adding that it's the only sure way of wealth creation and employment because Government jobs are not enough for over 40 million Ugandans.

The President also cautioned against sectarianism saying that it's the biggest enemy hindering prosperity, strategic

security and socioeconomic transformation. He also called upon the officers to ensure protection of water catchment areas like wetlands and swamps because these are critical in providing water for irrigation now that Uganda is transforming from solely relying on rainfall for farming.

“We need the swamps with water to irrigate and produce all-year round. That’s why I’m chasing all the people from the swamp,” Gen. Museveni noted.

The lecture of opportunity was delivered to a total of 297 students on officer cadet

course of intake 01/2019 and 04/2022, of which 42 officers are ladies who have all completed their syllabus and are now in final preparations for their commissioning.

Uganda Military Academy, Kabamba, aims at preparing and qualifying UPDF cadets to become combat officers capable of commanding their units during times of peace and war, under various psychological, physical and morale conditions. They are also equipped with skills to maintain the highest level of combat efficiency and morale within their units.



*President Museveni poses for a photo with cadet officers and their instructors at Kabamba Military Academy in Mubende.*





“I welcome the BAPS Community to celebrate 100 years of their leader. I wish you a happy celebration,” President Museveni

Kampala: President Yoweri Museveni received a delegation from the Bochasa Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan (BAPS) community that was led by the African region leader, Mr. Sadhu Priyavratdes. The BAPS World leader is Mr. Mahant Swami Maharaj who is based in India.

“I welcome the BAPS Community to celebrate 100 years of their leader. I wish

you a happy celebration,” President Museveni told the delegation.

On his part, the African leader of BAPS, Mr. Priyavratdes, informed President Museveni about their exhibition that was in progress in Kampala. He informed the President that BAPS focuses on family values. He revealed that the world celebrations are slated to take place from December this year up to January 2023.

He added that they also care for the ill, with particular attention to eye and dental care.



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



## PRESIDENT MEETS NRM CAUCUS

“If the Government wants to have parastatals, have money making parastatals, so that when you say you have got a board, it is a money-making board, not money eating board. Have no board where there is no money making,”  
*President Museveni*

Kololo: President Yoweri Museveni who is also the National Chairman of the National Resistance Movement (NRM) party summoned the NRM parliamentary caucus at Kololo Independence grounds to brief them about the new developments in the country. Top on the agenda was the Government's plan to rationalise its

agencies and departments to save taxpayers money.

In 2018, the Ministry of Public Service released plans to re-align Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies to address challenges of duplication of work, overlaps of mandates, conflicts, and wasteful expenditures, among others. In February 2021, Cabinet approved a Road Map for rationalisation of Government Agencies, Commissions, Authorities and Public Expenditure.

The main purpose of the caucus meeting was to bring members on



*President Museveni being welcomed by NRM leaders at Kololo Ceremonial Grounds*

board on the objective, the progress and the benefits of the rationalisation reform. The meeting also wanted to solicit for support at all levels to take the reform forward and agree on a way forward for its implementation in the financial year 2023/2024.

According to the report by the Ministry of Public Service which was delivered to the caucus by the State Minister for Public Service; Hon. Grace Mary Mugasa; out of 157 Government agencies which were reviewed under the rationalisation of Government agencies and public expenditure exercise of 2018, Government took a decision to retain 88 and merge, mainstream and transfer the functions of 69 agencies.

Minister Mugasa told the caucus that the first phase of the rationalisation exercise has been concluded with 53 out of the 69 Government agencies harmonised and Cabinet has accordingly taken appropriate decisions for implementation. The remaining 16 agencies will be rationalised in phase two of FY 2022/23 which according to the Minister, tax-payers money in billions of shillings will be saved.

“The total cost savings arising from wage and non-wage expenditure for the rationalisation of 53 Government agencies and functions per annum will be Six Hundred and Forty-Nine Billion, Two Hundred and Two Million, One Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand, Three Hundred and Eleven Uganda shillings (UGX. 649,202,173,311/=),”

the minister said, adding that the money to be saved include savings from expenses on wage, facilitation of governing boards and councils, contribution to NSSF, non-wage expenses, development expenditure, gratuity and rent.

“Part of these deductions of Uganda shillings 6.287 billion will be used to cater for the costs associated with the phasing out of the position of Directors in the Public Service,” she added.

According to the NRM National Chairman H.E. Yoweri Museveni, apart from research institutions, the Ministry departments, farmers’ institutions; among others, the Government is seeking to retain only money-making parastatals with boards to monitor and guide their operations.

The President gave an example of the National Enterprise Corporation (NEC) – a state-owned commercial arm of the Uganda People’s Defence Force that is making money for the Government.

“For instance, we have the National Enterprise Corporation (NEC). It has many businesses including road making. So, it is justified for us to have a board and management because it is a money-making body,” Museveni stressed, saying many Government agencies doing almost the same work have boards which don’t do much apart from spending the money allocated to them from their mother ministries.

“If the Government wants to have parastatals, have money-making

parastatals, so that when you say you have got a board, it is a money-making board, not money-eating board. Have no board where there is no money making,” he stressed.

According to the Ministry of Public service, a situational analysis of Government Agencies in Uganda established that some Agencies were created without clear justification; others had their mandates overtaken by events, while others are pseudo-Government projects which operate in a similar manner as Government agencies.

The President asked NRM Members of Parliament to study the report by the Ministry of Public Service and reconvene in September to conclude on the matter.

In the same meeting, President Museveni thanked and congratulated the NRM Regional Vice Chairpersons and all cadres for the cohesion that has enabled the party win massively all the five parliamentary by-elections which include Omoro County in Omoro

district, Gogonyo County in Pallisa district, Bukimbiri County in Kisoro district, Busongora South in Kasese district and Soroti City East in Soroti district, not forgetting the by-election for the LC5 seat in Kayunga district which the NRM won.

“This shows you one thing, devotion. This new team of leaders has got a lot of enthusiasm that is spilling over in whatever that is being done. I congratulate the NRM and those leaders in particular”, the President said.

The Government Chief Whip who is also the Chairperson of the NRM Parliamentary Caucus, Hon. Denis Hamson Obua, assured the President of better service delivery. “I would like to emphasise team work, team spirit and service above self,” Hon. Obua said.

Also present in the caucus was the Vice President Major (Rtd) Jessica Alupo Epel, Ministers, and Special Invited Guests.





