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H.E. GEN. YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA



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Dear Reader,

This is to present to you the December edition of our monthly e-magazine, The Presidency. This monthly e-publication highlights the major engagements of His Excellency the President and the entire Presidency for the month of December.

In the month of December, His Excellency participated in the US – Africa Leaders' Summit that took place in Washington DC, where he had dinner with President Joe Biden, and held meetings with US Government officials. The President also spoke at the Partnering for Sustainable Health session held under the theme "Building Resilience for Healthy People, Healthy Countries", at the Washington Convention Centre.

During his trip, the President attended meetings in London, United Kingdom, and Chicago, US, to woo different investors to Uganda. He used the same meetings to commission trade envoys to the United Kingdom, United States and the Balkans. In one of the meetings, the President met with the Albertine Graben Energy Consortium (AGEC) Partners, who promised the Final Investment Decision (FID) for the \$4.5 billion East Africa Energy Security and Transition Investment Project would happen in 2023.

On his way home, His Excellency met with His Majesty Charles III, King of the United Kingdom, to condole with him on the loss of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

At home, the President commissioned the one-stop border post at Mpondwe on the Uganda – DRC border that will boost international trade, bade farewell to the outgoing Ethiopian Ambassador and delivered a lecture of opportunity to National Defence College students on integration.

Towards end of the month, His Excellency commissioned a coffee factory in Ntungamo District, and delivered his end of year address from his country home in Rwakitura. The address is annexed here.

I now have the pleasure to present to you the 18th edition of The Presidency, and to wish you a happy 2023.



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DEC UGANDA MARKS WORLD AIDS DAY

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The President made the remarks during the World AIDS Day commemoration that was held in Rukungiri. This year's celebrations ran under the theme: "Ending Inequalities among Adolescent Girls, Young Women and Boys".

He said when one contracts the virus; his/ her potential is cut off, thus rendering them as 'Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)'.

"The best thing for AIDS is prevention. Avoidance is the best solution because even when we put you on medication when you are infected, there are things you cannot do like joining the army. Even if we keep you alive by putting you on ARVs, your potential is cut off," said the President who over the years been recognised as a champion for HIV/AIDS fight.

"We don't want to cut off the potential of our people due to HIV. When you get sick, you will not be able to fully meet your potential. This is medical; I have seen this in the army, some people on medication collapse during recruitment exercise," he added.

The Head of State on the other hand advised the infected to always stick to medication if they want to stay alive.

"Don't discriminate against people living with HIV/AIDS, they can do many things that other people can do," he said, before commending the United

A section of anti HIV/AIDS partners attend the World AIDS Day in Rukungiri District

States of America Government and other development partners for the support they accord to Uganda in the fight against the scourge. "If donors continue supporting our interventions, then that is good but if they are unable to do so, we can suppress other things and fund our people," the President added.

The President also tasked the people of Rukungiri to stop encroaching on wetlands. He said those who are carrying out activities in the distinct ecosystem should willingly withdraw.

"When I was coming, I saw that there was encroachment in the wetlands. You should get out willingly before Government forces you to do so. We want to install solar powered water pumps near the wetlands so that we can have irrigated agriculture instead of rain-fed agriculture," the President cautioned.

The Minister for Presidency, Hon. Babirye Milly Babalanda commended President Museveni for always protecting the lives of Ugandans through his wise counsel and able leadership.

"For years, you have been leading the fight to tackle this enemy. We celebrate your courage and heroism. In 2017, you launched the Presidential Fast Track Initiative to end AIDS as a Public Health threat in Uganda by 2030. Five years later, a lot of progress has been achieved," Hon. Babalanda said.

"We still have unfinished business to ensure that our people do not forget the fight against HIV/AIDS. Let's us remain responsible and committed to ending AIDS in Uganda."

The Security Minister, Hon. Jim Muhwezi said, "Your Excellency, I remember you came to this stadium and told our people that HIV/AIDS has no cure but avoidable and people took your teachings and they avoided it. You have done the same in teaching our people on how to prevent COVID-19 and Ebola. We thank you very much".

The Minister of State for Health in charge of General Duties, Hon. Anifa Kawooya revealed that 5.5 percent of Ugandans are living with HIV/AIDS and out of this, most of these are women.

Hon. Kawooya however disclosed that the number of adult Ugandans living with the virus has significantly reduced from 6 to 5 percent.

"I would like to thank Uganda AIDS Commission and other stakeholders for the job well done in combating the virus in the country," she said.

The Director General of Uganda AIDS Commission, Dr. Nelson Musoba said through the Presidential Fast Track Initiative (PFTI) for ending AIDS as a public threat in Uganda by 2030, they managed to come up with various interventions that have since enabled the country to register tremendous progress in combating the virus.

"In 2020, Uganda was among the 10 countries in Africa that achieved the United Nations Programs on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)'s 90, 90, 90" target to help end the scourge by 2030," Dr. Musoba said.

The UNAIDS "90,90,90" target means 90 percent of all people living with HIV enrolled on treatment and 90 percent of those on Antiretroviral Therapy will have an undetectable viral load by 2020.

The UN Resident Coordinator in Uganda, Mrs. Susan Ngongi Namondo, called for a renewed push to scale down HIV infections in the country.

"Let us double our efforts, increase finances in order to boost the gains so far achieved in the fight against HIV/AIDS," Mrs. Namondo urged.

The Resident Coordinator also underscored the need to address the HIV/ AIDS information gap to create awareness about the virus.

The Deputy Chief of Mission, United States of America-Mission Kampala, Mr. William D Bent, said Government and other stakeholders should address the inequalities experienced by children and women living with HIV/AIDS, saying that this will help to overcome the discrimination and stigma faced by the vulnerable groups.

"Knowing your status must be a target for everyone. The time has come to act so that we put an end to HIV. We must also amplify the voices of people living with the virus," Mr. Bent stated.

He also reaffirmed USA's commitment in helping Uganda fight HIV.

"We have made remarkable strides since the first World AIDS Day commemoration 34 years ago. These advances are largely based on the advocacy of people living with HIV, community-based organisations working in areas most affected by HIV, and through collaboration and partnership between Governments, public-sector partners, multilateral institutions, non-governmental, academic, and philanthropic organisations. The U.S. government, through the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), is proud to have been on the forefront of advancing HIV epidemic control for nearly 20 years," he said.

Uganda's investment in the HIV response is critical to long-term sustainability. Approximately 85% of the Uganda's HIV/ AIDS response is externally funded, posing a major sustainability challenge. Domestic resource mobilisation is vital going forward and together as partners, we need to focus on finding more sustainable strategies– this means mobilizing additional domestic and external funding but also seeking efficiencies in the use of our current funding.

By end of 2021, Uganda had an estimated 1.4 million people living with HIV, AIDSrelated deaths had declined by 67% from 51,000 in 2010 to 17,000 and new HIV infections had declined by 39% from 88,000 in 2010 to 54,000 (Uganda 2022 HIV Epidemiological Estimates).

On the other hand, about 1,000 people get infected with HIV every week and about 326 people die weekly due to AIDS related deaths. Infections among young people (15 -24 years) accounted for 37% of all the new HIV infections in the year 2021, with new infections occurring three times more among the young girls compared to the boys in the same period. (MOH Annual estimates 2021).

The event was also attended by; the Vice President, H.E. Jessica Alupo, Ministers, Members of Parliament, religious leaders, HIV/AIDS Activists among other officials.

FDC SUPPORTERS JOIN NRM

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RUKUNGIRI DISTRICT: President Yoweri Museveni welcomed 100 opposition members in Rukungiri District who crossed from Forum for Democratic Change (FDC), to the ruling party-National Resistance Movement (NRM).

The new members of NRM were coordinated and introduced to the President by Security Minister also Rujumbura County MP, Maj Gen.(Rtd) Jim Muhwezi and Rukungiri Resident District Commissioner, Mr. Stephen Nsubuga Bewayo at Riverside Hotel in Rukungiri.

Welcoming them to the ruling party,

President Museveni told the former FDC members that they took the right decision to join NRM, describing it as the only genuine and pro-people political party in Uganda with a straight agenda of developing and moving the country forward.

He said, unlike the opposition, NRM does not believe in bad politics or politics of diversion.

"The opposition is good at playing bad politics and diverting our people into criminal acts like violence and rioting," H.E. the President said.



President Museveni poses for a photo with the new converts at Riverside Hotel, Rukungiri District He also advised the new members to desist from politicking and focus on improving their livelihoods through embracing moneymaking channels and Government development programs.

"Ugandans are beginning to wake up. They have realised that opposition dwells on lies and just want to lure them into criminalilty," Gen. Museveni noted.

The President also promised that early next year he will meet the new members and lecture them on NRM Ideology.

"The challenge we have now is ideology and mindset," he added.

Gen. Muhwezi applauded President Museveni for being a liberal and openminded leader who welcomes people from all walks of life irrespective of their different political ideologies.

He also promised that as NRM leadership in Rukungiri, they will continue persuading other disgruntled opposition members to join the ruling party.

"Your Excellency, I want to thank for you being a good and tolerant leader to all Ugandans," Maj Gen. (Rtd) Muhwezi said.

"We shall continue bringing in more opposition members to join the party with a vision to take Uganda forward," he added.

The event was also attended by the Kayunga District NRM Chairperson, Mr. Moses Karangwa, popular businessman and NRM Mobiliser in Rukungiri, Mr. Ambrose Kibuuka, among other party officials.



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NATIONAL WATER & SEWERAGE CORPORATION MARKS 50 YEARS

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In 1979, I was part of the Government that replaced Idi Amin and the house we stayed in around Prince Charles drive, for the two years I was there; we never had piped water in the house. But now most of these places have water."

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KOLOLO CEREMONIAL GROUNDS: President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni continued to issue a stern warning to wetland encroachers to get out peacefully if Uganda is to have reliable rainfalls to facilitate human and industrial development and irrigation schemes to boost agriculture.

The President termed as "wrong, dangerous and unnecessary" for people to interfere with the water bodies such as the lake shores, river banks, swamps (granaries of water) for farming and other activities that not only contaminate but also drain water bodies.

"And therefore, where water is please, do not go there. And if you're there please, get yourself out slowly so that we don't have to come and push you out of the water bodies. We want the water to be kept so that it can be used for the four (4) purposes of drinking, sewerage, industrial use and irrigation," the President said.

Gen. Museveni made the remarks at Kololo Independence Grounds as National Water & Sewerage Corporation celebrated 50 years of passionate and dedicated service to the people of Uganda on the theme: Accelerating Sustainable Water and Sanitation for All; For Health and Wealth.

The President added that the Government will soon be announcing a clear plan to

deal with encroachers once and for all in order to preserve the wetlands, protect the integrity of the fragile ecosystems and keep the water clean. He asked the authorities in areas where people encroach on water bodies to act on the degraders before it's too late.

"Why should this happen when there's Government everywhere? So, please I warn all those leaders, why do they allow all this to happen under their care?" Gen. Museveni warned.

He said due to the unreliable rains, the Government is going to put more emphasis on upscaling irrigation schemes to avoid food insecurity.

The President congratulated National Water and Sewerage Corporation upon marking 50 years of service and for partially developing its capacity, saying economies of Africa like Uganda are characterised as underdeveloped, meaning they have got a lot of potential which it has not developed which the water body has started doing. The corporation is on top of fulfilling its core functions of providing safe and clean water to the people and to deal with sewerage, they have been able to make a total of 109 billion shillings as profits annually.

"Thank you for proving that Government companies can make money," President Museveni said, adding that one of the reasons for privatisation was that the Government had given up on its own companies because of their inefficiencies at that time.

"We had said Government companies are thieves (babbi in Luganda), let's rely on



the private sector but we have seen here that some are not. So, I congratulate you for passing the test," he added.

He was happy to learn that the water body has extended clean water to 18 million Ugandans in 263 towns which never had water.

"In 1979, I was part of the Government that replaced Idi Amin and the house we stayed in around Prince Charles drive, for the two years I was there; we never had piped water in the house. But now most of these places have water," said President Museveni said.

He further noted that for Uganda to produce cheaply and trade competitively in markets, the Government is going to improve the railway network, electricity, irrigation and the cost of money in the banks like Uganda Development Bank (UDB) for industrial development. The managing Director National Water and Sewerage Corporation, Eng. Dr. Silver Mugisha, thanked the President for the support given to National Water.

"When you gave us money for the 100 percent service coverage acceleration programme, that is when we were able to jump from 13,000 kilometers to 21,000 kilometers of water coverage," Eng. Mugisha said.

He asked the Government to support their homegrown technology solutions that are based on self-help approach more than expensive imported technologies, adding that the National IT Policy should promote integration, rather than discouraging development of individual entity initiatives.

Dr. Mugisha however said, despite using smart metre technologies (Prepaid Meters) for low-income neighbourhoods in Kampala and selected Government institutions especially Defence, Police and

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Uganda Prisons, they have not done much despite their efficiency due to inadequate budgeting of Government institutions.

"As an institution, we cannot afford to disconnect Defence, we cannot disconnect Police and Prisons on the account that they have not been given sufficient budgets to pay for water bills," Dr. Mugisha said.

The Board Chairman of National Water and Sewerage Corporation, Eng. Dr. Badru Kiggundu, said their target is now to cover all the industrial parks to encourage manufacturing.

The Minister of Water and Environment, Hon. Sam Cheptoris, described the day as a memorable one which he will never forget in his lifetime.

A total of seventy-five (5) completed projects focused on improving water supply and extending supply to new areas were inaugurated. They include among others; Lwengo Water Supply Project, Adjumani Water Supply and Sanitation Project, Kampala Network Restructuring & Rehabilitation, Improvement of Water Supply and Sanitation Services in Informal Settlements, Mbale Water Supply and Sanitation Project, Mbarara Water and Sanitation Project, Masaka Water and Sanitation Project, Moroto Water Supply Project, Pakwach Water Production Augmentation, and Lira Water Supply Improvement Project.

The ceremony was attended by among others; Minister of State for Water and Environment; Aisha Ssekindi, Board members of NWSC, Senior UPDF officers and Ambassadors of Germany, France and Netherlands. Others were; religious leaders, past leaders and board members of NWSC and local leaders.

YOUTH CELEBRATE INVESTMENT, PATRIOTISM



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KOLOLO CEREMONIAL GROUNDS:

President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni urged the youth to use their powers given to them by the National Resistance movement (NRM) to fight corruption in Uganda.

Speaking to the over 10,000 youth including professionals at the Patriotism for Youth & Investment Symposium held at Kololo Ceremonial Grounds on Saturday under the theme: "Patriotism for Socio-Economic Transformation", the President said the NRM from the onset, was very clear about the problem of corruption and put in place measures to fight it; part of which, the democratisation process that gave people the mandate to elect leaders they trust despite the presence of those appointed by Government like sub county/ Gombolola Chiefs.

"I did this because I knew what was happening in the colonial times. I wanted the people to have their own voice by electing their leaders right from Local council (LC) I, LC. II, LC. III and Members of Parliament. Why should things go wrong in your areas when all these leaders are there and you just keep quiet," Museveni said, before blaming the youth for failing to exercise their rights to follow up on the money sent in their areas to benefit them.

