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V1: Vote Overview

I. Vote Mission Statement

To promote and protect Uganda's interests in Saudi Arabia and other countries and organisations of accreditation.

II. Strategic Objective

- To promote peace and security between Saudi Arabia and OIC Member States.
- To promote and protect the image of our Country.
- To promote tourism, trade and investment in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States.
- To lobby Saudi Arabia and other countries of accreditation for Technological transfer.
- To promote at least USD 2m worth of Uganda exports to Saudi Arabia and OIC countries annually.
- To provide consular services to Ugandans and Foreign diplomats including pilgrims of the Two Holy places (Madinah and Makkah).
- To engage Uganda diaspora in Saudi Arabia to actively contribute to the Government at home (i.e. through remittances, direct investments, partnership, skills, etc.
- To identify and facilitate acquisition, development and maintenance of at least one Government property in Riyadh.

III. Major Achievements in 2019/20

- The Embassy successfully vetted and accredited 25 Saudi Recruitment Agencies to recruit labour from Uganda. Each of these companies is partnering with 3 recruitment companies in Uganda to supply labour to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- The Embassy coordinated the process that led to more than USD 1.1 million in recruitment fees collected from accredited Saudi recruitment agencies for the migrant workers deployed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- 300 Saudi Arabian businessmen in the field of labour facilitated to visit Uganda and partner with Ugandan companies
- The Embassy successfully operationalized the Office of the Honorary Consul of Uganda in Jeddah, Mr. Abdallah AlJoudi on 16th October 2019. The main objective of the Honorary Consul is to identify market for Ugandan agricultural products such as coffee, tea and passion fruit in the Makkah region
- The Embassy secured commitment from Council of Chambers in Saudi Arabia to support the idea of a business to business matching program between Uganda and Saudi Arabia.
- The Embassy identified the new technologies in the Agriculture Sector that can be transferred to Uganda at the 38th International Agricultural, Aquaculture and Agro-Industry Show from 21st to 24th October 2019 held in Riyadh.
- The Embassy attended the Saudi Food and Drug Authority Annual Conference and exhibition from 30th September to 2nd October 2019 in Riyadh to learn of the policies in place by government on import and export of Agricultural products from Uganda.
- The Embassy encouraged 300 business persons and tourists from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia especially those involved in the externalization of labour industry, to visit Uganda.
- The Embassy secured commitment from 6 tour operators and exhibition organisers through sharing pertinent information on Uganda's tourism potential at the International Tourism Expo and Conference from 27th to 29th January 2020 in Riyadh.
- The Embassy secured commitment for bilateral framework agreements with the Sultanate of Oman on cooperation in the field of labour Externalization and a draft document shared with the authorities on 5th December 2019.
- Commitment secured from the Kingdom of Bahrain to conclude an MoU between the two Ministries of Foreign Affairs, agreements on establishment of a Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation and Exemption of Visa requirements for diplomatic, Special and / Service passport holders. Drafts have been communicated for Uganda's consideration.
- The Embassy secured commitment from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to settle Uganda's arrears accumulated at the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in a meeting of the Permanent Finance Committee from 27th to 29th January 2020 in Jeddah.
- The Embassy coordinated all processes that led to the halt of externalization of domestic workers from Uganda to the

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Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Hon. Janat B. Mukwaya, the Minister of Gender, Labour and Social Development met with her counterpart in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on September 2019.

- The Association of Ugandans living and working in Oman and Bahrain established with guidance from the Embassy but under the auspices of the host countries of accreditation. Currently the Association of Ugandans in Oman has 150 members, the one in Bahrain has 904 members and the one in Kuwait has 80 members. These associations enable us communicate and sensitize the diaspora regularly.
- The Embassy organized and hosted a meeting with members of the Ugandan Community living and working in the city of Muscat, Oman on 13th January 2020. The event was attended by more than 40 Ugandans and a wide range of issues affecting the community were discussed.
- Uganda and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia agreed to exchange Defence Attachés to promote cooperation in the field of defence and security and as such the first Defence Attaché of the Republic of Uganda to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Brigadier General Michael Ondoga, reported for duty in September 2019.
- The Embassy aided repatriation of 329 Ugandans under distress
- The Embassy issued 328 Emergence Travel Documents
- The Embassy handled 612 cases of migrant workers.
- The Embassy provided shelter and other basic needs for 60 distressed Ugandans
- The Embassy provided support to 900 pilgrims during the Hajji and Umrah Period.
- The Embassy has aided repatriation of 18 dead bodies.
- The Embassy has visited 83 prisoners and deportees and has provided them with necessary paper work to facilitate their eventual deportation
- The Embassy collected USD 1,933 as NTR