## ACHOLI, LANGO HEAD TEACHERS CONCLUDE IDEOLOGICAL RETREAT

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“People are not creating enough jobs here so you see in Africa people running away for kyeyo, therefore, we do not just need any education but the right type of education, the type that focuses on the creation of jobs and wealth,” President Museveni

Kololo: President Museveni called upon stakeholders to rethink the model of education in schools with an aim of overhauling the colonial education system if the country is to achieve the much desired socioeconomic transformation.

The President made the statements at the closing ceremony of a 9-day

ideological mindset change retreat for Head Teachers from the Greater North regions of West Nile, Lango & Acholi sub-regions at Kololo Ceremonial Grounds.

“Now that I have been joined by Head teachers, we are going to get our people out of sleeping (Niino). Where is the address of wealth and jobs to be found? The NRM has been telling you there are four ways namely; Commercial Agriculture with calculations, Manufacturing, Services, and ICT. Do this and you will change the



*President Museveni and First Lady chat with Head Teachers from the Greater North at the closing ceremony of a 9-day ideological retreat at Kololo*

society (socioeconomic transformation) through business,” he said.

He however, noted that education is also an element in socioeconomic transformation but it must be the right type of education urging that the right type of education that highlights the community and the country’s needs is paramount. “The problem we have is that people have been having colonial education. The type of education designed to make all of you clerks, those white-collar jobs. How can everyone be a clerk? What will you record? We shall have no farmer, no manufacturer, then what shall we record?” he posed.

He said this type of education has constrained socioeconomic development in Africa and even rendered our people only useful when they travel abroad to work petty jobs commonly known as ebyeeyo.

“People are not creating enough jobs here so you see in Africa people running away for kyeyo, therefore, we do not just need any education but the right type of education, the type that focuses on the creation of jobs and wealth in the four sectors,” he said.

The President highlighted examples from European states, that have since taken on a pragmatic form of education and in the end have been able to have their social classes metamorphose.

The President said that by the time of the renaissance, there were feudalists who survived by taking rent, artisans

who made tools and the peasants who owned no land but worked to retain it. He said that these long metamorphosed into new classes towards socioeconomic transformation.

“France is a good example because that is where we had a clear case, by 1789, the French society had evolved from a three-class society to a four-class society; the Bourgeois living on profits, the Proletariat living on wages, the feudalists living on rent and the peasants living on their sweat minus what the landlord took,” he said.

“If you go to Europe today, there are no longer peasants; it has become a two-class society, the big manufacturers (Bourgeois) and the skilled working class (Proletariat). So, the problems of Africa have been perpetual, to have a peasant producing a peasant,” the President further said.

He said that with the correct form of education, we are able to change from the culture of subsistence livelihoods and be able to create wealth through the four sectors in order to produce both for the stomach and for the pocket.

On the issue of patriotism in fostering socioeconomic transformation, the President said we need to depend on each other and stop sectarianism for this will not transform our societies. “Uganda can transform better or solve our problems better than our tribal areas. That is why the NRM says Patriotism is very important because



you need it for your prosperity,” he said.

Regarding Pan Africanism, he said as we increase our production you will find that even Uganda is not enough giving examples where we have surplus products like milk, sugarcane and maize (before the drought), hence the need for Pan-Africanism (the market of East Africa) to further boost our good and services and unlock the African market

Speaking at the same event, the Minister of Education and sports, the First Lady, Mrs. Janet Kataaha Museveni said that teachers are supposed to educate and disciple communities where they live so that they pursue the national agenda of development.

She said our country’s needs begin at education level, urging teachers to offer more than just class work.

“Teachers in our days used to discipline communities in agriculture, nutrition, hygiene, those subjects that are vital for survival and community development. Our children should have the opportunity to listen to teachers who are nationalists and patriotic,” she said.

Earlier, Ms. Okwi Pamela Peace, the Head teacher of Laroo Seed Secondary School in Gulu City and representative of the Head teachers at the retreat read a document in which the teachers agreed to contribute to the

implementation of the four-acre model by setting up model farms at the different schools for learning purposes for students and the community.

“We are thinking of implementing the four-acre model at the school level, these will act as a model site for the communities who will appreciate and engage in it more,” Ms. Okwi said.

Ms. Hellen Sseku, the Private Secretary Youth Affairs in the Office of the President and organiser of the retreat said the attendants of the retreat will now act as Ambassadors of the message of development in their different communities.

The Commandant of the National Leadership Institute (NALI), Kyankwanzi Brig. Gen. Charles Kisembo who was also the host of the retreat for the nine (nine) days said the head teachers had been a wonderful team who provided a symbiotic interaction during the time.

He said the course that commenced on 13th August 2022 involved 300 participants and considered the peculiarities of the group, nature of the young generation they handle and the community in which they live and work, to widen their perception towards the realities of life and how they change their roles in society as agents of change.



## UN SPECIAL ENVOY FOR GREAT LAKES REGION VISITS UGANDA

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“East Africa and Africa in general have the capacity to deal with any challenge once united,” President Museveni

State House, Entebbe: President Yoweri Museveni met and held a discussion with the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary General for the Great Lakes Region, Mr. Huang Xia, and his delegation at State House, Entebbe.

The President and his guest discussed a number of issues concerning the recent developments in the region.

President Museveni told the visiting envoy about the need for the East African community to unite and solve problems facing member states especially insecurity.

While giving the historical

background of insecurity in the region, President Museveni noted that East Africa and Africa in general has the capacity to deal with any challenge once united.

“United Nations should support East Africa community because we have the capacity to deal with these challenges,” he noted.

He therefore, called for a combined effort towards fostering peace and security in the region.

Mr. Huang Xia thanked the President for the warm welcome and his efforts towards peace and security in the region. He said he is committed to support East Africa community efforts towards realisation of peace and security.



*President Museveni poses for photo with Mr. Huang Xia and his delegation at State House, Entebbe*



## **PRESIDENT MUSEVENI RECEIVES SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM SOUTH SUDAN**

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State Lodge, Nakasero: President Yoweri Museveni received a Special message from the South Sudan President, H.E. Salva Kiir at State Lodge, Nakasero.

The message was delivered to him by South Sudan's Special Envoy who is also the country's Minister in charge of Presidential Affairs, Hon. Dr. Banaba Marial Benjamin.

President Museveni and the South Sudan Envoy discussed bilateral matters concerning our two countries.

In his capacity as one of the Guarantors to the South Sudan peace process, President Museveni

was invited to attend the graduation ceremony of the first batch of the Unified Forces slated for 30th August, 2022 in Juba.