He gave an example of the 100 million shillings sent to parishes to support

citizens under the Parish development Model (PDM).

"You have to fight corruption wherever you are because you know we have sent money to your parishes. Go there and see what's happening with your money. This is your money. Fight for your portion," Gen. Museveni said, adding that the youth should use their leaders to provide accountability of the resources from the Government.

Corruption in Uganda is characterised by grand-scale theft of public funds involving public officials at different levels of society hindering economic, political, and social development.

According to President Museveni, corruption worsens poverty and aggravates inequality as resources meant for the poor and the underprivileged are diverted to line the pockets of the corrupt, thus hindering "prosperity for all" which is part of the 3 core historic missions the NRM Government has been preaching since 1986.

"That's why while some people say others should be educated and others not, for us (NRM) we say education for all, immunisation for all, and now you can see the results," H.E. Museveni noted. He added that when NRM came to power, the population of Uganda was 14 million Ugandans but now they are 43 million "because we immunised all the children".

The President has demonstrated high level of commitment in the fight against corruption through different policies and establishment of Government agencies to deal with reported corruption, including the Inspectorate of Government (IG), the Office of the Auditor General (OAG), the Directorate for Public Prosecution (DPP), the Directorate for Ethics and Integrity (DEI), the Anti-Corruption Court, and the State House Anti-Corruption Unit.

At the same function, the President cautioned the youth to take their lives seriously in face of the HIV/AIDS disease that is killing 17,000 Ugandans every year according to health reports.

"And that's why I would appeal to you to now watch out for AIDS because that is now your individual choice," President Museveni said. Gen. Museveni further informed the youth that in order to achieve prosperity for all, all the four (4) principles of NRM have to be taken seriously. They include; Patriotism (love Uganda), Pan Africanism (love Africa) to enable international cooperation for trade (emikago) but based on the strength of a United Africa, Socio-Economic Transformation and Democracy.

On patriotism, the core principle and topic of the day, President Museveni cautioned youth on emphasising tribes and religion which will not help them especially when they produce goods and need markets.

Gen. Museveni who described himself as a matooke farmer and renowned producer



President Museveni poses for a photo with the members of Uganda Medical Association during the Patriotism and Investment symposium at Kololo Independence Grounds

of milk in Ankole, noted that without other tribes buying his produce (milk and matooke), he would not have gone to school. He said two men from Buganda namely; Walusimbi and Bukenya who bought matooke and cattle from their family helped him go to school because the Banyankore (people from Ankole region) were not buying from them because they too were on the same production line of farming matooke, rearing cattle and producing milk.

"This also happens to other regions like Buganda, Acholi, Teso. So, if you talk of tribes and religion, you're fragmenting your market", – H.E. Museveni said, adding that the NRM Government saw this mess at the beginning and rejected it because it was hindering prosperity and socioeconomic transformation.

He further called upon Ugandans to engage in the four sectors of wealth creation which include; commercial agriculture with ekibalo (calculation) through the 4 acres model of farming, manufacturing, services (transport, hotels, music etc) and Information Communication Technology - ICT.

Gen. Museveni assured the youth and the nation at large that the Government is in control and nobody will destabilise the peace of Uganda.

"That is day dreaming. There will be no instability in Uganda. The issue of the elections will come at the right time. I want you to concentrate on what we're saying here (how to achieve prosperity for all)," he noted.

Ms. Hellen Sseku, the Private Secretary for Youth Affairs in the Office of the President, on behalf of the young patriots thanked the President for creating an enabling investment environment that has attracted thousands of investors to Uganda who have provided jobs to the young people.

The Minister of State for Investment and Privatisation, Hon. Evelyn Anite, said the function was also meant to celebrate the investors in this country that have made Uganda to be among the top 10 investment destinations in Africa.

At the same event, the top 50 exceptional and responsible investors were awarded for contributing to securing the future of this country and the people of Uganda.

Minister Anite further thanked President Museveni for maintaining peace and security and promised him more support from the young people.

"Nangesimanyi Luganda bulungi naye njagala kugamba, tuyagala Museveni (I don't understand Luganda language properly, but I want to say that we love President Museveni)," Minister Anite added.

Among the professionals who attended the function were doctors. They commended President Museveni for enhancing the salaries of health workers and equipping all the regional referral hospitals with Computed Tomography (CT) Scans.

Through their leader Dr. Samuel Odongo Oledo, doctors under their umbrella body-Uganda Medical Association (UMA) called upon the Government to recruit more Specialised doctors in these hospitals to improve quality of health care.

INDIAN SHREE KUTCHI LEVA PATEL COMMUNITY BUILDS A SCHOOL IN BUKOTO



BUKOTO, KAMPALA: President Yoweri Museveni has reiterated his commitment to continue supporting the Indian Community in Uganda who he described as real business partners.

"In Uganda, we have got real partners because you bring new skills and new energies and we add our own indigenous energies and the combination brings a big achievement," Museveni said. The President made the remarks shortly after commissioning the newly built Shree Sahajan and Primary School located in Bukoto, a Kampala suburb.

The commissioned school which opens in February, 2023 will follow the National Curriculum which was built by proprietors of Tororo Cement in partnership with the Indian Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Community (SKLPS) as part of their corporate social



The newly built Indian Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Community Temple in Bukoto, Kampala

responsibility in Uganda and will operate under the auspices of Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Samaj Trust.

President Museveni thanked the proprietors for not only establishing the modern school, but also building a new Temple and a hospital to benefit the neighbouring community. He also hailed the group for their ongoing efforts to establish a cement factory in Karamoja sub-region, which will be producing clinker, a key ingredient in the production of cement.

"In doing all this, you are solving the problem of importing the clinker, you are also creating jobs, you will consume our electricity and water; so, we have nothing but happiness for your efforts. You are most welcome and we shall give you all the support," H.E Museveni added.

The President also hailed the good relationship Uganda has had with Indians, dating back to the early days before their expulsion by then President Idi Amin. He talked of the 6 shops owned by Indians in Ntungamo District long ago, saying they helped a lot in buying their milk and beef and in return bringing in what Uganda did not have at that time like sugar, soap, textile, paraffin and some agricultural inputs.

The school Chairman, Mr. Minsa Hasmukh Patel, who is also the proprietor of Tororo Cement in Uganda and Mombasa Cement in Kenya said the new Temple is now the most high-tech Temple for the SKLPS Community in the world.

As Tororo Cement, Mr. Patel disclosed that they will be taking up two students, a boy and a girl, from each one of the 56 tribes in Uganda, and sponsor all their education through university. He said the hospital will be treating patients using university intern doctors from Uganda, who will be working online with doctors in India.

The Minister for Kampala, Hon Minsa Kabanda commended the Shree Sahajanand community for the new school which will provide quality education which is cheaper compared to the private schools in Kampala area.

"They have added value to Kampala and we are going to work with them," Minister Kabanda said.

The school launch was also graced by His Highness, Acharya Tejendra Prasadji, the Pope of the Shree Kutchi Leva Patel community.



DECKING MOHAMMED VI OF MOROCCO05SENDS A MESSAGE TO UGANDA

STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE: The message was delivered to the President at State House, Entebbe by the Special Envoy of the Moroccan King who is also the Minister of Culture and Youth, His Excellency Mehdi Ben Said.

The Special Envoy who was accompanied by the Uganda's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon. Abubaker Jeje Odongo, thanked President Museveni for the warm hospitality accorded to them and was very grateful to have the opportunity to visit this beautiful country Uganda for the first time.

"I am here to deliver a special message from the King of Morocco. I thank you very much for receiving us and the opportunity to know here," he said.

President Museveni welcomed the Special Envoy and his entourage to Uganda and pledged to support any sporting event Morocco wishes to host as long as it does not collide with the interest of the East African countries.

The delegation was accompanied by the Uganda Ambassador to Khartoum in Sudan also designate to the Kingdom of Morocco, Dr. Rashid Yahya Ssemuddu, and other Senior Government Officials.



President Museveni with the Moroccan Special Envoy and other officials pose for a photo during the meeting at State House, Entebbe

PRIVATE CEOS HOLD ANNUAL FORUM

What would be better is the railway and I want to inform you that we are working on the old railway from Kampala to Malaba, Mbale, Lira all the way to Pakwach. The railway is cheaper. We are also looking at the water transport. We have free highway of water. So, somebody can move cargo on water. Use water from Kisumu, across Lake Victoria to a place called Nshungyezi in Mbarara. The Ministry of Trade, Industry, and Cooperatives should look into these and advise our business people accordingly." **President Museveni**

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CHOBE SAFARI LODGE: President Yoweri Museveni has assured the Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of different companies that his Government is focusing on a spectrum of strategic stimuli to enable them produce goods and services at a cheaper cost.

"The atmosphere of business in Uganda is influenced by a spectrum of strategic stimuli. The certain stimuli that are crucial for business to succeed. Now these stimuli are many. But I think the NRM is getting them right. They include first of all peace which is a very important stimulus. Like this area (Nwoya) was a war zone but you can see what is now happening now. We see hotels instead of guns. That stimulus is crucial and it's continuing," President Museveni said.

The President made the remarks during the 3rd Presidential CEO Forum Bi-Annual Private Sector CEO Forum at Chobe Safari Lodge.

Running under the theme, "Unlocking Private Sector Investment through Strategic Interventions for Socio-Economic Transformation", the 3rd Bi- Annual Private Sector CEO Retreat sought to stimulate CEOs' participation in focusing on promoting, harnessing, and popularising the Private Sector's role in Uganda's socioeconomic transformation.

The Presidential CEO Forum PCF is driven by Ugandans who are passionate about pursuing a movement of Uganda First which is set to drive the Private Sector expectations that will facilitate Government to remain committed to attaining the middle-income status by 2025 and achieve vision 2040 as guided by the NDPIII framework.

Apart from peace, the President told the Private Sector CEOs that Education is also very crucial in driving businesses because investments need educated workforce and skills to run them.

"That should not be a concern because we already have over 15 million learners in schools. Health is also crucial for the work force then you have research. But in order to assist in business, you need to narrow the focus on the stimuli. You need to focus on some strategic stimuli for business to grow. For NRM we added some strategic stimuli like roads. You can see the roads from Kitgum, Arua, Gulu and the Sudan side. We need to ensure that this country is linked with good tarmacked roads," the Head of State added.

Gen. Museveni however revealed that roads are not the best means of transport when it comes to moving cargo.

"What would be better is the railway and I want to inform you that we are working on

the old railway from Kampala to Malaba, Mbale, Lira all the way to Pakwach. The railway is cheaper. We are also looking at the water transport. We have free highway of water. So, somebody can move cargo on water. Use water from Kisumu, across Lake Victoria to a place called Nshungyezi in Mbarara. The Ministry of Trade, Industry, and Cooperatives should look into these and advise our business people accordingly," he said.

"So as a strategy to lower the costs of production and become competitive. We need to focus on these strategic stimuli. Apart from tarmac and marram roads, I want to emphasise the usage of railway and water transport. Western Uganda has thieves. They stole the railway lines. There was a railway line from Kampala to Kasese. But those people stole the rails. What we are going to do is to build a new railway from Kampala to Kasese, then from Uganda to South Sudan. We want low cost of transport for our cargo so that we can become competitive," he added.

Mr. Museveni further noted that the NRM Government is working around the clock to lower the electricity tariffs to also enable the business people lower the cost of production.

"Another stimulus is electricity but some people from the Ministry of Energy made a mistake with Bujagali Hydropower station management by allowing the high tariff cost of 13 cents per unit. Now the new power station at Karuma that we are building with the Chinese, the cost of a unit is over 4 cents. We are bringing down the costs. The target is to have cheap electricity," the President added.

The President also promised the CEOs that he will ensure that they will be able to get working loans from Uganda Development Bank (UDB) at a low interest rate (from 12 to 10 percent) and longer time payback time.

On the issue of regional trade, Mr. Museveni said; "Cross border trade is improving. I see the new Government of Kenya, DRC, South Sudan, Burundi has no problem, Rwanda's border was recently opened, with Tanzania we still have some issues but for others they are now open to trade with us. There's also a huge market for milk in Algeria. We need to deal with these seasonal outbreaks of 'kalusu' because it's the only factor that can block us from exporting our milk to Algeria," the President said.

Regarding the risks on the production side as far as agriculture is concerned, President Museveni said the biggest challenge the country has currently is weather. He however, said this can be solved if stakeholders adopt irrigation.

"Answer number one is the gift from God is gravity irrigation. We are only using Mubuku for irrigation but we are going to use more of those rivers around Rwenzori for gravity irrigation. We are going to do more of these gravity irrigation but to over the whole country, we have a got a manufacturer who is going to produce solar-powered water pumps that shall help us to shift from rain-fed to solar-powered water pump irrigation," he stated.

At the retreat, the President also launched the PCF Annual Report. He also assured the PCF members that starting next year, he will be using four days off his annual schedule to meet the private sector members in all the regions of Uganda to discuss business.

The Minister of Trade, Industry and



Cooperatives, Hon. Francis Mwebesa, lauded President Museveni for ensuring economic development in Uganda through creating a conducive environment that has enabled investments in the country.

He also tipped the Private Sector CEOs to use the current good market in countries like United Arab Emirates, UK, China and the European Union to expand their businesses back home.

The Minister also disclosed that they are in the process of reestablishing the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, a Government body that will be responsible for managing the affairs of the private sector.

On his part, the Permanent Secretary and Secretary to the Treasury at the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development PSST, Mr. Ramathan Ggoobi, explained that as a ministry they have prioritised the capitalisation of UDB inorder to increase access to capital through the Government owned financial entity.

"We have also been looking forward to increase the capital share base of Uganda Development Corporation from Shs 500 billion to Shs 4 Trillion," he said.

The PSST also told the President that local investors are decrying the corruption tendencies in Government procurement processes.

"They say these contracts are rewarded in restaurants to people who offer bribes. What we are doing now is automating the procurement system. By 2025 we want the entire Government to procure online.

"We want the procurement system to work in a transparent manner," Mr. Ggoobi urged.

The Vice Chairperson of PCF, Mr Emmanuel Katongole said they were very grateful



to President Museveni for launching the forum (in 2021) that has enabled them to discuss a number of challenges and have been solved through the platform.

"We are very happy to be part of the growing economy that you have created. We are your creation. The business that we do are here because of the environment your created. We can only say thank you. Wherever you want us to go we shall be with you," Mr. Katongole told the President.

He also assured Gen. Museveni as the private sector, they are much willing to work with Mrs. Enrica Pinetti, to promote the value addition of Uganda's coffee.

"We request you that Madam Pinetti works with the private sector to process the coffee for the better good," he said.

The CEO of Kiira Motors Corporation, Mr. Paul Musasizi, CEO Kira Motor Corporation, also extended his sincere gratitude towards President Museveni for the guidance and leadership he provides to ensure that Uganda's mobility industry becomes a success.

Mr. Musasizi also articulated six key areas, they think as stakeholders could catalyse the development of E-mobility in Uganda.

"Given our conversations with have had with the operators, they need financial support from UDB to allow them procure the electric vehicles and motorcycles. For E-Mobility to take off, the Ministry of Energy should put in place a public charging points and the Ministry of Works should put in place a skilling centre for electric vehicle drivers," he said.