IV. Medium Term Plans

1. 4 Frameworks initiated on labour affairs and economic cooperation with countries of accreditation.
2. 10 Meetings to be attended at the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to promote the interests of Uganda
3. 10,000 jobs secured for Ugandans in countries of accreditation
4. 500 visas issued to foreigners travelling to Uganda
5. 2,000 distressed Ugandans assisted and repatriated from countries of accreditation
6. 1,000 pilgrims received and handled during the Hajji season
7. Secure market worth 1m USD for Ugandan Coffee, fruits and vegetables
8. Attract Foreign Direct Investment to Uganda
9. 100 scholarships secured for Ugandans in countries of accreditation

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V. Summary of Past Performance and Medium Term Budget Allocations

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

	2018/19 Outturn	2019/20		2020/21	MTEF Budget Projections			
		Approved Budget	Expenditure by End Dec		2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Recurrent								
Wage	0.699	0.704	0.298	0.719	0.719	0.719	0.719	0.719
Non Wage	2.844	2.928	1.404	2.928	2.928	2.928	2.928	2.928
Devt.								
GoU	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Ext. Fin.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
GoU Total	3.543	3.632	1.702	3.647	3.647	3.647	3.647	3.647
Total GoU+Ext Fin (MTEF)	3.543	3.632	1.702	3.647	3.647	3.647	3.647	3.647
Arrears	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Budget	3.543	3.632	1.702	3.647	3.647	3.647	3.647	3.647
A.I.A Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grand Total	3.543	3.632	1.702	3.647	3.647	3.647	3.647	3.647
Total Vote Budget Excluding Arrears	3.543	3.632	1.702	3.647	3.647	3.647	3.647	3.647

VI. Budget By Economic Classification

Table V6.1 2019/20 and 2020/21 Budget Allocations by Item

<i>Billion Uganda Shillings</i>	2019/20 Approved Budget				2020/21 Draft Estimates		
	GoU	Ext. Fin	AIA	Total	GoU	Ext. Fin	Total
Output Class : Outputs Provided	3.632	0.000	0.000	3.632	3.647	0.000	3.647
211 Wages and Salaries	1.878	0.000	0.000	1.878	1.884	0.000	1.884
212 Social Contributions	0.075	0.000	0.000	0.075	0.000	0.000	0.000
213 Other Employee Costs	0.165	0.000	0.000	0.165	0.165	0.000	0.165
221 General Expenses	0.060	0.000	0.000	0.060	0.065	0.000	0.065
222 Communications	0.084	0.000	0.000	0.084	0.083	0.000	0.083
223 Utility and Property Expenses	1.003	0.000	0.000	1.003	1.027	0.000	1.027
226 Insurances and Licenses	0.016	0.000	0.000	0.016	0.016	0.000	0.016
227 Travel and Transport	0.294	0.000	0.000	0.294	0.349	0.000	0.349
228 Maintenance	0.058	0.000	0.000	0.058	0.058	0.000	0.058
Grand Total :	3.632	0.000	0.000	3.632	3.647	0.000	3.647
Total excluding Arrears	3.632	0.000	0.000	3.632	3.647	0.000	3.647

VII. Budget By Programme And Subprogramme

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

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<i>Billion Uganda shillings</i>	FY 2018/19 Outturn	FY 2019/20		2020-21 Proposed Budget	Medium Term Projections			
		Approved Budget	Spent By End Dec		2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
52 Overseas Mission Services	3.543	3.632	1.702	3.647	3.647	3.647	3.647	3.647
01 Headquarters Riyadh	3.543	3.632	1.702	3.647	3.647	3.647	3.647	3.647
Total for the Vote	3.543	3.632	1.702	3.647	3.647	3.647	3.647	3.647
Total Excluding Arrears	3.543	3.632	1.702	3.647	3.647	3.647	3.647	3.647