Hon. Banaba noted that this long-awaited graduation would mark a fulfillment of a critical milestone in the implementation of the Revitalised Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan.

The Special Envoy was accompanied by Hon. Joseph Losuba Wongo, the South Sudan Minister of Federal Affairs among other dignitaries.



*President Museveni holding talks with South Sudan's Special Envoy at  
State Lodge, Nakasero*



“Sudan is the second after Italy in buying Ugandan unprocessed coffee. I call upon Sudanese companies to partner with Uganda in investing in value addition to Ugandan coffee for the development of the two friendly countries,”  
President Museveni.

State House, Entebbe: President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni received credentials from Ambassadors Muhammad Hassan Wazir (Pakistan), Ahmed Ibrahim Ahmed Awadelseed (Sudan), Maj. Gen.(Rtd) George Aggrey Awinow (Kenya), Ismail Ayobami Alatise (Nigeria), Nguyen Nam Tien(Vietnam) and the new High Commissioner of the Republic of Ghana to Uganda H.E. Dampthey Bediako Asare.

Speaking at the ceremony, President Museveni welcomed the new envoys and reiterated Uganda's commitment to strengthening bilateral ties with the new envoys respective countries.

“We look forward to strengthen bilateral relations between our two nations,” President Museveni told the new Pakistan envoy. On his part, H.E. Muhammad Hassan Wazir hailed the great relationship between Pakistan and Uganda. He described President Museveni as the father of the nation and Africa at large.

President Museveni also welcomed

the new Sudan Ambassador to Uganda, H.E. Ahmed Ibrahim Ahmed Awadelseed with whom they discussed various issues including the economy, trade and investment between the two countries. President Museveni noted that Sudan is the second after Italy in buying Ugandan unprocessed coffee calling on Sudanese companies to partner with Uganda in investing in value addition to Ugandan coffee for the development of the two friendly countries.

Ambassador Ahmed Ibrahim commended the President for his support and guidance to the President and Government of Sudan. He asked for President Museveni's guidance during his tenure as he tackles trade, economy and investment as his key priority areas.

While presenting his credentials, H.E. Maj. Gen. (Rtd) George Aggrey Awinow of the Republic of Kenya discussed the recent developments in Kenya including the recently concluded Presidential elections.

In the meeting with the new Nigerian High Commissioner to Uganda H.E. Ismail Ayobami Alatise, President Museveni called for involvement of the wanainchi in solving the Boko Haram crisis and other extremists groups. Since the group targets innocent civilians, use the people





to fight insecurity since they are targets, he advised.

Ambassador Ayobami appreciated Uganda noting that he's staying here as the New High Commissioner will give him a chance to get to know more about Uganda and further strengthen the ties that already exist between the two countries.

President Museveni later met the new High Commissioner of the Republic of Ghana to Uganda, H.E. Dampety Bediako Asare with whom they discussed the rich cultural diversity and historical ties between the two countries.

In a meeting with the new Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to Uganda, H.E. Nguyen

Nam Tien, President Museveni welcomed him to Uganda noting that Uganda and Vietnam enjoy long term relations citing Uganda-Vietnam Solidarity Committee of the 1960s where he was a member.

Ambassador Nguyen assured the President of his country's commitment to further strengthening the long-standing relationship between the two countries. He appreciated President Museveni's leadership that has seen Uganda transformed economically.

Present during the ceremony was the Minister of Foreign affairs, Gen. Abubaker Jeje Odongo and other senior Government officials.



*President Museveni poses for a photo with some of the new envoys to Uganda at State House, Entebbe*

## FORMER PRESIDENT JONATHAN GOODLUCK VISITS UGANDA

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“African Governments and leaders should share experiences especially when dealing with insecurity and terrorism,” President Museveni

State House, Entebbe: President Yoweri Museveni held a meeting with the former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, H.E. Goodluck Jonathan, who made a courtesy call on him at State House, Entebbe.

The President and his guest who is the Chancellor of Cavendish University and was in the country to officiate at the university's eleventh graduation ceremony discussed issues relating to security in Uganda and Nigeria, and Africa in general.

On security, President Museveni noted that African Governments and leaders should

share experiences especially when dealing with insecurity and terrorism.

A distinguished scholar, H.E. Jonathan holds a PhD in Zoology from the University of Port Harcourt.

Cavendish University is one of the leading private universities in Uganda established in 2008. It is licensed and accredited by the Uganda National Council for Higher Education (UNCHE).

H.E. Jonathan is the university's third Chancellor having replaced H.E. Benjamin Mkapa (R.I.P), the former President of Tanzania who also replaced H.E. Dr. Kenneth Kaunda, the former President of Zambia.



President Museveni and H.E. Goodluck Jonathan during the meeting at State House, Entebbe





“A federated East Africa will address the issue of strategic security and a common language – Swahili will be a game changer. We need a Center of gravity for the African race,”  
President Museveni

Kololo: President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni who is also the Commander in Chief (C-I-C) of the Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF) delivered a lecture of opportunity to officers and men of the UPDF and the Internal Security Organisation (ISO) who were undergoing a course at Oliver Tambo School of Leadership, Kaweweta.

The President delivered the opportune lecture to the officers at the Kololo Ceremonial Grounds in Kampala

where he told them that East African Federation will address the issue of strategic security.

President Museveni said that in addition to economic integration which addresses matters of prosperity; Africa and Uganda in particular; should look at political integration to ensure strategic security.

“A federated East Africa will address the issue of strategic security and a common language – Swahili will be a game changer. We need a Center of gravity for the African race,” he explained.

Discussing issues of an economic nature; President Museveni said that



*President Museveni poses for a photo with officers of the UPDF and the Internal Security Organisation (ISO) at Kololo ceremonial grounds.*



the purpose of development in society is to create prosperity for the people. He added that a society which is developed and is in a good situation is one which has managed to create prosperity.

“Prosperity means that you have food, clothing, a good house, and you are using good and clean energy in form of electricity. It also means that you have piped water in the house, good healthcare and your children have access to good and quality education including convenient means of transport,” President Museveni said.

The President advised that one can achieve prosperity through working hard in order to get food and money.

“Therefore, the aim of all this talk is to point out to the people how to achieve prosperity. Prosperity will not come through the primitive way because such is inefficient. The idea of specialisation and exchange is the way to go,” Gen. Museveni said.

In order to ensure prosperity, the President said, society must stop the primitive way of producing for the stomach only and instead produce both for the stomach and the pocket.