The retreat was also attended by Ministers, private sector members among other officials. President Museveni poses for a photo with members of IRCU during the meeting at State House, Entebbe

PRESIDENT MUSEVENI MEETS MEMBERS OF IRCU

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STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE: President Yoweri Museveni commended members of the Inter-Religious Council of Uganda (IRCU) for their willingness to join the campaign to fight vices in the country like corruption.

The President made the remarks while interfacing with members of the IRCU led by the Archbishop of the Church of Uganda, His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Stephen Kazimba Mugalu.

Other members of the delegation included the Mufti of Uganda Sheikh

Ramadhan Mubajje, Apostle Joseph Sserwadda of Pentecostal Churches, Joshua Lwere, the Vicar General of Kampala Archdiocese and Chairperson of the Board of IRCU, Monsignor Charles Kasibante.

President Museveni thanked members of the delegation for appreciating the support Government is providing to them and commended them for their willingness to supplement Government's efforts to wipe out vices in the country especially corruption.



The President and his guests also discussed a wide range of issues pertaining to the development of the country as pointed out in the memorandum that was presented by the Archbishop Kazimba.

On inflation, the President informed his guests that the root causes of the "artificial inflation" are of two dimensional-the shooting up of prices of commodities due to shortage of fuel and the drought that affected food production.

He explained that the fuel issue will be solved by adopting electric mobility while food shortages will be addressed by introducing solar powered irrigation.

"The only solution is to food shortages is to adopt solar- powered irrigation and for the fuel to migrate from hydro carbon to electric mobility," he said.

The IRCU was founded in 2001. It is a national faith-based organisation uniting efforts of religious institutions to jointly address issues of common concern.

President Museveni pledged to convene meetings with members of the organisation after every four months.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE PUSHES FOR MECHANISATION



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NAMALERE, WAKISO DISTRICT:

President Yoweri Museveni tasked Ugandan farmers to embrace good farming practices and mechanised agriculture in order to increase productivity.

The President made the plea while commissioning the agricultural mechanisation equipment at Namalere National Agricultural Referral Mechanisation Centre. At the event, Gen. Museveni handed over 150 tractors to farmer groups across the country and 100 motorcycles to Agricultural Inspectors.

"When you hear and see on radio and TV that there's a war in Ukraine and that Africans are going to die of hunger, then you ask yourself what sort of people are these. Africa is 12 times the size of India. The population of the whole of Africa is now approaching that of India but with a land area 12 times. So, you ask yourself, what is wrong with these people and have these people have got leaders?," the President wondered.

This was my problem in the 1960's. I disagreed with the leaders at that time. That is why they were calling me a communist because I couldn't be part of this laziness," he said.

"So, I'm glad to see that finally some Africans are waking up. This is the whole thing; agriculture is science and is science which was discovered by the ancient people almost 10,000 years ago when people learnt to get seeds from the bush and plant them at home because in the past, they didn't know that. And I think that's how the Banyankore learnt how to domesticate cows instead of going to hunt them from the bush. But from that time. many Africans have just been there, agriculture of 10,000 years ago. They have not moved beyond that," the President added.

Gen. Museveni added that since Government is at the forefront of transforming agriculture through mechanisation, Ugandans should use the chance to embrace the initiative and improve agricultural productivity.

"You must be hearing that Banyankore are banana growers, if you fly over to some of those places like Bushenyi, Isingiro and Rwampara there are so many acres of bananas but you ask them how much are you producing per hectare, the Munyankore who is doing well will tell you that I'm producing 5.3 tonnes per hectare but our sister Dr. Florence Muranga (Executive Director of the Presidential Initiative on Banana Industrial Development), who produces bananas using science will tell you that she produces 53 tonnes per hectare," President Museveni disclosed.



President Museveni flags off tractors during the ceremony at Namalere in Wakiso District

"So, I'm glad that there's some small waking up, that's why I'm here. Now we have the tractors. Tractors are quicker, what takes a week time, is done in one hour, so what we are gaining there is speed. Four people to spend a week on one acre is disguised unemployment. Tractors also help us to ease penetration through softening the soil, gives you timely planting and pumping water for irrigation," he added.

The President also called upon farmers to adopt good agricultural practices if they are to benefit more from the farming.

"We must all wake up. We must also plough in a proper way what we call good agro-practices. Like for instance having trenches along the contours that can capture the water and keep it there. Having spacing, using fertilisers and irrigation because that is what Dr. Muranga is doing. That is why she has gone from the Banyankore's 5.3 tonnes to 53 tonnes. Uganda now is one of the biggest producers of bananas in the whole world. I think it's second to India even when we are using primitive technology. You can imagine if we follow Dr. Muranga, where shall we put these bananas?" Gen. Museveni wondered.

The President also commended the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries for taking a wise decision of assembling the tractors in Uganda, a move that saved the country over 40 percent of the total cost.

"Commissioning this machinery is one aspect of the whole effort of modernization of agriculture. What is important also is that they are not just importing tractors already built, they are assembling them here. They import them knock down,they come and assemble them here thus saving 40 percent of the total cost of a tractor. Previously they were importing already built tractors that used to take a lot of space on the ship but because of that simple spectacle of seeing far, the Ministry of Agriculture managed to save on the cost," the President said.

The Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, Hon. Frank Tumwebaze, revealed that currently Uganda has 4,782 units of tractors both private and Government supplied and out of that number, about 25 percent of the tractors are in a functional state.

"Your Excellency, this explains the current status of the low uptake of mechanisation technologies that stands at 8 percent countrywide. This situation not withstanding however, I wish to thank Your Excellency for having accepted, guided and supported the Ministry of Agriculture since 2012 to revamp the mechanisation function and to bring back Government's direct involvement," Hon. Tumwebaze said.

"To date, the Department of Agricultural Infrastructural Mechanisation and Water for agricultural production has managed to complete and set up and operationalisation of 5 mechanisation centres in Mbale, Bungokho, Dokolo, Kiryandongo(which we are yet to complete) and Buwama with Namalere as the referral for all. More 14 are to be set up in the subsequent

financial years of a five-year period in the respective zones of the country," he added.

The Minister also noted that with President Museveni's persistent guidance to the country to produce more and more, the demand for mechanisation technology has increased exponentially.

"Our strategy as the Ministry is to guide the farmers correctly on the better methods of farming depending on their land holding capacity," the Minister added.

The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Maj Gen. David Kasura Kyomukama, also lauded the President for his continued guidance in promoting the development and commercialization of the agricultural sector as a pillar for middle income achievement for all the 68 percent of smallholder farmers in Uganda.

"Our vision Your Excellency is to have a competitive, profitable and sustainable agricultural sector and our mission is to commercialize agriculture. To achieve this, we intend to transform this agricultural system through promotion and adoption of appropriate and affordable mechanisation technology shifting from traditional rain fed to irrigated agriculture," Maj. Gen. Kasura said.

The event was attended by Ministers, Members of Parliament, and agricultural stakeholders among others.

PRESIDENT MUSEVENI HOSTS STUDENTS OF NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE OF KENYA



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STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE: President

Yoweri Museveni stressed that socio-economic transformation of society can be achieved through encouraging the population to join the money economy through modern commercial and calculated agriculture.

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President Museveni was delivering a lecture of Opportunity to a visiting delegation of Senior Military Officers from the National Defence College of Kenya led by the Deputy Commandant of the College, Major General Kahariri.

The delegation that arrived in Uganda on the 2nd of December 2022 had officers from Namibia, Nigeria, Botswana, Tanzania and Kenya on a study tour in the country.

The President told the visiting delegation that another channel of transforming society is through education, adding that in Uganda the Government adopted the universal primary and secondary school education program to enable



President Museveni gestures to the officers from National Defence College of Kenya during the meeting at State House, Entebbe

all school going children attain knowledge.

He said once the population wakes up and increases production there will be need for markets emphasising the need for the promotion of the principles of NRM that include Patriotism and Pan-Africanism needed for the expansion of the national, regional and international markets for the increased farm production.

The President who took his guests through the European history that saw the society transform from peasantry to middle and skilled classes added that in Uganda the Government worked on the recovery programme and is now in the process of diversifying and expanding the economy.

General Museveni told his guests that products that were initially considered for consumption only like maize, cassava as well as milk and beef have now been diversified for commercial purposes.

He added that Uganda is today very active in the sector of pathogenic economy involving pharmaceuticals, making of vaccines and sanitisers.

"When Corona came, Uganda was the first country in East Africa to start making sanitisers, this is another category of Industries. This is the economy we are using to transform society," he said.

He said the Government is also bringing on board new industries like the designing and manufacture of electric vehicles buses and cars like the Kiira vehicles named after the river Nile.

"We are now moving towards knowledge and skills Industry," he observed.

Commenting on some of the concerns raised by the military officers like the value addition, General Museveni cited coffee whose process has been a huge struggle. He noted that the value of coffee in the whole world is \$460 billion and the coffee producers in the whole world share \$25 billion and Africa earns only \$2.5 billion and Uganda gets only \$800 million.

He stressed that the struggle will continue as jobs and money is lost in the process of exporting raw material.

On the media to promote African interests, General Museveni proposed that a channel similar to that of Al Jazeera be developed to get our message across to the world.

The delegation was accompanied by the Ambassador of Kenya to Uganda, Rtd. Major General George Owino, who while moving a vote of thanks commended General Museveni for inviting the group to Uganda and a fruitful lecture that enlightened them on several issues.

Others in the team included the Director Protocol in UPDF, Colonel Naboth Mwesigwa, and the protocol Officer in charge of the delegation, Major Ben Kibikka.

STATE HOUSE HOLDS END OF YEAR THANKSGIVING SERVICE



I want to thank Ugandans for listening to our advice. That is what should be done because even in the Bible when God was punishing the Egyptians, He told the Israel people to smear blood on the doorsteps of their houses, then death would pass by and when they did it, people were saved. So, when we have problems, please listen to the solution. If you don't listen to the solution then you will get the problem," **President Museveni**

STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE: President Yoweri Museveni has revealed that he always uses the Holy Bible to respond to problems affecting him and Ugandans at large.

According to the President, through using the knowledge given to him by God through the Bible, he has been able to help Ugandans overcome a number of challenges like the locusts, floods, and caterpillar and disease outbreaks.

"In the last two years, we have been having problems in Uganda and also in the world. However, my response to problems, I use the Bible. The book of Genesis, which some of the preachers touched on "You are created in God's image", imagine that I'm not like a cow or a goat, that I'm like God. Now I take that very seriously. So, whenever we have problems, my reaction is to face them using the knowledge, the power which God gave us.

The problems we have faced; many of them have been solved, the

locusts, the caterpillars, the floods, the floating Islands then we had now Corona which we had to deal with and minimise death. Here we ended up losing 3,600 people who died from Corona but even the people who were infected were not so many. They were like 160,000 something like that," he said.

Gen. Museveni made the remarks during the End of Year National Thanksgiving service at State House, Entebbe.

The Head of State commended Ugandans for always heeding to his advice whenever a country is faced by a challenge.

"I want to thank Ugandans for listening to our advice. That is what should be done because even in the Bible when God was punishing the Egyptians, He told the Israel people to smear blood on the doorsteps of their houses, then death would pass by and when they did it, people were saved. So, when we have problems, please listen to the solution. If you don't listen to the solution then you will get the problem," he urged.

"But I don't think that we should imagine a time when there are no problems. I think that is incorrect because remember we were in the Garden of Eden living happily, our Jaaja Adam and his wife Eve, I don't think at that time they had any problems but because of what they did, especially the woman, that woman, God expelled us from the Garden of Eden and said from now on you're going to have a lot of problems and whatever you eat was to come from your sweat so please don't behave like you are still in the Garden of Eden where there are no problems. I don't want to be part of that because we were expelled in broad-day light," the President said.

President Museveni also reiterated his call to Ugandans to get vaccinated against COVID-19 and be cautious against Ebola, saying that the battle against the pandemics is not yet over.

"Now for instance the problem of Corona you know what happened. We have now relaxed, we are saying that be vaccinated, be vaccinated at least two times and if in my group, 50 and above always have a booster

every six months and if you don't have those, we are not going to allow you in public meetings. Now, let people do that, Corona has already gone down in spite of the fact that so many people are not vaccinated, the vaccines are still there and we are begging people that please come. It's now the problem of the behaviour, some of the people don't listen, I don't know why. We have not had a case in the last two weeks. So both Corona and Ebola, we really have behaviour problems, people not listening. The same with AIDS. If people listen, problems will be less," the President cautioned.

On the issue of the current cost of living in Uganda, Gen. Museveni explained to the congregation that its coming from the problem of petroleum which is caused by the



Part of the congregation during the thanksgiving at service at State House, Entebbe

war in Ukraine and the fight among the West and the Russians.

"There's oil but the Western countries stopped it to punish Russia and in turn you fellows get affected. But this will be solved because the fuel is there. It is just the fight among these people. For us we have been advising them quietly; talking to the Western group and also the Russians so that one will be sorted out. In fact, the price is coming down a bit. Now because of that, it affected the transport here. The bananas, although they are grown here, they need to be transported from the village to here, the prices went up," President Museveni added.

The President also assured Ugandans that despite the effects of COVID-19 that left a number of industries like tourism in shambles, other sectors like agriculture are doing well, thus urging Ugandans to embrace them to improve their livelihoods.

"Now last year, we had an issue of drought and unreliable rain and that's why we resolved that we must shift to irrigated agriculture. Agriculture not just based on rain only but also based on irrigation and there's a big movement in doing that. By using gravity irrigation but also using solar powered water pumps which we are going to spread out in as many villages as possible so that we immunise ourselves against this 'erraticness' of the rain," he said.

"Therefore, I would like to encourage people not to be too pessimistic because it's not correct since I'm a wealth creator and I'm not an arm chair talker about the economy. I'm a farmer, I have bananas, I have cows, I know what is happening in the economy.

Some of the sectors of the economy are doing well. For instance, people are crying about food prices, yes, they have gone up but that means farmers are getting money so that is why more people should go into farming. I hear people are coming from Kenya to buy food in Teso. They come up to the gardens to buy. So that means, there's money in agriculture. Therefore, put on spectacles to see where the problems and opportunities are," the President said.

President Museveni also used the same function to warn criminals that they will be dealt with for trying to destabilise the peace and security in the country.

"There have been some crimes like attacking the police but many of them have been arrested. Some have been killed and many of them when we arrest them or they are killed, you find that somehow they are influenced by bad messages. That is why I'm thankful to people who are against people who spread bad messages.

The structure in Uganda is very strong. Our security apparatus is very strong. There's no way you can go and kill people and you survive. You will not survive and I would want to appeal to those groups who mislead these young people to really stop because these young people will die. My appeal therefore is on the messaging. Listen carefully to what we say because some of us have been on this effort full time not part time for the last 62 years," he said.

On the other hand, the religious leaders prayed and thanked God for helping Ugandans to pass through the difficult economic challenges, prolonged drought among other challenges in the past one year.

