
Vote:105 Law Reform Commission

V1: Vote Overview

I. Vote Mission Statement

Laws that facilitate transformation and development of Uganda.

II. Strategic Objective

- a) To revise laws to eliminate anomalies, and to repeal spent and obsolete laws.
- b) To review and reform laws with a view to making recommendations for their systematic improvement, development, and modernisation.
- c) To simplify and translate laws to enhance access.
- d) To enhance the capacity of the Commission to undertake law reform and revision
- e) To enhance public awareness of existing laws and public participation in the law reform and revision processes.

III. Major Achievements in 2018/19

1. Simplification of the Mortgage Act, Insolvency Act and the Land Act commenced
2. Concept and issues papers have been prepared for review of the development of legislation for land valuation
3. Consultations were undertaken for review of the Distress for Rent (Bailiffs Act)
4. Preliminary consultations were undertaken for review of the Refugees Act and a consultation paper was prepared
5. Concept and issues paper were prepared for the review of the Railways Act
6. Soft copies for the laws were consolidated for the revision of the Statutory Instruments and peer review meetings commenced
7. Stakeholder consultations were commenced for the review of bail in criminal justice system
8. Review of the handbook for making Ordinances and Byelaws was commenced in preparation for a compendium of Ordinances and Byelaws
9. Proof reading of the seventh revised edition by the Editorial committee was commenced
10. Statutory obligations such as salaries, pensions and NSSF contributions were paid
11. Vehicles and office equipment were maintained
12. Staff trainings were undertaken

IV. Medium Term Plans

1. Conduct nine studies to review and reform selected laws.
2. Carry out research in three different unregulated areas of the law to make proposals for new legislation.
3. Revise 20% of the laws of Uganda that require revision.
4. Translate the Constitution into six local languages
5. Simplify three selected laws of Uganda
6. Carry out advocacy on completed studies, through engaging relevant stakeholders, to allow for quick passage of the proposals into law
7. Create awareness of newly enacted laws to both the duty bearers and the general public.
8. Staff capacity building to improve efficiency

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V. Summary of Past Performance and Medium Term Budget Allocations

Table 5.1: Overview of Vote Expenditures (US\$ Billion)

	2017/18 Outturn	2018/19		2019/20	MTEF Budget Projections				
		Approved Budget	Expenditure by End Dec		2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	
Recurrent									
Wage	3.810	4.073	1.969	4.073	4.277	4.491	4.715	4.951	
Non Wage	6.002	6.084	2.553	6.122	7.040	8.448	10.137	12.165	
Devt.									
GoU	0.199	0.200	0.013	0.200	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	
Ext. Fin.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
GoU Total	10.011	10.357	4.534	10.395	11.557	13.179	15.093	17.356	
Total GoU+Ext Fin (MTEF)	10.011	10.357	4.534	10.395	11.557	13.179	15.093	17.356	
Arrears	0.000	0.015	0.015	0.075	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
Total Budget	10.011	10.372	4.549	10.470	11.557	13.179	15.093	17.356	
A.I.A Total	0.000	4.500	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
Grand Total	10.011	14.872	4.549	10.470	11.557	13.179	15.093	17.356	
Total Vote Budget Excluding Arrears	10.011	14.857	4.534	10.395	11.557	13.179	15.093	17.356	

VI. Budget By Economic Classification

Table V6.1 2018/19 and 2019/20 Budget Allocations by Item

<i>Billion Uganda Shillings</i>	2018/19 Approved Budget				2019/20 Draft Estimates		
	GoU	Ext. Fin	AIA	Total	GoU	Ext. Fin	Total
Output Class : Outputs Provided	10.157	0.000	4.500	14.657	10.195	0.000	10.195
211 Wages and Salaries	6.681	0.000	0.000	6.681	6.673	0.000	6.673
212 Social Contributions	0.475	0.000	0.000	0.475	0.483	0.000	0.483
213 Other Employee Costs	0.104	0.000	0.000	0.104	0.104	0.000	0.104
221 General Expenses	1.223	0.000	4.500	5.723	1.240	0.000	1.240
222 Communications	0.095	0.000	0.000	0.095	0.095	0.000	0.095
223 Utility and Property Expenses	0.830	0.000	0.000	0.830	0.830	0.000	0.830
224 Supplies and Services	0.060	0.000	0.000	0.060	0.060	0.000	0.060
225 Professional Services	0.050	0.000	0.000	0.050	0.070	0.000	0.070
227 Travel and Transport	0.486	0.000	0.000	0.486	0.486	0.000	0.486
228 Maintenance	0.153	0.000	0.000	0.153	0.153	0.000	0.153
Output Class : Capital Purchases	0.200	0.000	0.000	0.200	0.200	0.000	0.200
312 FIXED ASSETS	0.200	0.000	0.000	0.200	0.200	0.000	0.200
Output Class : Arrears	0.015	0.000	0.000	0.015	0.075	0.000	0.075
321 DOMESTIC	0.015	0.000	0.000	0.015	0.075	0.000	0.075

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Grand Total :	10.372	0.000	4.500	14.872	10.470	0.000	10.470
Total excluding Arrears	10.357	0.000	4.500	14.857	10.395	0.000	10.395

VII. Budget By Programme And Subprogramme

Table V7.1: Past Expenditure Outturns and Medium Term Projections by Programme and SubProgramme

Billion Uganda shillings	FY 2017/18 Outturn	FY 2018/19		2019-20 Proposed Budget	Medium Term Projections			
		Approved Budget	Spent By End Dec		2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
24 Reform and Revision of laws	9.812	14.672	4.537	10.270	11.317	12.939	14.853	17.116
01 Headquarters	9.812	14.672	4.537	10.270	11.317	12.939	14.853	17.116
25 General administration, planning, policy and support services	0.199	0.200	0.013	0.200	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240
0356 Law Reform Commission	0.199	0.200	0.013	0.200	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240
52 Legal Reform	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total for the Vote	10.011	14.872	4.549	10.470	11.557	13.179	15.093	17.356
Total Excluding Arrears	10.011	14.857	4.534	10.395	11.557	13.179	15.093	17.356