The President explained the four sectors of wealth and jobs creation as; Commercial Agriculture with ekibalo (calculation), Industries (small or big factories), Services (like hotels, transport, civil service) and ICT.

“If you want the people of Africa to become prosperous, then they have to engage in one of the four sectors

of wealth and jobs creation. Also, the culture of land fragmentation must stop because this will fail you to get where to cultivate,” he advised.

After a careful study, the President said, NRM developed the four principles of Patriotism, Pan-Africanism, Socioeconomic Transformation and Democracy.

“All these things the NRM is talking about are connected; one leads and links to the other. If Africans wake up, they can live a prosperous life.”

The President challenged leaders of ISO and those of the Oliver Tambo Leadership School and the other security agencies to keep spreading the gospel of saving Africa from backwardness.

The UPDF Chief Political Commissar, Maj. Gen. Henry Masiko, who represented the Chief of the Defence Forces (UPDF), thanked President Museveni for the continued guidance to the force that has seen it evolve into a strong force.

“I am here to receive you on behalf of the CDF. We reiterate our appreciation for your continued guidance to the force. On our part as UPDF, we are focusing on ideological consciousness of the force. This is a sure way of enhancing good performance,” Maj. Gen. Masiko said.

The UPDF, he said, continues to open doors to other security agencies for joint effort.



The Director General of ISO, Col. Charles Oluka, commended the President for the strategic guidance he gives to the UPDF in general and ISO Officers in particular.

“Thank you for your strategic guidance. The training of ISO Officers is as a result of the cordial relationship that exists between ISO and other security agencies,” Col. Oluka said.

He appealed to the authorities to increase the capacity of ISO staff.

“We have a shortfall of 850 ISO staff. We want more to strengthen our capacity,” he appealed.

He revealed that terrorists have changed tactics and now recruit using ICT, through cyber crime. He accordingly appealed to his staff to upgrade their tactics and counter the terrorists.

Col. Justus Rukundo, the Commandant of the Oliver Tambo School of Leadership, presented to the commander-in-chief; students from two courses, namely; the Pre-deployment Ideological Orientation Course and the Joint Basic Cadre Development Course.

“The Pre-Deployment Ideological Orientation Course intake 04/2022 ran from 2nd June to 29th June 2022 with 284 participants while the Joint Basic Cadre Development Course intake 12/2022 ran from 6th June to 26th

August 2022 with 201 participants,” Col. Rukundo said.

He said that the 284 participants that did the Pre-Deployment Ideology Orientation Course came from ISO. Nine (9) out of the two hundred and one (201) participants for the second course were from ISO, the rest were from the UPDF.

“The increased demand for ideological training is due to the need to create a critical mass for transformation,” he noted.

He also revealed that course participants were taken to visit Kawumu demonstration farm in Luwero District to learn modern farming methods and techniques.

After the lecture, the best students were awarded and received gifts. These included Matovu Gonzaga, the best in the Pre-Deployment Ideological Orientation course; Nyabwirimi Simon, best overall and Scovia Kabasumi, the best female student.

The core duty of Oliver Tambo School of Leadership is to teach and train the defence forces leadership and prepare them ideologically so as to have the necessary competence to conceptualise, analyse and understand the global dynamics of yesterday, today and project the possibilities of the tomorrow.

“*The Education system must be used to instill confidence in the Africans and for global exposure to enable society metamorphosis,”*  
President Museveni.

State House, Entebbe: President Yoweri Museveni met the members of the Education Policy Review Commission (EPRC) and suggested six areas to be explored for inclusion in the report that will inform the formulation of the new Government White Paper on Education and Sports services in the country.

The President said the Commission should consider how the pre-capitalist and pre-colonial system was and its consequences that led to the colonisation of Africa, the production of raw materials in the colonial and post-independence times and the need for change including manufacturing, expanding of the money economy as well as service sectors, dealing with new colonial social science, the attack of the African Identity and global exposure among others.

In a meeting that took place at State House Entebbe, President Museveni further explained that Uganda's education system must emphasise the issue of manufacturing and expanding services and it must expose how Africa and other parts of the world can go from raw materials to an integrated economy.

He said there should be good interpretation of the new colonial social science through History and Political Science, while Economics and Political Science should lay emphasis on regional integration to solve the issue of markets for products and to organise ourselves to be prosperous. He

said the education system must also be used to instill confidence in the Africans and for global exposure to enable society metamorphosis.

President Museveni thanked the Education and Sports Minister, Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni, for setting up what he termed as the diagnostic group. “I thank the Minister for setting up this diagnostic group because that's what the commission is about. It is about the diagnosis of the education system in relation to the diagnosis to the problems of society,” he said.

He noted that when the problems of society are known, it is easy to come up with education solutions for that society to prosper and develop.

The President advised the 12-member Commission, which had come to seek his guidance concerning the review process, to discover how African societies in the pre-colonial era, were organised and how they solved their challenges when faced with external forces.

The Education policy Review Commission, which commenced work on 7th May, 2021, is investigating and inquiring into issues of policy, planning, funding, access, implementation, management, quality, institutional and staff capacity and legislation across all the education and sports sub sectors and will generate proposals on how challenges affecting the education sector can be addressed.

The First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports Mrs. Janet Museveni apologised to the Commission for the stressful





environment under which they have been working because of the limited resources. She requested the Ministry of Finance to make room for the EPRC in the restricted budget of Financial Year 2022/2023 to enable them start on the consultation meetings and conclude the project by the new set timelines.

Due to a number of challenges largely relating to the COVID-19 disruptions and limited resources, the tenure of the Commission, which was initially envisaged to complete the assignment by April

2022, was extended by another 12 months commencing June 2022.

Hon. Amanywa Mushega, Chairperson EPRC, appreciated President Museveni for his wise counsel and guidance on the future of Uganda's system of education, training and sports and said they will take his recommendations into account as they embark on seeking views of Ugandans nationwide. Mushega was grateful to Mrs Janet Museveni for her support that has ensured sustained operations of the Commission.

The EPRC Deputy Chairperson and also

Executive Director for National Planning Authority, Dr. Joseph Muvawala, reported that the Commission has registered some achievements since inception in 2021. These include; analysing the historical context for education and sports related policies and legal reforms as well as frameworks from national, regional, continental and global perspectives, reviewing the implementation status of the 220 recommendations of the 1992 Government White Paper on Education as approved by Cabinet and analysing a total of 105 memoranda so far from the public.