Delivering the day's sermon, Rt Rev. Johnson Twinomujuni, the Bishop of West Ankole Diocese told believers to always remember that God is there and He is the reason why they are on earth.

He advised them to live a life of usefulness aimed at adding value to humanity.

"There are people who have concluded that life is meaningless. May the Lord Have Mercy upon us. Life was not given to us just for pleasure, of course we should be happy but we should walk carefully as we approach the life that God has given to us.

I personally hold that the reason why we were given this life is to glorify God and enjoy him forever but in a specific way in order for us to enjoy God and worship him and have a wonderful fellowship with Him," Bishop Twinomujuni said.

"We need to think about how we can be useful. God gave us this life so we can make a contribution to humanity, to the wellbeing of humanity. Life is for usefulness. We should live to leave a legacy and that legacy should have two characteristics which include pleasing God and benefit humanity. Your life should add value, a lasting value," he added.

Apostle Joseph Sserwadda of the Pentecostal Churches said, "You set us up, you prepared this nation to prosper and to grow from generation to generation. Thank you for sustaining our nation through political and economic hardships of the years past. We even wonder how you have kept us afloat during these protracted financial droughts and conflicts.

COVID-19 raged our economic efforts and for two years we were held back to a near standstill with very little or no activity or no work. Oh Lord, Ebola has now come at the heels of the diabolic attack and threatens to destroy what is left. We therefore pray that the years we lost he recovered instantly".

Sheikh Hamid Sserwadda Kyewalyanga, the Regional Assistant Mufti for Kampala for the general prosperity also revealed that it was paramount to pray and thank God for His continued protection and guidance to Ugandans.

"We continue to seek your refugee and protection," he said.

The event was also attended by the Vice President, H.E. Jessica Alupo, Speaker of Parliament, Rt. Hon. Anita Among, Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Robinah Nabbanja, Ministers, Members of Parliament, Diplomats, among other dignitaries.

PRESIDENT MUSEVENI DEPARTS FOR US-AFRICA LEADERS' SUMMIT

ENTEBBE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: The President of the Republic of Uganda, H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, departed for the United States of America to attend the US-Africa Leaders' Summit that was due to open on the 13th December 2022 in Washington DC at the invitation of President Joe Biden.

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President Museveni was seen off at Entebbe International Airport by the Vice President, H.E. Jessica Alupo; the Minister for Presidency, Hon. Babirye Milly Babalanda; the Head of Public Service, Ms. Lucy Nakyobe; the Commander Air Force, Lt. Gen. Charles Okid for the Chief of Defence Forces, the Director Crime Intelligence Uganda Police Force, Brig. Gen. Christopher Damulira, and Deputy Commissioner General of Prisons, Samuel Akena.

On his way, the President made a stopover in the United Kingdom where he had some engagements.

The 3-day summit hosted by the President of the United States Joe Biden aimed at building on the shared values and priorities as well as to foster new economic engagements.

The summit also covered issues that included among other topics peace and security, strengthening regional and global health security, promoting food security as well as respond to the climate crisis.

President Museveni had earlier pointed out that he would attend the summit with the aim of getting partners for accelerating the ongoing value addition of products and also expanding and diversifying the economy, citing the new industry of designing and manufacturing of electric vehicles like buses and cars.

He also added that once the railway is refurbished, it will lower transport costs, and work as an incentive to the business fraternity.

Service Chiefs salute President Musev<mark>eni during h</mark>is departure at Entebbe International Ai<mark>rpor</mark>t

UK INVESTORS URGED TO INVEST IN UGANDA



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LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM: President Museveni spent the morning engaging with potential investors, fund managers, processors of food and large commodity buyers at a business breakfast meeting in the United Kingdom.

The breakfast meeting organised by the Presidential Advisory Committee on Exports & Industrial Development (PACEID) in conjunction with the Commonwealth Enterprise Council (CWEC) was held at the Royal Garden Hotel in Kensington, London.

In his remarks, President Museveni said Uganda has no enemies in the world hence willing and ready to work with everyone to tap into its agricultural and mineral potential. "The birds of Europe are so clever, unlike the people. During winter, they fly as far as Africa for survival. People on the other hand should also realise that climatic zones should facilitate us to help each other through investment," President Museveni said.

He said Uganda's neutrality puts it in a comfortable position for doing business with everyone around the world.

"Uganda has no enemies in the world, for instance, we hear some people are enemies with China, but the Chinese are our good friends, they have given us zero tax access for 450 products and we are in talks to open more, we also have the market of India," he added.

The President made case for improved market share in the international scene for Uganda but urged, that would only happen following concerted efforts with potential visionary investors who identify with Uganda and Africa as the future production hub of the world.

Chairman of PACEID, Odrek Rwabwogo, addresses the breakfast meeting in London Uganda has a good international trade policy with the United States of America where at least 6,000 products produced within the country are allowed to be exported to the USA quota and tax-free.

Also, the available Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA) to which Uganda is party highlights the enormous benefits of investment in production in the country.

President Museveni also noted that Uganda has a standing agreement with the European Market (EU), to trade in "Everything But Arms (EBA)".

"If you want to make profits, there is an address, it is P.O.Box Uganda," President Museveni told the gathering.

The Head of State also commissioned trade envoys to the United Kingdom, Balkans and US to help further Uganda's investment agenda.

Mr. Bratislav Stoiljkovic is charged with the lead search for the Ugandan products market in the Balkans, while Mr. Mark Pursey will be in charge of the UK market. Mr. Codey Lawrence and Mrs. Olive Kamanzi will take charge of the US market and were commissioned at a similar event in Chicago, USA.

The Balkans which include Serbia, Montenegro, Croatia, Bulgaria, Romania, and Macedonia have a GDP per capita of USD 6,000 and drink USD 1billion worth of coffee annually.

The countries are also a good source of technology for food processing and packaging.

Commenting about the envoys, Mr. Odrek Rwabwogo, the Chairperson of PACEID, said the partnerships with trade envoys will breed confidence in what Uganda is selling to international markets.

"These partnerships with trade representatives are first, we shall also establish business councils in each market, for confidence and trust in what's being sold as a country," Mr. Rwabwogo added.

Mr. Rwabwogo added that PACEID will support conformity and compliance and the target at the end will be to increase Uganda's market share to USD 6 billion in the next five years.

"USD 6 billion is what Bill Gates donates to African countries. We need investment in the coffee value chain so we climb from USD 800 million to USD 1.5 billion. We need more sales in fruits, beef, dairy, to rise to at least a billion dollars and another billion dollars in natural cereals as well as poultry and eggs," Mr.Rwabwogo noted.

Speaking at the same event, Uganda's High Commissioner to UK, H.E. Nimisha Madhvani thanked President Museveni for considering new investment opportunities between Uganda and Britain.

"I thank you for the tireless campaign to ensure that standard products from Uganda reach the UK markets," H.E. Madhvani said.

The Deputy Chairman of Commonwealth Enterprise & Investment Council, Lord Hugo Swire, also welcomed the move and concurred that Uganda and Africa are indeed the upcoming trade destinations for the world.

The event was attended by UK's trade envoy to Uganda, Lord Dolar Popat, and Ugandan exhibitors including Nelson Tugume of Inspire Africa Coffee.



BOTWANA'S MASISI HAILS PRESIDENT MUSEVENI

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President Museveni

WASHINGTON DC, USA: President Yoweri Museveni was commended over his successful fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and the Ebola outbreak in Uganda at the US-Africa Leaders' Summit.

President Museveni was lauded by his Botswana counterpart, H.E. Mokgweetsi Masisi, during the Partnering for Sustainable Health session held under the theme "Building Resilience for Healthy People, Healthy Countries", at the Washington Convention Centre.

In his address, President Museveni underscored the role of Ugandan scientists during the outbreak of the COVID-19 saying that they incorporated traditional and modern medicine to save Ugandans and neighbouring countries.

"During the pandemic, Prof. Patrick Ogwang crossmatched an ancient antiviral plant product that the people in the North Eastern part of Uganda have been using since time immemorial against measles which is caused by the virus Rubeola, with the treatment for COVID-19 which saved many lives," said the President, who walked from his hotel room to the event venue.

President Museveni said Uganda has been

able to contain the spread of COVID-19 which ravaged the rest of the world adding that the country is working to develop all types of vaccines needed for humans and livestock. He cited an anti-tick vaccine that has been developed by Ugandans.

President Museveni also called for more collaboration between Uganda and the US especially in pharmaceuticals and vaccines if Uganda is to gain a fair share of pharmaceutical production in the world. He said Uganda and Africa are better placed to produce many of the pharmaceuticals on account of the plants that they have on the continent.

The President further emphasised that the collaboration would go a long way in providing cheaper medicines and vaccines.

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H.E. the President pointed out eight (8) healthcare and promotion strategies that could help Uganda to eliminate 75 percent of the possible diseases that affect her people.

These include; nutrition through sensitisation and education, hygiene (hand-washing and proper waste disposal), through safe water through boreholes and gravity-flow schemes, vaccination, malaria prevention through use of larvicides and



President Museveni addresses African leaders during the Partnering for Sustainable Health session at the Washington Convention Centre in Washington DC, USA

drainage of stagnant water, behavioural change, lifestyle diseases, and protecting the environment.

During sideline meetings, the President met with the President of Boeing Middle East, Turkey, and Africa (META), Mr. Kulijit Ghata-Aura, and his delegation with whom he discussed the aviation industry in Uganda. The President also had an engagement with Mr. Abebe Aemro Selassie, the International Monetary Fund Director for Africa Department. The duo discussed the economy.

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US UNDERSECRETARY LAUDS PRESIDENT MUSEVENI ON DRC PEACE PROCESS

WASHINGTON DC, USA: President Yoweri Museveni met and held discussions with Victoria Nuland, the United States Undersecretary for Political Affairs. The two discussed a range of continental issues with key focus being the regional security challenges in East Africa.

During the meeting that took place on the side-lines of the US-Africa Leaders' Summit in Washington DC, President Museveni and H.E. Nuland discussed matters of peace and security, democracy and human rights as well as other bilateral priorities between United States and Uganda.

The Undersecretary expressed her Government's appreciation to President Museveni and the Government of Uganda for the efforts aimed at bringing peace and stability in the region.

She called for President Museveni's

continued support in finding a lasting solution to peace in the region especially the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The Undersecretary also rooted for more cooperation between Uganda and United States. "We can do more together economically, strengthen ties and democracy," she noted.

She also thanked the President for honoring the invite to attend the US-Africa Leaders'Summit in Washington DC.

President Museveni accompanied by his daughter; Natasha Karugire, was among the African Heads State attending the US -Africa Leaders' Summit in Washington DC.

The Summit focused on increasing bilateral trade and investment in critical areas especially health, energy, agribusiness and ICT among other areas.



President Museveni and Undersecretary Victoria Nuland exchange pleasantries during the meeting in Washington DC



COMESA DELEGATION VISITS KAWUMU TANNERY

We have managed to produce and sell. If we go to 10 tonnes per day, we shall need more market and machines of high technology and now that you're here, you're going to help us,"

Mrs. Jane Barekye

KAWUMU, LUWERO: President Yoweri Museveni was hailed for his value addition vision that led to the setting up of a Government owned state-of-the-art leather factory in Kawumu village, Luwero District. Kawumu Tannery Uganda adds value to animal hides and skins.

The President was commended by a delegation from the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) who had paid a visit to the Tannery.

The delegation full of experts in the leather industry with representatives from Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi, Zimbabwe, Eritrea and Malawi were in Uganda for their 13th Annual Regional Consultative Forum of the Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute.

They described Kawumu Tannery located at the Presidential demonstration farm in Makulubita Sub County, Luwero District as a confirmation that Africa is moving forward.

"When you see what's happening here, it is very good for our growth. We are moving away from saying we are going to do it, now we are doing it. This is a real confirmation that whatever we want to do as Africans, it can be done," said Mr. Charles M. Ndungu, a delegate from Kenya.

The 12 billion Shillings facility that was commissioned by President Museveni in October this year sits on 10 acres of land with an expansion plan which will cover an additional 10-acres.

The State House Comptroller, Ms. Jane Barekye, welcomed the COMESA delegation to Kawumu Leather Tannery saying their visit will help Uganda improve her leather production.

She informed the team that despite its infant stages, the factory has shown a lot of potential because the leather produced is on high demand.

"We have managed to produce and sell. If we go to 10 tonnes per day, we shall need more market and machines of high technology and now that you're here, you're going to help us," Ms. Barekye said, adding that, the factory has managed to fulfill the objectives for which it was established which include among others adding value to leather, substituting the importation of leather products into the country and to promote exports of leather products.

She added that in future, a shoemaking factory is going to be established to expand the value addition vision of the President and job creation.

"It's not just a matter of hosting you but we want to learn from each other. We want to have some knowledge from you on how we can make it," Ms. Barekye further noted.

From Zambia, Prof. Stiwala Mundia who was equally impressed by the facility, pledged to work with the Government of Uganda in terms of research and called upon the COMESA region to work as a team and fill up the markets.

"We are ready to work with you in terms of research because we have travelled in Africa and we have realised that it's only research that will move Africa forward. We have taken pictures of this infrastructure, and as we get back to our homes in Zambia we shall report that Uganda is moving forward," Prof Mundia said.

The Commissioner in the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, Dr. Joshua Mutambi, on behalf of the Ministry reported that the delegation had fruitful discussions at the just concluded Regional Consultative Forum that was under the theme; "Enhancing market access of leather and leather products through integrated application of eco-certification, possibility and standards around the value chain".



Aerial photo of the delegation during tour of the Tannery at Kawumu, Luwero District The objectives of the forum included among others; sharing research undertakings by identified players on regional and global level, identifying the key challenges and interventions towards achieving sustainable regional leather sector development and discussing the potential pathway, capacity building and technology transfer from both regional and global perspectives.

He thanked the State House Comptroller for allowing the delegation to visit the tannery.

"We thank you so much because we could not leave the delegation to go back without seeing the state of art of the leather tannery that his Excellency the President put up," Dr. Mutambi said.

Mr. Abdul Hakim Ssekandi, who is serving as Board Member of Africa Leather Institute and also Chairman of the Leather Industry in Uganda commended the Government of Uganda for the great strides made so far in developing the leather industry saying it is a sign that the dream of adding value to leather has come to reality. He noted that Uganda by 1998 had only two (2) privately owned tanneries one in Jinja and Masaka all nowhere next to value addition but since then, through their advocacy role, Uganda now has 8 tanneries including the one in Kawumu owned by the government of Uganda.

He thanked the State House Comptroller for the efforts to develop the leather industry and promised support from the private players. "It is through you and your efforts that this project has come to see the light of the day. We assure you that all the taners are not here for competition. We are ready to cooperate, compliment and collaborate," Mr. Abdul Hakim Ssekandi said, adding that with support of the Government to the private players, the challenges facing the leather industry in Uganda will be history.

He called upon the Government to implement the value chain strategy passed in 2015 which will soon be reviewed.

"If the Government looks at that strategy, and implements it, the sector in Uganda will be another thing to talk about," Mr. Ssekandi added.

Finished leather is capable of being fashioned into a wide range of products which include among others; shoes and boots, belts, gloves, luggagepurses, and recreational equipment as well as industrial items like buffing wheels and machine belts.