VIII. Programme Performance and Medium Term Plans

Table V8.1: Programme Outcome and Outcome Indicators (Only applicable for FY 2019/20)

Programme :	24 Reform and Revision of laws
Programme Objective :	<p>a) To revise laws to eliminate anomalies, and to repeal spent and obsolete laws.</p> <p>b) To review and reform laws with a view to making recommendations for their systematic improvement, development, and modernisation.</p> <p>c) To simplify and translate laws to enhance access.</p> <p>d) To enhance the capacity of the Commission to undertake law reform and revision</p> <p>e) To enhance public awareness of existing laws and public participation in the law reform and revision processes.</p>
Responsible Officer:	Lucas Omara Abong
Programme Outcome:	Improved legal framework and access to the law
<i>Sector Outcomes contributed to by the Programme Outcome</i>	
1. Commercial justice and the environment for competitiveness strengthened	
Outcome Indicators	Performance Targets
	2019/20 2020/21 2021/22
	Baseline Base year Target Projection Projection

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• Number of draft bills submitted to government annually	3	2015	4	4	4
SubProgramme: 01 Headquarters					
Output: 01 Reform and simplification of laws					
No of studies completed			3	4	3
No. of draft bills submitted to relevant ministries			3	3	3
Number of laws simplified			1	1	2
Output: 02 Revision of laws					
Number of laws revised			356	50	50
Output: 03 Publication and translation of laws					
No. of publications			4	4	4
Constitution translated into local languages			2	4	4
Number of study reports printed			2	2	2
Number of languages into which the laws are translated			5	2	2
Programme :	25 General administration, planning, policy and support services				
Programme Objective :	To coordinate and ensure efficient operation of the Commission.				
Responsible Officer:	Lucas Omara Abong				
Programme Outcome:	Effective policy and coordination				
Sector Outcomes contributed to by the Programme Outcome					
1. Commercial justice and the environment for competitiveness strengthened					
Outcome Indicators	Performance Targets				
			2019/20	2020/21	2021/22

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	Baseline	Base year	Target	Projection	Projection
• Improved performance	57%	2017	75%	80%	80%
N/A					

IX. Major Capital Investments And Changes In Resource Allocation

Table 9.1: Major Capital Investment (Capital Purchases outputs over 0.5Billion)

N/A

X. Vote Challenges and Plans To Improve Performance

Vote Challenges

1. Uncoordinated law reform processes and initiatives: Whereas the mandate of the Commission is to reform and update the laws of Uganda, this is not an exclusive mandate. Other government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) also do initiate law reform in one form or another. Indeed, the involvement of various players in the law reform process is welcome because it is the government MDAs that implement the law and are well placed to make proposals for amendments and reform. However, it is important to coordinate law reform initiatives in order to ensure consistency, engender them, avoid duplicity and save on time and resources.

2. Delay in enacting the Law Revision Bill:- Whereas the preparation of the draft revised 7th edition of the laws of Uganda is in its final stages, a law authorizing revision of laws is required in order to give powers to the Commission to publish the revised laws.

Plans to improve Vote Performance

The Commission plans to undertake the following in order to improve its performance;

1. Strengthen the monitoring and evaluation component
2. Enhance staff skills leading to efficiency in the Commission operations
3. Increasing stakeholder involvement for efficient enactment of laws

XI Off Budget Support

Table 11.1 Off-Budget Support by Sub-Programme

N/A

XII. Vote Cross Cutting Policy And Other Budgetary Issues

Table 12.1: Cross- Cutting Policy Issues

Issue Type: Gender

Objective :	To reform and revise laws that promote gender equality in Uganda
Issue of Concern :	Corruption and property sharing in cohabitation relationships
Planned Interventions :	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct a study on cohabitation 2. Conduct a study on recovery of proceeds of crime 3. Translate the constitution into local languages
Budget Allocation (Billion) :	0.200
Performance Indicators:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of studies completed (2) 2. Number of languages translated to (2)

XIII. Personnel Information

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Table 13.1 Staff Establishment Analysis

Title	Salary Scale	Number Of Approved Positions	Number Of Filled Positions
SECRETARY/ ACCOUNTING OFFICER	LR1A	1	1
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER-LAW REVISION	LR1C	1	0
PRINCIPAL PERSONAL SECRETARY	LR2B	2	1
SENIOR PERSONNEL OFFICER	LR3	1	1
SENIOR PERSONAL SECRETARY	LR3B	1	0
SENIOR ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT	LR5	3	2

Table 13.2 Staff Recruitment Plan

Post Title	Salary Scale	No. Of Approved Posts	No Of Filled Posts	Vacant Posts	No. of Posts Cleared for Filling FY2019/20
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER-LAW REVISION	LR1C	1	0	1	1
PRINCIPAL PERSONAL SECRETARY	LR2B	2	1	1	1
SECRETARY/ ACCOUNTING OFFICER	LR1A	1	1	0	0
SENIOR ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT	LR5	3	2	1	1
SENIOR PERSONAL SECRETARY	LR3B	1	0	1	1
SENIOR PERSONNEL OFFICER	LR3	1	1	0	0
Total		9	5	4	4

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Gross Salary Per Month (UGX)	Total Annual Salary (UGX)
9,235,050	110,820,600
6,624,000	79,488,000
0	0
3,810,000	45,720,000
5,175,000	62,100,000
0	0
24,844,050	298,128,600