The Commission is preparing to undertake public hearings in all regions of the country commencing with the Busoga region because of the problematic education indicators. It will also consult respective religious bodies and leaders. The Commission re-affirmed its commitment to the successful completion of the assignment.

The meeting was also attended by the Minister of State for Higher Education, Dr. J.C Musingo and senior technical officers from the Education and Sports Ministry.



*President Museveni poses for a photo with members of the Education Policy Review Commission at State House, Entebbe*

“My message to the Education Sector in the Country is for Teachers to transform society using a telescopic view with vision. This is the reason why the African continent faces problems and has lagged behind from the time of renaissance yet Europe on the other hand has advanced in science and technology,”  
President Museveni

Mbarara: President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni reassured science teachers of Government's commitment to enhance their salaries and also assured Arts teachers of being covered in the near future.

Using a Runyakitara proverb, the President said, “A pumpkin plant that will solve the hunger problem in a family starts by flowering and putting on small young ones.”

He added that that is why the Government has started enhancing teachers' salaries beginning with science teachers. He appealed to all teachers to be patient.

“Please, be patient. Do not disturb yourselves. We shall start with science teachers. We shall cover everybody in future,” he said.

The President made the remarks at the closing ceremony of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association of Secondary School Head Teachers of Uganda (ASSHU) at Ntare School in Mbarara City.

The AGM focused on the theme: “Enhancing Competence-based Curriculum and Quality Education for a Global Market –The Role of Head teachers”.

In his address to the assembly, President Museveni challenged the teachers to be

at the helm of transforming society using ‘transformative leadership with vision which is a holistic approach to promoting education standards in the country.

“My message to the Education Sector in the Country is for teachers to transform society using a telescopic view with vision,” This is the reason why the African continent faces problems and has lagged behind from the time of renaissance yet Europe on the other hand has advanced in science and technology”, he said.

The President told the assembly that according to the NRM ideology, leaders have to act like the primer in a gun to cause social change and to advance science and technology.

The President further challenged the head teachers that if the Education sector is to develop its standards, everyone has to have value for change using what he called a “telescopic view with vision”.

He congratulated the association for organising this year's AGM, which he said was a well-organised forum with overwhelming turn up.

The President contributed Five Hundred Million Shillings (500M) towards the construction of the ASSHU Resource Centre to be built on Bombo Road in Kampala. He also contributed Shs 200 million to the Teachers SACCO.

The First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Museveni pointed out that professional and quality school leadership is a very important and critical factor for success in the quest for quality education in the country.



Mrs. Museveni urged head teachers to pursue professional and quality leadership.

“If only the head teachers here pursued professional and quality leadership, we would significantly reduce or even eradicate issues of absenteeism in schools and manage these vices that have eroded our education system,” she said, adding that the presence of an effective and efficient head teacher in a school has a big impact on the efficient functioning of the school system.

She thanked the President for finding time in his busy schedule to honour and listen to ASSHU leadership presenting the teachers’ concerns at the national level.

The Minister applauded the vision of the Association, commenting that this year’s AGM has awakened all head teachers to

their professional calling. She commended the section of head teachers who behave exceptionally well.

“I want to let you know that your commitment and devotion to duty has not gone unnoticed and the Government sincerely thanks you for that,” she said.

The Minister further noted that, the Ministry of Education is going through one of the most challenging times in the management of schools in the country following the ruins of COVID-19.

Mrs. Museveni also urged ASSHU to cultivate a mindset of understanding that the spirit of leadership is from God.

“Leadership is not an end in itself but it is a means to an end. That is; to serve. Leadership comes with awesome responsibility, sacrifice and challenges but



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*President Museveni and Hon. Janet Museveni pose for a photo with members of the Association of Secondary School Head Teachers of Uganda at Ntare School, Mbarara City.*



no amounts of challenges are impossible for God to solve, if we are willing”, she said.

She congratulated the Head Teachers who attended the patriotism retreat at National Leadership Institute (NALI), Kyankwanzi, saying that the training was vital to enable them understand more about the country.

She hoped that all the Head Teachers would get the opportunity to undergo such life-changing experiences. The Minister also told teachers that they should not only teach children but also teach the community around their areas to know that together they are responsible as leaders.

She castigated elements in society with the vice of spoiling children in schools, leading to early pregnancies; a situation she said had never been heard of in the past.

“I want to appeal to these AGM participants to look into what I have stated here to realise a change by the next meeting. We shall continue empowering schools and teachers to be motivated for effectiveness in schools in the country”, she said.

“Let us all agree to put learners above all interests and address the crisis of lost learning time by preventing any further disruptions to school time due to strikes. Listen to the professional call”, the Minister added.

The Minister also launched curriculum books in Kiswahili language, Physics books for Senior One and Art and Design syllabus.

The Permanent Secretary, Ms. Kate Lamaro,

commended Government for the support accorded to the Ministry.

“The senior management team was here at the workshop, and presented and facilitated the teachers in different subjects”, she said, adding that it was a leadership engagement and consultation meeting to make things change for the better. She thanked ASSHU officials for their good working relationship and technical support to the Ministry.

The outgoing ASSHU Chairperson, Mr. Okiria Martin Obore, said the AGM saw a democratic election of the executives, voting in the new Chairperson; Brother Augustine Magambo, the Headmaster of St. Henrys College Kitovu in Masaka. He remarked that ASSHU strives to realise an international outlook in performance.

“The association has shared its challenges and experiences with the neighbouring countries like Kenya and Tanzania. All I have mentioned here is in honour of success and fruitful education in the country”, he said.

ASSHU General Secretary and host of the AGM; Mr. Jimmy Turyagyenda who is the Head Teacher of Ntare School, told the President that all regions in the country were well represented with a turn up of 1,700 members from Lango, Busoga, Greater Masaka, Mid- Western region that has been the host, Kigezi, Bunyoro Kitara, Rwenzori, Acholi, West Nile, Teso and Karamoja.



“Tumwine was a resilient man. Because he was injured badly at Bukomero but healed and came back and continued with the liberation struggle,” President Museveni

Kololo: President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni who is also the Commander-In-Chief (C-I-C) of the Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF) hailed the fallen Gen. Elly Tumwine as a patriotic and resilient man who continued with the struggle of liberating Uganda even after sustaining facial injuries during the war that led to losing an eye.

Gen. Elly Tumwine Tuhirirwe, one of the 42 people armed with 27 guns who attacked Kabamba barracks on February 6, 1981 to launch the protracted war of the National Resistance Army (NRA) that five years later in 1986 would usher the current Government to power, succumbed to cancer-related complications in Aga Khan Hospital in Nairobi, Kenya, at the age of 68.