President Museveni has on several occasions boasted of being the leading promoter of value addition to goods produced in Uganda, despite pulling ropes with what he termed as "parasites who work for foreign interests and political actors".

Kawumu leather factory is run by Engineer Roy Kathavarayan, an Indian with 40 years of experience in the leather industry.

FID FOR \$4.5 BILLION EAST AFRICA ENERGY SECURITY AND TRANSITION INVESTMENT PROJECT FOR 2023

Washington DC, USA: U.S. group Albertine Graben Energy Consortium Partners (AGEC) agreed with the Government of Uganda that the Final Investment Decision (FID) for the estimated US \$4.5 billion East African Energy Security Transition Investment project will be taken in 2023.

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The Government of Uganda's delegation was led by His Excellency President Yoweri Museveni and AGEC Representatives was led by Rajakumari Jandhyala- President and CEO of YAATRA Africa, and included Presidents and Chief Executive Officers of Africa Finance Corporation (AFC), Eastern and Southern Trade and Development Bank (TDB), Honeywell, Baker Hughes.

The East Africa Energy Security and Transition Project is an estimated US\$ 4.5 billion energy project that will add value to natural resources supplied by Uganda's domestic oil resources in order to establish a regional energy facility producing finished fuels and associated storage, product transportation pipeline and market distribution infrastructure. It is being developed and financed as a joint venture (JV) between the Government of Uganda with its East Africa partners and AGEC with its private sector partners. The project brings together US private sector companies, African vision, leadership and capacity with global expert and investment partners for the implementation of strategic economic investment for the benefit of the Uganda and the East Africa region.

The Final Investment Decision is the confirmation by all investors in the deal of their commitment under a shareholders' agreement to invest equity. It is based on concluding the ongoing talks to, amongst other things, ensure committed feedstock from Government of Uganda Upstream Joint Venture Partners (Total Energies, CNOOC, UNOC) and Implementation Agreements with the Government, as well as key ongoing work required for establishing operations of a commercially

President Museveni and his delegation visiting the Vietnam Academy of Agricultural Sciences viable energy company receiving financing via capital markets.

The project supports import substitution policy by establishing a production facility to support the domestic regional fuel market. It also assists the introduction and adoption of LPGs at the household level, given nearly 90% of households rely on charcoal, supporting the Government of Uganda's Nationally Determined Contributions committed within the Paris Agreement. The project will also supply fuel to support regional industries including transportation, aviation, agriculture, and manufacturing. It will be critical contribution towards for energy security, the alleviation of poverty, and the creation of approximately 40,000 direct and indirect jobs during its lifetime.

Commenting on the deal, President and Chief Executive Officer of Africa Finance Corporation, Mr. Samaila Zubairu stated;

"AFC as one of the early-stage investors and is committed to investing and supporting the mobilisation of capital from partners for this economically transformative project in Uganda and the East Africa region. This project supports sustainable industrialisation, provide employment to one of the youngest populations on the planet and help achieve a more equitable energy transition in Africa".

Highlighting its leadership role in the region, Eastern and Southern Africa Trade and Development Bank (TDB Group) President & MD stated:

"TDB, we have a duty to support downstream regional energy security projects such as this will reduce carbon emissions through smart US technologies and less carbon intensive logistics as well as reduce the current harmful reliance on charcoal and chopped wood for household cooking. It will also enable the east Africa region to pool investments, industrialise and enhance trade, while conserving scarce foreign exchange which can be diverted to investment in health and agricultural sectors," President Yoweri Museveni added:

"The announcement brings Uganda and the region one step closer to a long-held dream: to add value to our resources, and achieve energy security and economic prosperity for all its citizens".



PRESIDENT MUSEVENI HOSTS INVESTOR BREAKFAST MEETING IN WASHINGTON DC

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President Museveni

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Washington DC, USA: President Yoweri Museveni told a group of 40 investors in the United States of America (USA) that they should utilise the better and great investment opportunities in Uganda.

"I am here as an ophthalmologist to help American companies and investors to open their eyes to see better and great opportunities that exist in Uganda and Africa at this time of great change and transformation of African and Ugandan economies," President Museveni said during a breakfast roundtable meeting with the American investors at Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Washington D.C.

He added, "I feel bad when I see those who speak English like us and are Christians with a lot of influence in Africa, simply lose out to China just because Chinese seem to see more and have better spectacles".

The participants included several CEOs and leaders of companies such as the USD 2 trillion Nuveen/TTIA hedge fund which is seeking opportunities in low cost housing and agriculture, My-Hydro, who are producers of environmental friendly and fish safe turbines, the YAATRA energy, investors in the Uganda USD 4 billion oil refinery, the Global energy Alliance (GIAPP) who invest in transmission and purchase of excess power from utility companies for better distribution, Atmos, a California based weather software company, Manchester trading firm owned by Steven Lande who seeks opportunities in DRC and Uganda for mineral and food, several heads of American institutions such as the USTA, the US Development Corporation, the Fair fax Africa fund among others.

President Museveni further revealed that Uganda has greatly transformed and it provides the best investment destination for any investor around the world.

"Uganda has fully recovered what was destroyed in the 1980s and 1970s under poor leadership and has now transformed, providing the best investment destination that I can assure you, profitably guarantees growth for any American and global firm that makes the right decision to come to us. This is because our costs of production, our labour charges, our educated young people and the nearness to the market of AFCTA mean for example, that the Internal rate of return (IRR) in some sectors is the best in the region at more than 17%. This is what the refinery investors for example are getting," the President further said.

Organised by Invest Africa US, in collaboration with the Presidential Advisory Committee on Exports and Industrial Development (PACEID), the talks targeted four areas for investment – agriculture and food processing, mining, tourism and infrastructure.

Ms. Rosa Whitaker of the Whitaker Group thanked H.E. the President for spearheading the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) Act saying there is no better time than now for US firms to invest in Africa.

"I will tell President Biden to remove taxes on all companies investing in Africa especially energy," she said.

She praised PACEID for their effort in promoting Uganda's trade and export, "...better than the years we have tried to pursue trade and investment with companies and not getting through".

Mr. Paul Hinks who heads Invest Africa Organisation and a key co-organiser of this breakfast event promised to bring the team of investors H.E. met to Uganda in March 2023.

"This is exactly the kind of thing Uganda needs to do to bring capital and international partners to Uganda. It demonstrates an openness to global investment in which prospective partners see a willing and cooperative government. I know many members in our network will be looking forward to visiting Uganda in March next year," he added.

Mr. Odrek Rwabwogo who heads the PACEID effort on exports, said Uganda was developing a robust environmental, social and governance friendly regime to create trust and credibility for the country as a source of good products and an investment destination.

"We have great commercial incentives such as no tax for ten years for all exporting companies, free access to land, power and water and 100 percent ownership of foreign investment," he said.

The President later conducted an interview with Bloomberg news channel and emphasised the independence of Uganda in decision making.

"We do not accept to be enemies of other countries simply because some countries want it this way. We are not puppets of anyone. We are independent people and we have fought for our human rights for more than 60 years in Africa. Any quarrel we would have with anyone has to be in our own interests not to be made stooges for foreign interest," Gen. Museveni emphasised.

The President was answering the question on whether Uganda would turn down its relationship with China or Russia if the U.S. asks her, given the current stand-off with Ukraine.



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PRESIDENT MUSEVENI ENDS US AND UK TOURS

ENTEBBE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: The President of the Republic of Uganda, H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, returned home from an official working trip to the United States of America and United Kingdom.

During his trip, the President first went to UK where he opened a meeting for offtakers of Food and Investors in Uganda's agricultural and industrial sector. Later, he met fund managers, processors of food and large commodity buyers.

The President also commissioned Trade Envoys in the Balkans, UK and USA to help further Uganda's Investment agenda.

Mr. Bratislav Stoiljkovic is charged with

the lead search for the Ugandan products market in the Balkans; Mr. Mark Pursey was made the in charge of the UK market whereas Mr. Codey Lawrence and Mrs. Olive Kamanzi were to take charge of the US market.

President Museveni also met UK Government officials led by Lord Andrew Mitchel, the Minister for Development and Africa.

In the US, where he was invited by President Joe Biden, H.E. Museveni attended the US-Africa Leaders' Summit in Washington DC, he met investors in the areas of Trade, Tourism, Minerals and



Security Cooperation, among other others.

Still in the US, the President met and held talks with Mrs. Victoria Nuland, the United States Undersecretary for Political Affairs. The two discussed a number of continental issues with key focus being the regional security challenges and East Africa.

He further met a group of 40 key investors in Washington DC whom he urged to utilise the better and great investment opportunities in Uganda.

The President concluded his trip in the US with the opening of the first ever Uganda-US Trade Investment Summit that took place in Chicago.

From USA, H.E Museveni made a stopover in UK again where he met with His Majesty King Charles III at Windsor Castle. He officially commiserated and held talks with the King.

Most of the meetings were organised by the Presidential Advisory Committee on Exports and Industrial Development (PACEID) headed by Mr. Odrek Rwabwogo.

On arrival in Uganda, the President was received at Entebbe International Airport by the Vice President, H.E Jessica AlupoIthe Minister for Presidency, Hon. Babirye Milly Babalanda, the Head of Public Service and Secretary to cabinet, Mrs. Lucy Nakyobe, the UPDF Chief of Defence Forces (CDF), Gen. Wilson Mbasu Mbadi, the Director Crime Intelligence Uganda Police Force, Brig. Gen. Christopher Damulira and Deputy Commissioner General of Prisons, Samuel Akena.

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STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE: President Yoweri Museveni received a Special Envoy from the President of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic, His Excellency Brahim Ghali, who paid a courtesy call on him at State House, Entebbe.

The Special Envoy, His Excellency Mohamed Salem Ould Salek conveyed to President Museveni warm greetings from the President of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic and informed him of events to be hosted soon in their country.

President Museveni welcomed the

envoy to Uganda and pledged to send a delegation to attend the events.

The Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic, also known as Western Sahara, is a partially recognised state, recognised by 45 UN member states, located in the Western Maghreb, which claims the non-selfgoverning territory of Western Sahara, but controls only the Eastern most one-fifth of that territory.

The Republic is situated in the extreme North West of Africa and has a population of over 600,000 people.



Special Envoy, His Excellency Mohamed Salem Ould Salek, addresses President Museveni during the meeting at State House, Entebbe



OUTGOING ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR BIDS FAREWELL

Over the past four years of my stay in Uganda, I have received support from many people of different levels. However, I reserve special thanks to your Excellency for your guidance and help during the course of my time when my country passed through challenging times even accepting my calls despite your busy schedule,"

H.E. Alemtsehay Meseret

STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE: President Yoweri Museveni received the out-going Ambassador of the Republic of Ethiopia to Uganda, Her Excellency Alemtsehay Meseret, who called on him at State House, Entebbe, to bid him farewell after her tour of duty in the country.

Ambassador Meseret thanked President Museveni and the people of Uganda for the warm hospitality, cooperation and support accorded to her during her four years of service in the country.



"Over the past four years of my stay in Uganda, I have received support from many people of different levels. However, I reserve special thanks to your Excellency for your guidance and help during the course of my time when my country passed through challenging times even accepting my calls despite your busy schedule," she said.

Ambassador Meseret also pointed out that the relationship between the two countries grew stronger as manifested by the exchange of bilateral visits of the two leaders as well as high-powered delegations of the two countries.

The outgoing Ambassador observed that Uganda and Ethiopia have enjoyed being strategic partners for long; cementing this relationship by signing strategic partnership agreements and memoranda of understanding in water, trade, tourism, education and defense among others.

"When I leave this beautiful Nation of Uganda, I will miss everything," she sadly noted.

President Museveni on his part thanked the outgoing Ambassador for concretising the already-existing cordial relationship between the two sister nations Uganda and Ethiopia and invited her to later come and visit the East African country.

The outgoing Ambassador was accompanied by the Charge D'affaires of the Ethiopian Embassy, Ms. Sara Wolelaw and the Defence Attache, Major General Wagnew Amare.

President Museveni bids H.E. Alemtsehay Meseret farewell during the meeting at State House, Entebbe

DEC UGANDA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HAILS **PRESIDENT MUSEVENI**

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STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE: President Yoweri Museveni was highly commended for his efforts in improving Uganda's health sector especially the welfare of the medical fraternity.

The President was applauded by a delegation from Uganda Medical Association (UMA) led by their president, Dr. Samuel Odongo Oledo.

"We thank you Your Excellency for the salary enhancement of the health workforce with the least paid being an enrolled nurse at certificate level who now earns Shs 1.4 million from Shs 600,000 and the interns from Shs 700,000 to Shs 2,500,000," said Dr. Oledo.

He made the remarks during a meeting with President Museveni at State House. Entebbe, where he led a delegation of health workers.

Dr. Oledo also thanked President Museveni for upgrading the General Hospitals to Regional Referral Hospitals and equipping the health facilities with Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds and CT scans.

On leading a delegation of health practitioners to meet President Yoweri Museveni, Dr. Oledo clarified that the meeting had been requested for before the saga within the association. to discuss with the President the issues of deployment of doctors, the recruitment of workers and to improve the health sector as a whole which is now ongoing in the country.

Dr. Oledo added that the meeting also

reviewed some of the pledges made by President Museveni, citing the boosting of the health workers SACCO with Shs 4 billion and to brief the President on the milestone the Medical Association has so far registered.

"Doctors should be happy that they will now have great transformation in the health sector," Dr. Oledo observed.

The president of the UMA therefore called on the medical fraternity to render selfless service to wanainchi and avoid having the mindset of extorting money from patients as well as harassing them instead of applying the physio-social support needed by patients. He urged doctors and all health workers to surrender themselves to the profession they subscribe to.

"Surely let's give ourselves to the profession we subscribe to," he urged.

Uganda Medical Association which was established in 1964 is a registered nongovernment professional organisation that brings together all the qualified and duly registered medical doctors in Uganda. The association boasts of a membership of 5,000 health workers in Uganda and 3,000 in the diaspora.



UMA president, Dr. Oledo, addresses President Museveni during the meeting at State House

UGANDA AND DRC GET ONE STOP BORDER POST AT MPONDWE, KASESE DISTRICT

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MPONDWE, KASESE DISTRICT: President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni urged Ugandans especially in markets to get back to business now that the country has been fully opened. The President said people now only need to be fully vaccinated and not to worry so much about COVID-19 while in public places.

"The reason we had stopped markets was because of Corona but a few weeks ago I made a National Address and said we had opened the country and we're now emphasising immunisation. So, the border is now open, our emphasis is now on immunisation," President Museveni said.

The President made the remarks while speaking addressing the people at Mpondwe, Uganda-Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) border shortly after commissioning phase one of the Mpondwe -Lhubiriha Border Export Zone (Market), and Mpondwe One Stop Border Post in Kasese District.

The over 5 billion shillings facility funded by the World Bank through Great Lakes Trade Facilitation Project is meant to enable cross-border trade by increasing the capacity for commerce and reducing the costs faced by traders, especially small-scale and women traders in the borderlands.

