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## V1: Vote Overview

### I. Vote Mission Statement

The Mission of the Permanent Mission is to represent Uganda and effectively participate in the work of Geneva based International Organizations such as the UNO, WTO, UNCTAD, ITC, ILO, WIPO, WMO, OHCHR and UNCHR, WHO, ITU; to promote Uganda as a major tourist and profitable destination for Swiss tourists and Foreign Direct Investment respectively; to enhance the value, volume and diversity of Uganda's exports to the international market; and to mobilize financial and other resources from Switzerland to Uganda.

### II. Strategic Objective

To promote and Protect Uganda's Interests in Switzerland and represent Uganda and effectively participate in the work of Geneva based International Organisations.

### III. Major Achievements in 2020/21

1. Defended human rights record of Uganda at the 46th Session of the HRC that took place in the aftermath of Uganda's national elections as well as against UNAIDS report Rights in a pandemic accusing the government's Covid-19 Public Health Measures accusing government of violating human rights in the due course including inaccessibility to medicine for people living with HIV AIDS, pregnant mothers, sick and apparent discriminative arrests of LGTBI respectively.
2. Jointly collaborated with Austria, Honduras and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to host an intersessional seminar on Internal Displacement and launched a stocktaking report on the Implementation of the Plan of Action for Advancing Prevention, Protection and Solutions for Internally Displaced Persons 2018-2020. Uganda shared lessons learnt in this regard
3. Participated in the UNHCR High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges which made recommendations to UNHCR to strengthen protection mechanisms across the world. Uganda was particularly, commended for opening asylum space during the pandemic to Congolese asylum seekers.
4. Jointly cosponsored with Norway and UNHCR the clean energy challenge in refugee camps, and specifically, called for the inclusion of clean energy in the humanitarian programme budgets to promote local response to clean energy thus mitigating on deforestation and its associated effects on the climate.
5. Coordinated the visit of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to Uganda in March 2021, creating international awareness and support for the plight of refugees.
6. Joined ranks with Africa group position in negotiations to advance: Development of WHO Equitable Framework to ensure that all countries have equitable access, and provides a safeguard formula for distribution of Covid-19 vaccine once developed; Call for broad based reflection in the top structure of the IOM; Implementation of the Human Rights Council Resolution A/HRC/43/1 on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms of Africans and the people of African descent against excessive use of force and other human rights violations by law enforcement officers.
7. Successfully lobbied for UNCTAD capacity building project on Promoting Refugee and Migrant Entrepreneurship in East Africa, the Andean region and the Middle East. The objective of the project is to strengthen the capacity of the government to formulate and implement policies and measures to leverage entrepreneurship for addressing issues of migration with an ultimate goal of fostering socio-economic integration and cohesion in line with 2030 Agenda.
8. Participated in the selection process of the WTO DG that witnessed the appointment of the first African Woman, Dr Ngozi from Nigeria.
9. Effective representation of Uganda and Africa in key organisations namely, Deputy Member of the ILO Governing Body as well as Vice Chair, WIPO Coordination Committee for the Biennium 2020/2021.
10. Promoted Uganda candidatures that included; Uganda's election as a member, representing Africa on the Technical Working Group on the democratisation of the ILO; Facilitated the nomination and extension of term of office of Ms Beatrice Florence to the Bureau of the Working Party of UNECE; strategizing Uganda's election and subsequent elevation from Deputy to Regular member of the Governing Body of the ILO at the forthcoming elections in June 2021; Judge Dr Julia Sebutinde for re-election at the ICJ under a reciprocal arrangement for Switzerland's bid for non- permanent seat at the UNSC (2022-2024).
11. Capacity building of staff by facilitating three officers to undertake French language course to improve on their effectiveness and efficiency.
12. UNCTAD has continued extending technical assistance to Uganda in the area of Debt Management and Financial System Program thus supporting the latter to build capacity on national debt management.
13. Secured a 10 month's fully funded French-Irish Mission Internship Program for one capital based government official effective March 2021. This program is meant to build the capacity of officials from various government MDA's in the work of the WTO.
14. Secured 2 undergraduate/graduate scholarships from Azerbaijan under the educational grant program for citizens of Member

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States of the OIC and 4 capacity building Opportunities (two from WTO, one from WIPO and one from UNECE).

### Promotion of Trade, Investment and Tourism

15. Hosted a virtual desk at the Africa Business Day with the support of the Uganda Investment Authority, showcasing Uganda's investment and tourism potential. The event among others brought together 30 participating countries; 9 Swiss Ambassadors accredited to various African countries; and 7 African Ambassadors accredited to Switzerland. Uganda's virtual desk received 12 profile views, 18 chats with clients, 11 products and video views; and Brochures were downloaded 34 times. The permanent Mission is following up on three prospective investors in energy solutions, solar energy and housing that showed interest in investing in Uganda.