“Tumwine was a resilient man. Because he was injured badly at Bukomero but healed and came back and continued with the liberation struggle,” Gen. Museveni said, adding that young people should emulate him.

“So, that spirit of patriotism and sacrifice, you the young people you should learn from it,”

The President was speaking at a funeral service organised at Kololo Cereminal Grounds to celebrate the life of a man

who is credited for having fired the first bullet that launched the five-year NRA liberation struggle.

Gen. Museveni who recounted the times he taught Tumwine and others in 1967 shortly after he had finished A- Level, gave a detailed account of how the fallen soldier shot the first bullet at Kabamba to capture 650 guns.

The President said Tumwine was always active and involved in other attacks in Masindi that led to the capture of 760 guns and another attack in Hoima.

“This was God who did this actually. God used Tumwine to fire the first bullet,” Museveni said, describing Tumwine as having achieved a lot despite dying at 68.

“So, I am here to give this little testimony on Gen. Tumwine, dying at 68. He was still young but had achieved a lot and I am very happy to hear that he died a satisfied man,” President Museveni added.

The President also hailed Gen. Tumwine for having joined the socioeconomic transformation of his rural area in Kazo District and had no kind words for those insulting the deceased.

“People insulting Tumwine are wasting their time because he's somebody who has accomplished so much,” Gen. Museveni said.

He said Gen. Tumwine has not died because he has left behind a family and has done so much on earth that people

will live to remember.

“Tumwine has not died. He is abundant here. Giving birth (oruzaaro) is part of eternity. So, what we do on earth really matters,” Gen. Museveni said.

On her part, the First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Mrs. Janet Museveni, eulogised Gen. Tumwine as someone who lived a fruitful life and achieved his mission.

“We know that we will miss Tumwine, all of us seated here but we believe that he is gone to a better place and we are grateful that he has achieved his mission,” Mrs. Museveni said.

The family of the deceased General described their family head as a unique

and very rare human being who loved God, his country Uganda, the army but above, all his family.

The widow, Jolly Tumwine, said her husband had a big, generous heart and looked after and supported so many children who have since graduated in various professions, describing the action as a blessing and a great legacy which will never be erased.

“In the 35 years God gave us, I saw him grow in his walk with Christ. He was very bold in testifying about what God had done in his life and committed to preaching God’s words,” Jolly said.

The family thanked President Museveni for the support he has rendered to them



*President Museveni and First Lady Janet lay wreaths on the Late Gen. Tumwine’s coffin at Kololo Ceremonial Grounds*





over the years up to now when they are seeing off their dear father.

On behalf of the UPDF, the Chief of Defence Forces (CDF), Gen. Wilson Mbasu Mbadi, said they have lost an accomplished leader and mentor who had been a long-time member of the UPDF High Command.

Gen. Mbadi said Gen. Tumwine had been a dedicated and hardworking cadre who grasped the NRM/NRA ideology, passed it on to others and practiced it and was very instrumental to the restoration of peace and stability in Uganda.

“UPDF is, therefore, saddened by the loss of such a senior professional cadre, whose input has contributed to the environment that we are enjoying now,” Gen. Mbadi said.

The funeral service at Kololo was led by Bishop Emeritus Edward Muhima of North Kigezi Diocese who preached passionately about the meaning of life and death from the first book of Thessalonians.

He described Gen. Tumwine as a Christian soldier, tough but also generous.

“Gen. Elly Tumwine was a tough-minded soldier but tender- hearted born again Christian who would challenge evil but

at the same time had love and a heart for those who would disagree with him and would accommodate them in his heart,” Bishop Muhima said, adding that the fallen General was a serious man and yet very modest in his life.

Mr. Enos Tumusiime, on behalf of friends, described Gen. Tumwine as one who lived a full life and died a satisfied man who believed that he had fulfilled his mission on earth. “He loved the army. Your Excellency, you had a disciple for the army in the name of Tumwine,” Mr. Tumusiime said.

The State Minister for Defence and Veteran Affairs, Hon. Jacob Oboth Oboth, also addressed the mourners.

The ceremony was attended by among others, the Speaker of Parliament, Rt. Hon. Anita Among; Chief Justice Alfonse Owiny-Dollo; 2nd Deputy Prime Minister, Gen. Moses Ali, Cabinet Ministers and Ministers of State, Members of Parliament, diplomats, senior security officers, and friends of late Gen. Tumwine.

After the service, Gen. Tumwine’s body was airlifted to Rwemikoma in Kazo District where he was buried on August 30, 2022.

“The four sectors for economic development are Commercial agriculture, Industry, Services and ICT, however you need peace to achieve all that,” President Museveni

Juba, South Sudan: President Yoweri Museveni was on hand to witness the graduation of the 1st batch of the necessary unified forces of the Republic of South Sudan as Uganda is one of the guarantors of the South Sudan peace deal.

This follows the Entebbe Tripartite agreement of November 2019 in which a cessation of hostilities and a transition process towards general elections within South Sudan was set in motion.

The graduation of cadets is a very symbolic will of the leadership and the people of South Sudan to work together in bringing stability and lasting peace to South Sudan. Speaking at the graduation, President Museveni placed emphasis on the need to have peace in order to develop their country and focus on interests not identity.

“I bring solidarity and congratulations from the brotherly people of Uganda to the people of South Sudan on this landmark milestone, for working in true spirit of the

African progressive forces to build the country towards sustainable development based on interests and not identity,” he said

“The four sectors for economic development are Commercial agriculture, Industry, Services and ICT, however you need peace to achieve all that,” he further said on his part, President Salva Kiir addressed the cadet graduands and reminded them that henceforth they are now fully integrated into one force.

“You are not a military wing of any of the parties to the conflict, you are now the first national security special organ of the Republic of South Sudan and as President, I am your Commander-in-Chief”, he emphasised.

Other dignitaries in attendance were H.E. Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, the President of the Sovereign Council of Sudan who also acts as the second guarantor of the Peace agreement, H.E. Dr. Riak Machar Teny, 1st Vice President of South Sudan and representatives from Egypt, Rwanda, and Ethiopia.

*President Museveni and Gen. Abdel Fattah al-Burhan of Sudan at the ceremony in Juba, South Sudan*



“You have done army work. Now go and do something in the economy in these last years,” Gen. Museveni

State House, Entebbe: President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, who is also the Commander In Chief (C-I-C) of the Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF), said army officers retiring from active service should use the opportunity to create wealth for themselves now that Government is able to send them off with some good remuneration.