"The market which we launched down there must be used now," the President said, adding that crossing within East African countries should be cost free with no visas required. "If that is the case, I have removed it," H.E. Museveni emphasised after an outcry raised by Kasese LC.5 Chairperson Muhindi Bukombi Eliphaz that trade between Uganda and DRC has been affected by restrictions requirements such as visa fees in dollars equivalent to Uganda shillings 10,000 for Ugandans to cross into DRC. He said this affected mostly the fish market which has since shifted.

"For purposes of promoting modern trade and in the spirit of the East African Community, we request that you liaise with your counterpart the President of the DRC. H.E. Tshisekedi to allow Ugandans free entry in order to facilitate business," Mr. Muhindi said.

The President assured continued peace to the people of Kasese and the whole Rwenzori region and thanked DRC President Felix Tshisekedi for agreeing to work with Uganda to clear the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) rebels out of Congo and vowed not to leave any stone unturned.

"The ADF should surrender peacefully because we're going to finish them. Wherever they go we shall find them if the Congo Government allows us because there's nowhere, we cannot reach," President Museveni said.

The State Minister for ICT, Hon.Kabyanga



Godfrey, earlier described UPDF's deployment in DRC as the best thing that has happened in recent times.

"We have families and relatives in DRC and when we hear that the ADF has killed 200 people, we believe that every person in Kasese has lost a relative," Hon. Kabyanga said.

The President further urged the people of Kasese to listen to his message of wealth creation by engaging in the 4 sectors; Commercial Agriculture with Ekibalo -calculation, Industry (Manufacturing), Services and Information Communication Technology (ICT).

On commercial agriculture H.E. Museveni emphasised the 7 activities for people with small portions of land (4 acres and below) on account of high returns per acre, per annum.

He recommended; One acre for clonal coffee, One acre for fruits (mangoes, oranges and pineapples- and berries for those in Kasese mountains), One acre for food crops for the family (cassava, bananas, upland rice or irrigation rice, Irish potatoes, sorghum or millet) and the fourth acre for pasture for dairy cattle (8 of them); poultry for eggs in the backyard piggery; and fish farming.

The President reiterated that families with 6 acres and above can use 4 acres for coffee, fruits, food crop, dairy farming, pigs, poultry and fish-farming). They can also produce low value crops like sugarcane, cotton, tobacco, maize, etc and on the other two acres in addition to the high value activities.

"This is the medicine we put for you in the manifesto of 1996 but people don't listen. When I was coming here, I saw people growing cotton. Once you stabilise agriculture in the families everything will be easy," H.E. Museveni said.

He cautioned them against the wrong method of physical land fragmentation saying it discourages wealth creation.

"The land is for production to support the family but also support the country. So, if you're going to die, children must benefit from the land by shares not physically fragmenting it," he noted.

On infrastructure, the President promised



to work on the road from Kikorongo to Mpondwe border.

The State Minister for Trade, Hon. Harriet Ntabazi, said more 18 markets of this nature will be constructed as a way of building bridges to counter the barriers of trade between Uganda and other East African countries.

"Your Excellency, we thank you for this Christmas gift that you have given us and we shall jointly work together to ensure that this market benefits the people of Uganda and East Africa," Minister Ntabazi said.

According to the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Trade and Industry, Geraldine Ssali, the market and the one-stop border post will see an increase in regional market exports in the years to come.

The Commissioner General (CG) Uganda Revenue Authority, John Musinguzi, described the event as a testimony that there's growing business between Uganda and DRC and all Government agencies put together will have to work together to facilitate trade between Uganda and RDC. Mpondwe One Stop Border Post in Kasese District becomes the 8th one stop border post after Malaba, Mutukula, Lwakhakha, Elegu, Katuna, Mirama Hills and Ntoroko also set only waiting to be commissioned. Two more are under construction including Suam River one stop border post in Bukwo on the border with Kenya.

According to district officials, the Mpondwe border market is a game changer for the town council that has been struggling with local revenue collections.

Uganda's trade with DRC has progressed over the years with the country's export to DRC now amounting to over \$300m.

Export through Mpondwe majorly comprises agriculture produce and industrial products.

The ceremony was attended by among others State Minister for Local Government, Hon. Victoria Rusoke, State Minister of the East African Community, Hon Magode Ikuya, religious leaders and officials from the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

SFC PASSES OUT SOLDIERS



KAWEWETA, NAKASEKE DISTRICT: The Commander of the Special Forces Command (SFC), Brig. Gen. David Mugisha, called on soldiers to put their military training to practice in order to protect Ugandans.

Brig. Gen. Mugisha made the call at Samora Machel Special Forces School in Kaweweta, Nakaseke District during the passing out ceremony of SFC soldiers. The speech was delivered on his behalf by the SFC Director of Training, Col. John Bosco Asinguza.

The Director of Training presented awards to the best performing students. The award of the best overall was scooped by Peterson Ocheng while that of the best in the field was taken by Peace Joshua. The one for the best in academics was scooped by Ruthenia Fred while the one for the best among female students was taken by Dorcas Were. Nkurunungi Rodney was awarded for being the most disciplined.

The training covered a wide range of topics that included counter terrorism, skills at arms and martial arts. Brig. Mugisha said, "Give maximum respect to Ugandans because they are our bosses. Do not oppress them, bark at or maim them. When you are faced by terrorists you should answer fire with fire. Put your training into practice and protect Ugandans."

He added that a soldier without training is like a fish without water, before congratulating the officers upon the completion of their training. He urged them to always be alert and constantly disciplined. He reminded them to avoid the vice of bad groups, drugs and alcoholism.

The Commander further cautioned the soldiers against recklessness that may expose them to infections such as HIV/ AIDS. He also thanked the instructors for the good job done in training the officers.

The Deputy Director of Training, Lt. Col. Joseph Bahikyire was pleased to observe that the trainees were given a task which they have successfully delivered.

The Commandant of Samora Machel Special Forces School, Major George Ruhinda, thanked the SFC leadership for all the support it has rendered during the course. He urged the soldiers to take care of their lives as they strive to serve the country.

Col. Asinguza with soldiers during their target range drills at Samora Machel Special Forces School in Nakaseke District

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PADER DISTRICT:

President Yoweri Museveni gave 208 oxen to households affected by Nodding Syndrome in Pader District. This is in fulfillment of a pledge he made a few years ago.

The pledge was delivered by the State House Comptroller, Mrs. Jane Barekye, at Awere Health Center III in Pader District.



State House Comptroller, Mrs. Jane Barekye, representing the President at the handover function in Pader District

While addressing the locals, the State House Comptroller said she came as a messenger from the President to deliver his pledge and pass to them some vital information.

In his message delivered by Mrs. Barekye, President Museveni commended the people of Pader for voting him back to power in the last Presidential elections. He also thanked the beneficiaries for being patient until he fulfilled his pledge.

"On 11th May, 2014 while addressing the Girls SACCO Annual General Meeting in Pader District, H.E. Yoweri Museveni pledged to support families with Nodding Syndrome patients with oxen and oxen ploughs," Mrs. Barekye said, before flagging off the distribution of the 208 oxen to the beneficiaries.

"I'm told that the oxen ploughs were given out in 2016. It's the very reason I am thanking you for being patient up to now when H.E. has fulfilled his pledge of the oxen," she added.

On the other hand, the State House Comptroller applauded the district leaders for guiding, counseling and offering care to the victims' families.

"It's not a simple task. I'm told that parents and patients face stigma due to the disease," she added.

Mrs. Barekye further tasked the beneficiaries to use the oxen and ploughs well so that they earn a living as advised by the President.

She also noted that more Ugandans facing the same problem will benefit from such Presidential pledges.

The State House Comptroller went ahead

to appreciate Dr. Robert Omara for helping State House to identify the right beneficiaries.

"In order to arrive at the right people, Dr. Omara consulted hospitals, districts and got relevant information to determine the rightful beneficiaries. He also bought very nice bulls on behalf of the President," she stated.

Concerning Awere Health Center III being upgraded to Health Center IV, Mrs. Barekye explained that the issue has already been tabled on the floor of Parliament. She promised to use the relevant authorities to ensure that the issue becomes a success.

According to a report by the Pader Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Mr. Adebuason Robert, a total of 1,548 households have one or more Nodding Syndrome patient(s). It further shows that the district lacks health facilities that can handle severe cases of the disease.

The Resident District Commissioner (RDC), Mr. Odong Milton and the Woman Member of Parliament, Hon. Aciro Paska Menya, commended the President for extending a helping hand to the victims and also requested him to build for them Health Center IVs that can offer proper health services to the locals.

PRESIDENT MUSEVENI LECTURES NDC STUDENTS ON INTEGRATION



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STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE:

President Yoweri Museveni reiterated the need for regional Integration of East African nations to ensure the prosperity of the people of the region as well as for strategic security.

"The starting point is, how does a country build prosperity for its citizens? Prosperity does not have miracle wealth. It will come through every citizen participating in the production of goods and services for sell," the President asserted.

General Museveni was interacting with student officers from the National Defence College in Njeru led by the Commandant, Maj. Gen. Francis Okello.

The 18 senior army officers who form the first intake of the college have been undertaking a one-year course on National Security and Strategic studies.

The students had two field study tours; on their internal field tour, the group toured several areas of strategic economic importance like the Karuma Hydro Power Station, Rift Valley Oil Graven in Hoima-Masindi and Nwoya,Tororo Cement Industry and Soroti Juice Factory as well as progressive fruit farmers in Soroti, among others. The external tour took them to Turkey and India. During the question-and-answer interface, President Museveni informed the student officers that prosperity means having enough food, clothing, quality accommodation good health and method of mobility. He, therefore, emphasised the need for the Integration of the East African countries for a bigger market for the products that will be produced which will in turn create wealth and prosperity for the citizens of Uganda and the neighbouring countries.

He added that the regional market of over 300 million people may not be enough, hence the need for the African market, calling for Pan-Africanism. Gen. Museveni said that is why NRM stood for the pillars of Patriotism, Pan- Africanism, Socioeconomic development and Democracy.

On industrialisation, President Museveni said the sector is moving very well as the necessary prerequisites are being addressed. He cited the provision of the incentives that include low costs of infrastructure, provision of cheap electricity, resources that are channeled through the Uganda Development Bank (UDB) and many others.

"We are now beginning to get very many investors. They are going to build factories in Kabale for steel, Tororo for phosphates, a refinery for gold, etc, with the low cost of money, labour, transport and raw materials".

On the concern about the bituminized roads that are beginning to show some defects, President Museveni told the student officers that plans are underway



President Museveni poses for a photo with the NDC delegation during the meeting at State House, Entebbe

to maintain the roads that have been constructed including murram ones.

Gen. Museveni and his guests also discussed a wide range of issues of national development as well as those of regional and international interest.

Passing a vote of thanks, Col. Mawa Muhindo commended President Museveni for the establishment of the college adding that they have learnt a lot from the course. He further thanked the President for hosting them and on behalf of the student delegation wished him a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The student delegation was accompanied by the Senior Directing Staff, Brig. Stephen Oluka; Brig.Gen. Kefa Nangeso; Prof. Rutanga Mulindwa; and the College Secretary, Brig. David Tweheyo.

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PRESIDENT MUSEVENI TASKS KAZO AND KIRUHURA LEADERS ON HOUSEHOLD INCOMES

KIRUHURA DISTRICT:

President Yoweri Museveni told the people of Kiruhura and Kazo Districts to stop lamenting about bad roads in the districts as the cause of their poverty but instead focus on doing things that will improve their household incomes.

His Excellency the President accompanied by the First Lady, Mrs. Janet Kataaha Museveni was meeting farmers and leaders of Kiruhura and Kazo districts at Nswerenkye Primary School, Kiruhura, where he called on leaders at all levels to dedicate their energies on incomegenerating activities that will improve the livelihoods and families of the people they lead.

Poor infrastructure such as the bad road network in the region was among the issues raised by the Woman Member of Parliament for Kiruhura District, Hon. Jovanice T. Rwenduru which the President believes is necessary but not an impediment to improving household incomes.

"We shall work on all the roads but they should find stable families with improved household incomes. Tarmac roads will not take away poverty. Seek first homestead incomes (Entasyay'amaka), the rest will be added unto you," President Museveni said, adding that he bought land in Kisozi, Gomba with a vision to create wealth despite the fact that the area had poor road network.

He noted that good roads have been constructed in many parts of the country

to ease transport of goods and services but they're instead being misused to dry cassava and maize.

The President was happy to learn from Reverend Samuel Mugisha, the Kazo LCV Chairperson that out of the 35,000 households in the district, 67% are involved in commercial farming while 33% in subsistence farming; most of them with small pieces of land.

He advised those with small pieces of land to venture into activities like poultry and zero grazing that do not require much land. He gave an example of a one Nyakaana in Rwengaju, Fort Portal who is getting 20 million shillings in one acre of land per year through poultry and dairy farming.

"When I go to heaven, I don't want God to blame me for not getting you out of poverty. He will at least know that I did my part but you did not listen," H.E. Museveni added.

The Head of State further re-echoed the danger associated with land fragmentation saying its part of the hindrances to prosperity of Ugandans.

According to him, the culture of subdividing land among children especially when the owner dies cannot support commercial agriculture which is the backbone of Uganda's economy as children will resort to selling off the land instead of undertaking collective investment.

"The idea is to mobilize the children of the deceased against dividing the





land and property of their parents but rather create a legal entity in the form of a family company in which they are all directors, take executive decisions on enterprise selection and then partake of profits depending on shareholding," H.E. Museveni said, adding that family wealth is not only good for the individual families and communities, but for the country as well.

He gave an example of England which is the same size as Uganda but in spite of having a higher population they understood the dangers of land fragmentation.

"They knew that it is bad to fragment land because they would be fragmenting wealth. That's why you find big farms owned collectively. By doing that, family properties will be kept intact and you'll benefit in future," Gen. Museveni noted, adding that in some countries like Germany they put laws barring fragmenting land which is less than 25 acres.

Kiruhura District LCV Chairman, Mr. Dan Mukago Ruteteebya thanked the President for setting up a Regional Hub for skilling youth in different fields to fight unemployment. He however expressed the need for a district general hospital in order to improve health services.

Earlier, Rev. Samuel Mugisha, the Kazo LCV Chairperson, asked the President to elevate Kazo Health center IV to district hospital status.



Whereas the President agreed to their request, he encouraged leaders to focus on disease prevention through behaviour change, improved hygiene, immunisation and nutrition so that the country can save money and use it for other priority areas.

"Hospitals will be built but even the available Health Center III's and IV's have not been used effectively," the President noted.

The meeting was also attended and addressed by among others, the Minister of State for Animal Industry, Hon. Lt. Col (Rtd) Bright Rwamirama and the Woman MP for Kazo Hon. Jenifer Abaho Muheesi.

Others in attendance were; Gen. Sam

Kavuma who is the Chairman Board of Directors of Wazalendo Savings and Credit Cooperative Society (WSACCO), Hon. Wilson Twinomugisha Kajwengye (Nyabushozi county MP), Hon. Herbert Tayebwa (Kashongi constituency MP), Hon. Dan Atwijukire Kimosho (Kazo-county MP) and former Members of Parliament.