VIII. Programme Performance and Medium Term Plans

Table V8.1: Programme Outcome and Outcome Indicators (Only applicable for FY 2020/21)

Programme :	52 Overseas Mission Services				
Programme Objective :	<p>To promote regional and international peace and security among OIC Member States.</p> <p>To promote economic and commercial diplomacy.</p> <p>To mobilize the diaspora for National Development.</p> <p>To promote and protect the interests of Uganda.</p> <p>To promote Uganda's tourism, trade and investment potential within the Gulf States.</p> <p>To offer consular services to Ugandans and nationals in the countries of accreditation.</p> <p>To lobby for scientific and research development exchange between Uganda and other Gulf countries.</p> <p>To promote and streamline labour externalization.</p> <p>To promote public diplomacy and enhancing the Uganda's image.</p>				
Responsible Officer:	Mr. Ivan Kakama				
Programme Outcome:	Enhanced national security development, the country's image abroad and wellbeing of Ugandans				
<i>Sector Outcomes contributed to by the Programme Outcome</i>					
1. Improved regional and International Relations					
Outcome Indicators	Performance Targets				
			2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
	Baseline	Base year	Target	Projection	Projection

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• Number of cooperation frameworks negotiated and concluded	1	2019	4	4	4
• Percentage change of foreign exchange inflows	90%	2019	90%	90%	90%
• Rating of Uganda's image abroad	Good	2019	Good	Good	Good
SubProgramme: 01 Headquarters Riyadh					
Output: 01 Cooperation frameworks					
No. of Multilateral cooperation frameworks negotiated or signed			3	3	3
No. of Bilateral cooperation frameworks negotiated or signed.			3	3	3
Output: 02 Consular services					
No. of official visits facilitated			10	10	10
Number of Visas issued to foreigners travelling to Uganda.			500	500	500
Output: 04 Promotion of trade, tourism, education, and investment					
No. of foreign Tourism promotion engagements.			5	5	5
No. of scholarships secured.			100	100	100
No. of export markets accessed.			3	3	3

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

Under funding
 Issues of distressed migrant workers
 Several unplanned but very important activities in the middle of budget implementation
 High rent costs
 Under staffing

Plans to improve Vote Performance

Recruitment of new employees at the mission
 Purchase of land to construct Embassy offices
 Buying more assets for the embassy (Furniture, Computers, Motor vehicles etc)
 Having more people from Uganda to come to Saudi Arabia as migrant workers
 Having more imports from Uganda to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Yemen and Jordan

XI Off Budget Support

Table 11.1 Off-Budget Support by Sub-Programme

N/A

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XII. Vote Cross Cutting Policy And Other Budgetary Issues

Table 12.1: Cross- Cutting Policy Issues

Issue Type: **HIV/AIDS**

Objective :	Creating more awareness about HIV/AIDS in our countries of accreditation
Issue of Concern :	There is less awareness about HIV/AIDS
Planned Interventions :	Create more awareness about the dangers of HIV/AIDS
Budget Allocation (Billion) :	0.020
Performance Indicators:	The embassy will participate in 1 AIDS awareness camp

Issue Type: **Gender**

Objective :	Employing more women at the embassy
Issue of Concern :	Few women are employed at the embassy as skilled labour The girls are being mistreated by their employers and also their travel documents are confiscated
Planned Interventions :	In the next recruitment plan, women will be our major priority Renting a bigger space for the shelter for our Ugandan runaway maids
Budget Allocation (Billion) :	0.030
Performance Indicators:	Plan to employ 3 skilled women to work at the embassy to boost our capacity 12 trainings/ workshops for the Saudi recruitment agencies on how to treat our nationals

XIII. Personnel Information

Table 13.1 Staff Establishment Analysis

N/A

Table 13.2 Staff Recruitment Plan

N/A