“You have done army work. Now go and do something in the economy in these last years,” Gen. Museveni said.

President Museveni was speaking at a ceremony to retire 48 general officers of the UPDF at State House, Entebbe. These were meant to be 49 before the death of Gen. Elly Tumwine who breathed his last a few days before at the age of 68.

Gen. Museveni thanked the officers for accepting to work under difficult situations with no or low pay to a stage when the system is able to support them unlike in the previous armies where officers retired upon death.

“The army of 1971, many Acholi and Langi officers were killed by the Idi Amin group which was coming

in. That was their retirement. Now when you are retiring, the country you supported is now a bit more able to also support you,” Museveni said, adding that this has made retirement a good gesture. He, however, cautioned the retiring officers not to listen to opportunists giving them advice on how they should spend their savings but rather invest wisely in commercial agriculture. “So, my advice to Generals, please, buy yourselves land and practice the four-acre model of agriculture and venture into coffee, fruits, pasture for animals (zero grazing), food, chicken and pigs in the backyard, fishing near the swamps, etc.”

Among the notable retirees most of whom are part of the 1986 National Resistance Army (NRA) liberation group that brought the current Government into power included; RO 00031 Gen. David Sejusa who is a former Coordinator of Intelligence Services, and Lt. Gen. Andrew Gutti, formerly Chairman of the General Court Martial. Others include, RO 00087 Lt. Gen. John Mugume, RO 00038 Maj. Gen. Steven Kashaka, RO 00073 Maj. Gen. Joram Kakaari Tumwine, RO 00122 Maj. Gen. Manon Katirima Phinehas, RO 00167 Maj. Gen. Elly Kayanja, RO 00266 Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Balaba Muheesi and



Uganda's most decorated female military officer, RO 00217 Lt. Gen. Proscovia Nalweyiso who is currently serving as Special Presidential Advisor on Defence and Security.

Over the years, Lt Gen Nalweyiso has served in several command and staff appointments including commanding a female wing of the NRA in 1986.

Maj. Gen. George Igumba, the UPDF Chief of Personnel and Administration, informed the President that 267 senior officers at the rank of Major to Colonel, who are part of batch 12, were seen off the day before. 11 batches have been seen off since 2014 making a total of

9026 officers who have been retired since then.

Igumba said this time for batch 12, the plan was to retire 2,539 personnel, including 75 general officers, 429 senior officers, 275 junior officers and 1,760 militants but the number was reduced tremendously to only 316 officers due to budgetary limitations.

"The category of Captain all the way to Private, were pushed to batch 13 in the financial year 2023/24 when their salaries will have been enhanced as we were reassured by you, Your Excellency.

"Therefore, batch 12 that retired was an unprecedented one in the history of Uganda since independence



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*President Museveni (C) poses for a photo with UPDF generals who were retired during the function at State House Entebbe*



and indeed since Uganda became a member of the United Nations, reaffirming Your Excellency's resolve to professionalise the force in all aspects of military and defence development," said Maj. Gen. Igumba.

The most senior retiring officer, Gen. Sejusa on behalf of retiring officers paid tribute to His Excellency the President for providing leadership during the struggle, the army leadership and the people of Uganda without which there wouldn't be peace.

"I am proud to belong to NRA/UPDF, which has made incredible strides. I thank the people of Uganda from all regions for their sacrifices. We all know there was a phase in our struggle when our civilian population was the vanguard. They were our eyes, the ears, our protectors. They fed us and this phase took a bigger part of 1981. They gathered intelligence; they carried out reconnaissance missions for us to acquire small arms and so on.

If we did not have the population on our side, then there would be no NRA/UPDF and certainly NRM," Gen. Sejusa said, adding that it's not easy to keep a country peaceful for 40 years. Gen. Sejusa noted that however much a lot has been done, a lot is yet to be achieved to consolidate the victories and the mission to liberate Africa.

"Therefore, continue training, take advantage of the opportunities being provided, make sure that you deepen your ideological horizons but above all, love your nation and honour the people of Uganda always. They're special people for there's no greater honour than serving the people," Gen. Sejusa added. He saluted the President for the opportunity to serve the people of Uganda and for the victories and achievements registered. "We have shared a lot but we have served Uganda and I'm sure Uganda will prosper," he added.

The Chief of Defence Forces (CDF), Gen. Wilson Mbasu Mbadi thanked the President for allowing the retiring officers to serve in various capacities and asked them to continue using their experience wherever they will go.

"Retirement is a golden gesture to release them when they're still energetic. So, General officers retiring today, don't just retire from UPDF; have something to retire to so that you can keep mentally alert, physically fit and productive," Gen Mbadi said.

The colorful ceremony was attended by, among others, the Minister of State for Defence, Hon. Jacob Oboth Oboth, the Minister of State for Veteran Affairs, Hon. Oleru Huda and friends and families of retiring officers.

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## **SPEECH BY PRESIDENT MUSEVENI ON THE OCCASION OF COMMEMORATING INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY AND COMMISSIONING THE REGIONAL ICT INFRASTRUCTURE AND E-GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

KAUNDA GROUNDS, GULU CITY: I do salute all of you the people of Uganda and especially the Youth whose day we come here to commemorate as we reflect on their numerical strength and potential to be agents of fundamental change aimed at transforming the 39% of our people in subsistence agriculture.

Under PDM, our target is to upgrade these people and see them pushed into the money economy. It should be abominable for any young person to become a subsistence farmer. That must become a chapter in our political economy books that once upon a time, there lived a people who used to produce only for Ekidha.

All the progressive youth leaders of Uganda must resolve that their grandparents and their parents are the last cohort of Ugandans to work only for Ekidha!! Society metamorphosises when people are producing enough to eat and have surplus for the market. Every Ugandan must have capacity to earn some money to purchase basic necessities and make some investments in credible enterprises.

Therefore, our goal under PDM is to increase household incomes and improve quality of life of Ugandans with specific focus on total transformation of the subsistence households (39% - 3.5million households, 17.5m people)- both on farm and off farm in rural and urban settings



*President Museveni digitally commissions NITA-U's Regional ICT Infrastructure & E-Government Services.*





into the money economy, as well as eradication of poverty and vulnerability in Uganda.

While deepening decentralisation and devolution to support development and planning at the Parish level, our strategy as Government is to promote increased incomes through modernisation of agriculture, industrialisation and information communication and technology. It is a good coincidence that on this same day, I am commissioning the regional ICT Infrastructure and E-Government services.