Others were District Councils, LCV and LC III Chairpersons and Women leaders from Kazo and Kiruhura and religious leaders who included the Bishop of North Ankole Diocese; Rt. Rev Stephen Namanya, Rev Fr Paulino Twesigye Mondo, and Rev Kanyesigye Mukama John Mary from Burunga Parish, Kazo District.

NTUNGAMO GETS COFFEE PROCESSING FACTORY

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NTUNGAMO DISTRICT: President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni reiterated Government commitment to promote value addition on Ugandan products rather than exporting raw materials.

While commissioning a new coffee processing factory in Rwashamaire Town Council, Ntungamo District, the President who was accompanied by the First Lady Mrs. Janet Museveni was not happy with what he called the political actors who are fighting his idea of promoting value addition in the country starting with the coffee sector.

"I will not tolerate anybody who stands in my way of adding value to Ugandan coffee. When I bring an idea as Yoweri Museveni, I know what I'm doing and I will not allow anybody to divert me, unless you want problems," Gen. Museveni said, sending a strong warning to politicians who seem not to see this.

"Leaders please, avoid politics in development. Let's agree, if there's something you have not understood, come and we sort it out quietly rather than making noise," he added.

According to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, Hon. Francis Mwebesa, the coffee processing facility by Aspire Africa Coffee is already adding value to coffee and in the pipeline, a range of over 20 coffee value addition products shall be produced in this park. He said all these are intended to make Uganda a private sectorled economy on the basis of cooperatives which are a strong power.

This according to the President is part of ways Uganda will achieve her economic and socio-economic transformation targets, a journey started way back in 1986 when the National Resistance Movement (NRM) government came into power.

The President said that the NRM Government has been striving since 1986 to build an economy, which is independent, integrated and self-sufficient. He appealed to coffee stakeholders to join this Government effort.

"Before we came to power; we wrote a 10-point program. Point No.5 was about building an economy, which is independent, integrated and selfsufficient. We have managed to attract investors and also empower our local people to do business," H.E. Museveni said, adding that those taking unprocessed coffee are not only depriving Uganda of its wealth but also thousands of jobs.

The President reminded the gathering that in 1996 he invited a special cabinet meeting in Masaka to discuss adding value to coffee and other products at that time including cotton and was happy that the textile industry had begun yielding results.

He said there is no way Uganda and other African producing countries can develop from their coffee when they are exporting it raw, adding that the only way for these countries is to develop a processing industry. He linked the continued export of raw materials from Africa to the new slavery and said he cannot support it.

He made mention of the 12 billion Kawumu tannery facility he constructed in Luwero, which is now producing high quality leather for both export and local use. "I constructed a tannery at Kawumu to stop importing leather from China. So, don't waste time. We have everything we need like raw materials, manpower and the relevant infrastructure," H.E. Museveni said.

In her remarks, the First Lady, Mrs. Janet Museveni thanked the people of Ntungamo and Mr. Tugume in particular for setting up such a state-of-the-art coffee factory in the region which is a step in the right direction to fighting poverty (obworo).

"I want to thank you for the work you have done because it gives God the glory," she said.

The First Lady informed the guests that she herself had started growing both coffee and avocado and was happy to hear that our coffee and avocado have the best quality in Uganda. "Let us wake up and work to push poverty out of our homes," she further said.

She also thanked the President for teaching the people how to eradicate poverty for the last 56 years and that we have started seeing the fruits of his hard work.

"Whenever God has strategically placed you, do you work well so that it speaks for itself.

Let us make good use of the gifts that God has given us, like fertile soil, good weather and a favorable environment to work," said Mrs. Museveni.

She called upon leaders to continue

sensitising the people to get involved in income generating activities in order to increase their household incomes.

The Chief Executive Officer for Inspire Africa coffee, Nelson Tugume, drew his inspiration to open up a coffee processing factory from an Ethiopian coffee shop in the USA where he bought 250gms of Ugandan coffee at \$79 dollars, approximately Uganda shillings 292,300.

He commended the President for promoting value addition on coffee in order for Uganda to get what it deserves as one of the most coffee producing countries in the world. The global coffee industry is worth more than US\$400 billion.

Mr. Tugume informed the President that a total of 50 cooperatives have come together under Ankole Rwenzori Kigezi Coffee Investment Consortium Uganda (ARKC) to promote value addition and determine their price on the global market, saying the people sitting behind the computers to determine the value of Ugandan coffee in UK and USA, none has ever owned one plant of coffee.

"Friends we should refuse that. We are not children of a lesser God. And I believe Africa is the time for us to see and know that we are on a journey that we can transform our lives and society," Mr. Tugume said.

He asked the President to further support the coffee industrial hub, with stronger electricity and tarmac roads leading to the factory to which the President agreed to work on.

Professor Victor Murinde who is a financial economist at SOAS, University of London, and the Director of the Center for Global Finance said the opening of the coffee processing hub in Ntungamo is one way of contributing to the transition of Uganda from low income to middle income and



a way of recovering from the multiple shocks that the world economy has gone through.

"It has been emphasised before that coffee is the most sought out commodity. The global population today stands at 8 billion people of which 30% to 40% of those consume coffee every day 65% of these in America. So basically, this is a fundamental change that is going to propel Uganda into a global economy," Prof Victor said.

On engaging global investors, Prof. Victor informed the President that he has reached out to one Sarah Taylor of Invest Africa who is committed to invest 60 billion pounds in coffee in Africa every year Uganda inclusive.

Uganda is the top coffee exporting country in Africa and its total coffee production represents about five per cent of the global production.

President Museveni and policy experts are convinced that the country could earn more money by processing all its coffee and either consuming it locally or selling processed coffee to the international market. The President commended Mr. Tugume for supporting his value addition efforts and promised him all the support to realise his objectives. "We shall support you. What is more important is to start," H.E. Museveni said.

The Minister for Trade, industry and cooperatives, Hon. Francis Mwebesa, commended Nelson Tugume for the passion he has for coffee and implored the President to use his expertise more.

"This young man should be appointed your special envoy on coffee because of his expressed passion and commitment to serve his country. He has marketed Ugandan coffee to the world and possibly this could be the right moment," Minister Mwebesa said.

Odrek Rwabwogo, Special Presidential Advisor on Special Duties and Chairman Advisory Committee on Export and Industrial Promotion said Uganda needs to borrow a leaf from Brazil that has invested so much in research, equipment, fertiliser application and empowering farmers.

PRESIDENT MUSEVENI COMMENDS VICE PRESIDENT ALUPO



KATAKWI DISTRICT: President Yoweri Museveni strongly urged the political class in Uganda to prioritise the programme of irrigation in the next budget and the building of the fertiliser factory in Tororo to ensure increased agricultural production in the country.

"Before we implement all these other things that we would like to do let the political class and the population understand that you cannot do all the things at the same time. Like now we have been able to put a lot of money on the Parish Development Model. It seems this money needs to be supported by irrigation. So, in the next budget let's all agree to postpone some of the plans in favor of irrigation first and building of a fertiliser factory in Tororo so that we have both water and fertilisers," he stressed.

The President was the Chief Guest at the Silver Jubilee celebrations for Rev. Father Paul Benedict Francis Imalingat and Rev. Father Lawrence Immas Akepa held at Aketa Town Board in Ongongoja Sub-County, Usuk County-Katakwi District.

The colourful ceremony that was attended by a cross section of people from all corners of the country preceded with a thanksgiving mass presided over by the Bishop of Soroti Diocese the Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Eciru Oliach. The mass was also attended by the Most Rev. Archbishop Emmanuel Obbo of Tororo Archdiocese.

The two priests who celebrated their Silver Jubilee led the mass. They are brothers to the Vice President, Rt. Major Jessica Alupo, who hosted the function. President Museveni reiterated Government's move to prioritise irrigation on learning that most of the farmers lost their citrus trees due to prolonged drought that hit the area.

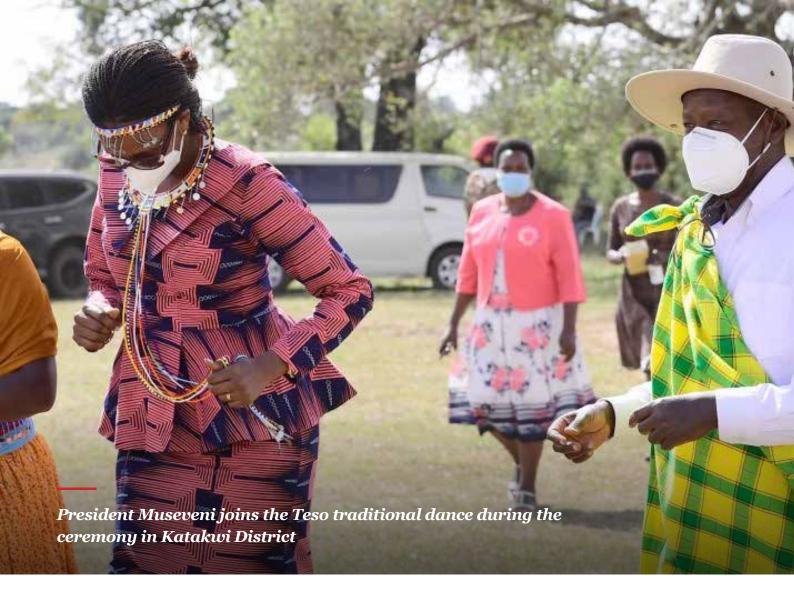
Mr. Museveni informed the congregation that Government is going to roll out a plan for irrigation using solar-powered pumps to enable farmers to pump water to water tanks in their land for irrigation.

The President stressed the importance of wealth urging all the population to embrace modern commercial farming with calculation noting that it was pointless to have development without wealth creation with calculation. He explained that the funds used for development are derived from wealth.

"If you have 2 acres of citrus, you sell and go to the shop. When, you buy clothes for your family members, there is a tax on the cloth or sugar fuel and other consumables. Money paid in taxes is the one used to build roads, schools, and health centres. If wealth does not grow even development will be affected," he pointed out.

The President therefore called on Ugandans not to mix development and wealth, clarifying that wealth is for an individual whereas development is for all. He said each home should contribute to its wealth and that of the nation.

On the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the two priests, President Museveni saluted the clan of the Vice President Jessica Alupo for churning out people who cherish to selflessly provide service to the community.



"We are here celebrating the 2 priests. Priestly life is a life of service and sacrifice. But you remember even the father of Jessica died on duty when he was trying to collect papers for the school where he was teaching during the insurgency. That is why we built a technical school in his memory," he said.

President Museveni had earlier on arrival commissioned the Technical School built in memory of the late Epel the father of the Vice President Jessica Alupo.

The President observed that the clan of the Vice President Jessica Alupo is a community of Ugandans who understand service and sacrifice and called on Ugandans to commend them for that.

President Museveni thanked the people of Teso in general and Katakwi in particular as well as the clan for donating the Vice President Jessica Alupo to serve the Nation, first in UPDF and NRM adding that in both the forces and NRM donations of the kind are taken seriously.

"If you donate somebody, we take that person completely. She is a good cadre that is why we promoted her," he said.

President Museveni also applauded the Clan leader Mr. Faustine Imalingat for his insightful remarks that highlighted the importance of education commending the NRM Government for taking education to the doorsteps of Ugandans.

"He is telling you that the education people were looking for in St. Peter's Tororo, Kisubi, Nyakasura and Nyapea among others is now near," the President said.



The colourful ceremony was characterised by traditional dances led by the delegation from Karamoja that gifted the President with the symbols of power that included a stool, a spear and a shield.

President Museveni drew a thunderous applause from the congregation when he tried a mock fight flinging the spear and wielding the protective shield.

The Vice President, H.E. Jessica Alupo told the congregation that her two brothers have lived a very humble life since childhood.

"Lawrence and Paul have never disturbed us. Paul disturbed us a little bit," she said to the cheerful audience.

H.E. Alupo also endorsed President Museveni for the 2026/31 presidential term. She said their focus right now is 2026 and assured the President that as people of Teso sub-region, they're behind him come 2026.

"These People gathered here are from Lango, Busoga, Karamoja, Ssebei regions among others but they have been whispering to me that come 2026 We're together with Mzee," H.E. Alupo said.

In effect, the Vice President handed over instruments of power to the President as per Teso culture, which included a spear, shield and stool.

The function was attended by Cabinet Ministers, Members of Parliament, Papa Emorimor the Cultural Leader of Iteso, delegations from various regions of Uganda and all people of walks of life.

ADDRESS BY H.E. THE PRESIDENT ON 31ST DECEMBER, 2022 AT RWAKITURA

Countrymen and Countrywomen, greetings from the Government and the NRM Party. Congratulations on completing 2022 and we wish you a prosperous 2023.

Tonight, I will speak about three issues: the high commodity prices and possible shortages (ebura) of those commodities; crime; and okukongora (idling around while others are working).

It is clear that the main driver of high commodity prices and shortages of some commodities is the war in Ukraine and the sanctions that were put on Russian oil and other products by the Western countries. We have avoided taking sides in that conflict, because we think that it could have been avoided and we have told those involved our views in private. Consequently, we have avoided negotiating with the friendly Russia for cheaper oil like India has done because we are also friends with the USA and

all the Western Countries. Instead, we are intensifying diplomatic contacts (quietly), to resolve the whole issue. In the meantime, we are handling the part of the problem that is easy for us to handle – the shortages. The shortages were partly due to the poor rains of the past seasons (eshumi). That is why we resolved to intensify the use of irrigation so as to immunise our agriculture against the erraticness of the weather. We are also intensifying efforts to produce products like palm oil that is used in the manufacture of soap instead of importing it from Indonesia and Malaysia. Below you can see the images of irrigation and Palm oil growing:



Mubuku irrigation

Palm oil growing

Therefore, while imported items may be scarce our own locally produced items will plenty. These are: bananas, cassava, millet, beans, maize, beef, milk, fish, eggs, chicken, etc. They may be expensive because of the petrol that is used to transport them; but they will be available. Even the prices of some of them remained stable during Christmas, take beef, for instance.

The price remained stable. This could be because of some element of speculation by some goods and service providers; they unnecessarily raise prices. When the consumers stay away on account of the high prices, they are, then, forced to lower the prices and still make profit. What does that mean? It means, they were just too greedy for super-profits and were taking advantage of the situation. They were profiteering. That greed also distorts the picture of the struggle for lowering the costs of business and the cost of living. The Ugandans should remember that the problem is not only high commodity prices (obuseere) but possible shortages (ebura). Ebura will be defeated first.

Nevertheless, we are not just sitting and waiting for the global conflicts to calm down and bring down the price of fuel. We are working on plans to shift to electric buses, electric cars and electric piki pikis. The quickest move may be on Piki pikis. We have agreed with some investors, to take away the petrol/diesel ones and give the owners the electric ones. How will the investors recover their money? By the Government licensing them to operate charging stations where the electric batteries are re-charged.

This swap (okuhanisa), will save the piki piki operator 50% of the cost. As pointed out above, the shift in transport vehicles is not only in respect of piki pikis. It also involves the buses, cars, mini-buses, pickups, etc., manufactured by Kiira Motors and METU Katabaazi and others. In the meantime, without yet talking to our Russian friends, we are talking to other petrol refiners to sell us cheaper fuel - eliminating middlemen who add as much as \$50 per tonne on the cost of fuel. Our own petroleum will start flowing in 2025.

There is a story of the akahaanda akafunzire (the narrow path) in the Bible that leads to heaven as opposed to ekihaanda rugyeendwa (the wide popular path) that leads to Gehena (hell). The NRM always, in difficult times, follows the narrow path that always leads to salvation. The exact portion in the Bible, in the Book of Matthew, Chapter 7, verses 13-14 goes as follows:

13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

On the issue of crime, I want to assure Ugandans that there is no terrorist group or criminal group that can defy the combined strength of the UPDF, the Uganda Police, the intelligence services, the Ugandan Prison Services, the Ugandan Wildlife Authority and the popular vigilance of the people. In this year ending, you have heard what happened to the following groups of terrorists and criminals:

(1) The Ndugwa-Ssemakula groups that attacked Police Posts in the Mityana-Kiboga are – 23 of them are now in prison including their leader Ssemakula Ndugwa;

(2) The ADF cell that attackedGeneral Katumba when they killedhis daughter and one other person;3 of them were killed and 9 are inprison;

(3) Bijambiya attackers who killed28 people in the Masaka area, 23 ofthem have all been arrested;

(4) The group that entered Uganda, in the Ntoroko area from Congo and killed one bicyclelist they met on the 11th December, 2022, 26 have been killed, 15 have been arrested and 22 weapons (SMGs and 2 light machine guns) have been captured; etc., etc.

I do not have time to give details of the operations that destroyed these groups. However, I will only briefly describe the group of Mao (real name Katende Moses), that attacked Busiika Police Post; killed two Police personnel and stole 2 guns. On the 9th of July, the CAO of Bukwo, Ogwang Charles, was ambushed and killed in the Matugga area by this group. On the 25th of July, panga wielding criminals attacked a Police Check Point, where Policemen were obviously relaxed, near Kasana Luwero, killed 2 Policemen and took their guns.

On the 31st of October, 2022 and on the 9th of December, criminals attacked Busiika Police Post and Kyabadaaza Police Station. In those attacks, two Police personnel and 2 civilians, were killed and some guns were taken. These criminals thought they were smart and unreachable. This is how they deceive themselves. However, as I told you in a recent television address, in a reasonably well-organised system like Uganda, there is no way you can commit such crimes and you cannot leave clues. Using the inevitable clues they left behind, the police arrested some people, which enabled the Police to arrest another 50 associates of those criminals. Eventually, some more criminals were arrested and the evidence on them proved that the group that had been killing these People, was a group of seven ADF members, led by Mao whose real name is Katende Moses. This group had even brought

in a light machine gun (LMG-PK) from Congo, which they used in Kyabadaaza. Consequently, on the 18th of December, the police attacked a hideout in Kito-Matugga, where Muwanguzi Abdul Shakur and Hajuuli Akimu were killed and 2 SMGs were recovered, including the one they robbed from Busiika Police Post. The Police also found IEDs that they were planning to use against targets they would choose. The remnants of the group fled to Nyendo, in Kyalugo – Bugambira. On the 24th of December, 2022, Katende Moses, the group leader, was arrested and was found with one LMG(PK), 7 SMGs, 1 pistol, 2IEDs, etc.,etc. An iPad was also got from a lodge in Bwala. Mao gets orders from Suleiman, who gets orders from Amigo in Congo. Apparently, the pressure on ADF in Congo is too much for them and these attacks in Uganda are to raise money for ADF in Congo and also, they, childishly, imagine, that these attacks will force us to withdraw from Congo.

Therefore, our strategy of destroying ADF in Congo and neutralising these scattered elements within Uganda is correct. Recently, we have seen another childish form of actions by the anti-NRM elements, which also show their desperation. This is the cutting of the electricity pylons. The targeting of these pylons, is actually a compliment to the NRM. The parasites who fear Africa's strength, cannot stand a successful African economy like Uganda. Hence, attack the base of that success, that includes the massive electrification programme. Of course, this, again, shows the bankruptcy of these groups. How can anybody cut electricity pylons in Uganda and we fail to locate him or her? Stay tuned, you will soon hear interesting news on this.

This now brings me to my real topic of today: "okukongora", known as luwac kom (onang-nan nango labedo), in Luo, ekalany (female), okalany (male) in Ateso and ovuu in Lugbara. It is an imagery from our rural setting and, also, in our rural Primary Schools, where we would do work in the compound or in the School Garden.

Everybody is supposed to put in equal effort in the work at handcutting the grass in the compound (okutema akajiijja), removing the litter from the school compound (kuzambuura), digging in the School Garden or digging in the home garden (kuhiinga). There were People who would not do their share of work but expect equal reward (e.g. food after work at home). This conduct is very much frowned on and despised in the villages. This is exactly what is happening in the wider economy.

However, before I come to the economy today, let me first go back

to our African dialects, which are very clear in describing actions of People and other phenomena. The following are crucial words:

- (1) Okukora to do work;
- (2) Emirimo work;
- (3) Emizaano sports, games;
- (4) Embaga feasting;
- (5) Kweshongora singing, music;
- (6) Kuhiiga hunting;
- (7) Kuhuumba gathering wild fruits;
- (8) Kuterekyerera appeal to the super-natural forces through traditional prayers (kusiga);
- (9) Kushaba prayers (modern way);
- (10) Obwomeezi ability to live;
- (11) Entunguuka development;
- (12) Obugaiga wealth;
- (13) Okugwagye prosperity.

These words remind us that what is most basic in all these is, obwomeezi (amagara, obulamu) and okugwagye (living and prosperity). In order to achieve these, you must kukora or somebody must kukora for you (work). In our traditions, work was in 4 categories as follows:

- (1) Kuhiinga cultivation;
- (2) Kuriisa livestock herding (cattle, goats, sheep);

- (3) Skills of the hand (Emyooga)

 kuheesha (blacksmith),
 kubeija (carpentry, woodwork),
 kukomaga (making bark cloth),
 kutananga making arrows
 and bows, kunogoora making
 clay pots, abariimbi transporters on water,
 abagyeengyi surgeons,
 abafumu herbalists; etc.
- (4) Abajubi fishermen.

This pre-capitalist system is metamorphosing into new sectors of the economy. The NRM has repeatedly told you of the four sectors:

- (i) Commercial agriculture (crops, livestock, fisheries);
- (ii) Industry (manufacturing and mining);
- (iii) Services;
- (iv) ICT.

We have repeatedly told you that if you want livelihood and prosperity, you must strive and find space in one of the four. Of course, there is a fifth sector, the Public Service, that accommodates 480,000 persons from a population of 43 million People. It is not correct for many People to have hope in finding livelihood and prosperity in the Public Service. It is wrong and dangerous. It is wrong because those jobs are not enough. It is dangerous because most of the Public Service jobs, do not directly

add to the wealth of the Country and yet they take money (salaries). Some Public Service jobs, yes, contribute to wealth creation. Take the Security providers (e.g. Army, Police, etc.), for instance. Without them, wealth creation is impossible. Some of the scientific cadres (doctors, engineers, vets, etc.), add to wealth creating by supporting our health and giving scientific support to the efforts of the Wealth creators. Some of the social-scientists, if they have the right orientation, also contribute to wealth creation. This category includes economists, a minimum of administrators, etc. However, the pressure to create too many administrative units e.g. municipalities, endless list of new districts, sub- counties, etc., is wrong once you have addressed the problem of sub-colonialism that we inherited from the imperialist (some groups using Local Government Units to oppress People like the Baruuri, Banyala, Banyaruguru, etc.).

Therefore, not to lose this historical moment, we must emphasise the 4 sectors of Wealth creation: commercial agriculture; Industry (manufacturing); Services; and ICT.

Within the four sectors, we should clearly distinguish the differences between emirimo (work) and emizaano (sports, playing), between okukora (work) and okutarama (trans-night) or ebinyumo (merrymaking). With the growth of

modern economies, activities like music (okweshongora) and sports (emizaano), have shifted from just being amusements (kushemeza) and hobbies, to emirimo (work) for the actors (some of the musicians and some of the sportsmen). These earn from those jobs. How about the fans? How much of their time do they spend on watching these actors? When do they have time to spend in their gardens, factories, clinics, etc. Is gambling (zaara), a job? When we were young, we used to do the game of zaara with split beans – four of them. If they all faced down, that was 10 heifers (enyana) for you; if they all faced up, that was 8 heifers (enyana for you), if two faced up and two down, you had two enyana; outside those 3, if I remember correctly, you lose. This was a game (omuzaano), not a job (omurimo). Even in Ludo, in Mbarara High School, we would play that game. Can you make that game and other forms of gambling, jobs? Moreover, if the musicians and sportsmen and churchmen are making a living through those services, how about the fans and the followers? Should they forget their own mirimo (crops, livestock, factory work, clinics, etc.) and spend all their time in concerts, churches, etc.? The only time, I have entered a Court of Law, was 1956, when, being attracted by a game of football, I joined the other boys (near Kame's

Kraal) for a moment of enjoying the sport as a player (because I was a good footballer), only to discover that the cattle I was herding had descended on a Mwanainchis luscious millet garden. Running at full-speed, I tried to save whatever was remaining of the millet. It was, however, too late. I had committed the offence of okwonesa. Lawyers, please, translate that for me in English and legal jargon. For lay understanding, it means one's livestock eating the crop of another citizen. This temporary attraction to village football, qualified me to appear before the Parish Court at Kikoni, under a mutooma tree – omutuba – ficus nantelensis – in Mzee Katojo's rutookye (banana plantation). I was, then, coached, I do not remember by who, to say: "omushaango ningwikyiriiza" – I plead guilty to the charge – and that by so doing, it will be better for everybody. I think Mzee Kaguta had to pay the millet owner some enkaitsi (compensation). Or was he forgiven in the interests of village solidarity? Hence, Bazukulu: there is time for everything". It goes, in the Book of Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3 Verses 1-8. as follows:

A Time for Everything

3 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: 2 a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, 3 a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, 4 a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, 5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, 6 a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,8 a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

In Katakwi yesterday, I told all present and not present, about the repeated position of the NRM regarding Development and Wealth – Entunguuka and obugaiga. Entunguuka (Schools, health centres, roads, etc.), belongs to all of us – wealth creators and parasites. Wealth, however, belongs to the individual proprietor and respective house-holds. It is your wealth that will help you solve your personal needs of: food, shelter, clothing, mode of transport etc.

Even if the Government builds a good tarmac road near your house, we cannot also feed you and your family, we cannot clothe you etc. Even for the development to be sustained, the wealth of the homes and individuals must grow. Why? When I have wealth in my home, e.g. milk, bananas, etc., I, first of all, supply those items to Ugandans for their use and some are exported. Additionally, the family gets income and they buy consumer items: sugar, clothing, petrol for Piki piki, etc. Each of those items, has got a tax on them. Therefore, my household contributes to the budget of the country that supports development of the Country (roads, schools, etc.) and also my family pocket supports the factories producing the sugar, the textiles, etc. Indirectly, I, therefore, help some Ugandans to get jobs in those factories.

Therefore, let us be clear. No kukongora. The sectors are four: commercial agriculture; industry; services; and ICT. Within those sectors, we must distinguish between: okukora and okuzaana (work and play) and know that everything has got its time. When you do not work when you are supposed to, you are amukongozi (a malingerer) – a cheater.

In order to ensure that everybody can participate, we have put Ushs. 100million per parish for helping families to engage in small scale high value agriculture of the 7 activities: coffee, fruits, zero- grazing cattle, food crops, poultry for eggs, piggery and fish farming.

We have put Ugx. 1.2 trillion in UDB to lend, at low interest rates, for manufacturing and large-scale commercial agriculture, including the extensive agriculture that will, in addition to the 7 activities of the small-scale intensive agriculture mentioned above, support the activities that only make profit when they are done on a large-scale. These include: cotton, tobacco, sugarcane, tea, ranching, etc.

UDC has been given Ugx. 424 billion to co-invest for manufacturing with the private sector or invest on its own in identified profitable areas.

- Sugar Processing Atiak Ugx.
 274bn;
- Road construction Ugx. 26.15;
- Munyonyo Convention Centre – Ugx. 86.4;
- Zombo Tea Ugx. 10bn;
- Luwero Fruit Ugx. 6bn;
- Soroti Fruit Ugx. 1bn;
- Busoga Sugar Ugx. 6bn;
- Glove Manufacturing Ugx.
 15bn.

Finally, there is the Emyooga fund at the constituency for the skills that are not covered under PDM. These emyooga are:

- Boda Boda Riders,
- Women Entrepreneurs,
- Carpenters,
- Salon Operators,
- Taxi Operators,
- Restaurant Owners,
- Welders,
- Market Vendors,

- Youth Leaders,
- Persons With Disabilities,
- Produce Dealers,
- Mechanics,
- Tailors,
- Journalists,
- Performing Artists,
- Veterans,
 - Fishermen and,

Elected Leaders.

These have been given Ugx. 258.24 billion to benefit 6,714 Emyooga SACCOs with a membership of 1.9million individuals.

Below are the successful beneficiaries under Emyooga



Bukimbiri Youth Leaders Value Addition SACCO



Kong'asis Taxi Operators



Bugabula South Constituency Produce dealers



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Rubanda Boda boda Emyooga SACCO

Below are the successful beneficiaries that borrowed from UDB for commercial agriculture and industries;

- Inspire Africa Coffee Limited
- Kyankwanzi Premier Ranchers Limited.
- Agroways Limited
- Biyinzika Enterprises Limited
- Creekside Farms Limited
- Akuku Farm Seeds Limited
- Kampala Domestic Stores Limited.
- Abasajja Kweyamba Irrigation
 Scheme
- Yahe International Limited
- Kamuli Sugar

- Uganda Farmers Crop Industries Limited/ Sezibwa
- Lota Agro Processors Limited
- Manyakabi Area Cooperative Enterprises Limited
 - Rubanga Cooperative Society Limited
- Muhangi Dairy Farm Ltd
- Aralla Farm Limited
- Cumiika Farms Limited
- Central Grazing Company Limited
- Kabeihura Farmers Limited.
- Rwambaga Dairy Farmers Cooperative Society Limited.
- Nice House of Plastics Ltd

- Steel & Tube Industries Ltd
- Movit Products Ltd
- Jesa Farm Diary Ltd
- Kakira Sugar
- Luuka Plastics Ltd
- Kamuli Sugar
- Royikems industries Ltd
- Quality Plastics Ltd
- Afroplast Enterprises Ltd
- Kampala Domestic Stores
- Globo Chemicals U Ltd
- Felm U Ltd
- Kabaco U Ltd
- Medipharm

- Musabody Machinery U Ltd
- Kazire health products Ltd herbal medicines
- Mish farm Ltd Beef farm
- Heritage Ranch Ltd Beef farm
- Ask International Fish processing
- Farm holdings Ltd Beef processing

Below are the projects under UDC or the Innovation Fund under the President. The Kawumu Leather Tannery was done under the Innovation Fund and the factory is shown below:



Kawumu Leather Tannery





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