It is important for all people of Uganda to get to know and appreciate that Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) together with ICT enables the acceleration of the entire economy and this supports the digital transformation and the move towards digital (smart) health, digital (Smart) agriculture, digital (smart) manufacturing, digital (Smart) cities among other.

Our goal has been and remains that of increasing the application of appropriate technology in the production and service delivery processes through the development of a well-constructed STI eco-system.

I am, therefore, happy that the theme for this year's' International Youth Day; "Intergenerational solidarity: The role of the youth in the implementation of the Parish Development Model" is cognizant of our current focus as Government under the PDM which is a Government approach to socioeconomic transformation in a consolidated and comprehensive way.

I would like to encourage all youth leaders to play a significant role under the PDM, mobilise the masses, enhance

financial literacy for households, innovate, participate in trainings to build capacities, promote civic education, leverage the power of ICT, encourage formation of SACCOs and participate in infrastructural development.

The PDM needs thinkers, creators and innovators – let us kick poverty from our midst together, - let subsistence production and poverty be our enemy number one. Every Ugandan must do everything possible under PDM to tame the fangs of poverty and rescue the about 3.5million families from subsistence agriculture.

As we consolidate our gains as Government, we shall continue to build bridges between our generations to ensure intergenerational harmony, peace and tranquility.

In recognition of the transformation agenda of the NRM Government and given the dominance of agriculture as a source of livelihood, Government has prioritised Agro-Industrialisation that offers a great opportunity for Uganda to embark on its long-term aspirations of increasing household incomes and improving the quality of life of many of our youth.

Ugandan youth must know that Agro-Industrialisation has a number of advantages and these include;

- (i) It is an avenue for promoting inclusive and equitable growth;
- (ii) Uganda has a positive trade balance in agro-industrial products;
- (iii) It is an opportunity to add value to agricultural raw materials in order to promote export expansion of high value products;
- (iv) It provides an opportunity for import

substitution;

(v) It provides an opportunity to address the high post-harvest losses, minimises losses to disasters, stabilise prices and increase house hold incomes and;

(vi) The backward and forward linkages between agriculture and agro-industries will necessitate that Uganda sustainably transform agro-value claims to ensure sufficient supply for domestic industries to undertake transformative sustainable manufacturing while creating employment for its youth.

The EAC Vision 2050 seeks to promote value addition through Agro-processing. The African Continental Free Trade Area (AFCFTA) aims to increase a single market for goods and services facilitated by movement of person in order to deepen the economic integration of the African Continent. This is an opportunity for Uganda to exploit its Agro-Industrialisation Agencies in order to feed the global value chain. Our strength as African people is domiciled in the deepening, broadening and widening the integration of the Africa-Continent. We must integrate in order to freely solve our African problems in an African manner.

For young people to meaningfully benefit from PDM and the entire integration of the African Continent, the following hindrances must be addressed;

(i) Low agricultural production and productivity;

(ii) Poor storage infrastructure;

(iii) Poor market access and low competitiveness for products in domestic, regional, continental and International markets;

(iv) Low value additions;

(v) Limited access to agricultural financial services and critical inputs; and

(vi) Poor coordination and inefficient institutions for planning and implementation of Agro-Industrialisation

We must strive to increase commercialisation and competitiveness of agricultural production and agro-processing. We need to increase the total export value of processed agricultural commodities; coffee, tea, fish, diary, meat and maize (and its products from; USD 0.935 Billion to USD 2.7 Billion)

We must also reduce the total value of imported cereals and cereal preparations, vegetable fats and oils and sugar preparations from approximately USD 931.1 million USD to USD 500 million.

It is equally important to note that despite a huge market, the Country's capacity to satisfy the market demand remains inadequate. The youth must, therefore, get out of their comfort zones and produce for this big market.

In order to meaningfully transform our economy, there is need to take advantage of the digital transformation as I have said several times before. ICT is a fulcrum of development; it is an accelerator, amplifier and augments of change. ICT has a huge potential to improve national productivity by making Government and business enterprises more efficient, effective and globally competitive.

It is, therefore, a critical driver of social and economic development. Information and communication Technology (ICT) is one of the major drivers of socioeconomic transformation as enshrined in the National Resistance Movement (NRM) manifesto 2021- 2026, National Development Plan (NDP) III and Vision 2040 among others.



The effect of the COVID 19 pandemic has clearly shown us the key role ICT plays in ensuring that the Government remains productive and continues to serve the wanainchi. In anticipation of these current and future challenges, the Government, as far as 2006, spearheaded the digitalisation agenda and today we boast of the National Backbone Infrastructure (NBI) which has enabled various Government Departments serve the citizens through online systems such as e-Agriculture, E-Tax, E-education, e-health e-visa, e-passport, e-Government procurement, security CCTV Cameras, e-courts.

Further, the integration platform has enhanced the sharing of information across Government and with citizens. As Government embarks on the implementation of the Parish Development Model (PDM), I implore the National Information Technology Authority- Uganda (NITA-U) to further deepen access to the ICT infrastructure and these online services at all levels of Government Administration and service centres across the Country.

The Government of Uganda identified information and communications technology- Business process Outsourcing (ICTBPO) as a potential industry to propel growth of the economy through increasing investment and employment. NITA-U is spearheading the process of growing the ICT-BPO industry through establishment of Government ICT parks, BPO centers, designing incentives scheme for attracting investment in the ICT/ BPO sector.

ICT-BPO is one of the key catalysts for establishing knowledge-based industries in Uganda, thereby creating higher-value jobs for Uganda's youthful population and enhancing economic growth. It is estimated that the ICT-BPO industry will create more than 100,000 jobs (direct and indirect).

I implore the youth to take advantage of these initiatives by upskilling and positioning themselves to take up the opportunities within the ICT-BPO industry.

Once again, I commend the Bazukulu at NITA\_U for being at the forefront of promoting the use of ICTs to enable Government serve the wanainchi. These efforts will go a long way in transforming the lives of our people and particularly our youth in this digital era.

Today's commissioning of the Regional Communications infrastructure Project (RCIP) is a clear testimony of our commitment as the NRM Government in transforming the lives of our citizens through the use of ICTs.

It is, therefore, a great pleasure for me during this year's International Youth Day Commemoration to;

- (i) Launch the youth ConneKt platform- a platform for facilitating business information, sharing, learning and doing business
- (ii) To launch the regional ICT infrastructure and E- Government Services.

I thank all of you and I wish you happy Celebrations.





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