16. Participated in finalisation of the Group 77+China negotiating text for the upcoming UNCTAD 15 conference, later in the year. Critical issues advanced by the Group under the three major pillars of consensus building; research and analysis and technical assistance include sovereign debt management and restructuring; promoting of multilateral economic and trading System; structural transformation; plugging illicit financial flows to boost domestic resource mobilisation; new aid architecture; digital divide.

17. Following up with UNCTAD on the establishment of carbonized briquette technology in conjunction with Uganda Industrial Research Institute, under the UN Development Account disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

18. Joined consensus to support South Africa and India's joint proposal entitled "Waiver from certain provisions of the TRIPS Agreement for the Prevention, Containment and Treatment of Covid-19" submitted to the TRIPS Council. The idea behind is to ensure that IP rights do not impede access to diagnostics, medicines, vaccines and other medical technologies needed to contain COVID-19.

19. Participated in the Council for TRIPS and defended the LDC proposal on the implementation of Article 66.2 of the TRIPS Agreement aimed at the effective realization of technology transfer to LDCs like Uganda; and extension of the transition period with maximum flexibility under the TRIPS Article 66.1 to allow time to build a sound and viable technological base thus avoiding retaliation for non-compliance with the TRIPS obligations to provide intellectual property protection.

20. Remained engaged in negotiations for an extension of the TRIPS Transitional Period for pharmaceutical products until graduation with flexibilities upon graduation. Uganda and CIPLA pharmaceuticals producing antiretroviral drugs for the over 1.4m people living with HIV/AIDS directly benefit from this extension.

21. Continued engagement in market access negotiations at the WTO including: advocating in the Council for Trade in Services for stock-take benefits for the LDCs services waiver which offers services and service providers from LDCs preferential treatment in markets of WTO members that have notified preferences in specific sectors; negotiations for a permanent solution on Public Stockholding for Food Security that favour Uganda to enable us have recourse on using the food security provision should need arise; duty-free and quota free (DFQF) market access to products originating in LDCs like Uganda to ensure that products of export interest to Uganda are included and guard against preference erosion, technical assistance to build capacity of the cotton sector to be benefit from multilateral cotton trade; TBT Agreement to enable Ugandan exporters gain and maintain access to intentional markets.

22. Organised a webinar on Covid-19 measures and services trade in the capacity of focal point on services for the WTO LDC Consultative Group, generating insights into the state of play, challenges, solutions and opportunities occasioned by Covid-19. It underlined the relevance of digitalisation on the road to recovery.

23. Uganda in her capacity as the focal point on services for the WTO LDC Consultative Group, organised a webinar on Covid-19 measures and services trade generating insights into the state of play, challenges, solutions and opportunities occasioned by Covid-19.

24. Completed the structural modifications of the Chancery premises including beefing up of security measures through the installation of security door between the arrival area and offices; fireproof; private lavatories; expansion of the waiting lounge and new front desk with mounted protective glass owing to the prevailing covid-19 pandemic. The work environment has become more conducive and security as well as Uganda's image at large is enhanced.

### Provision of Consular services, and matters handled

25. Successfully repatriated the remains of Late Permanent Representative of Uganda to Geneva on 8 July 2020 following his demise on 10th June 2020.

26. Facilitated the return home of 16 Ugandans and 2 legal residents stranded in transit following the outbreak of the pandemic and subsequent closure of Entebbe Airport.

27. Attended the National Days of Switzerland, Ukraine, Brazil, Mexico.

28. Issued 19 visas composed 10 Multiple entry visas amounting to 1200 CHF; legalised 22 documents amounting 880CHF; and facilitated renewal of 7 passports.

29. Successfully attended to consular inquiries from 82M and 73F regarding procedures for passport renewal, and new travel restrictions resulting from the pandemic outbreak.

30. 86 Ugandans in total had formally complied with procedures of registering with the Permanent Mission in Switzerland; Conducted meet and greet diaspora mobilisation visits to Zurich, Solothurn, Riehen and Basel Cantons.

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## IV. Medium Term Plans

- I. Ensure compliance of international treaties and obligations
- II. Strengthening of international peace and security.
- III. Promotion of Exports.
- IV. Promotion of Inward Direct Investments (FDI).
- V. Attraction of tourists.
- VI. Promotion of technology transfer.
- VII. Promoting and defending Uganda's image Abroad.
- VIII. Promote placement of Uganda's Candidatures and positions in Geneva.
- IX. Providing of diplomatic and protocol services.
- X. Providing consular services to all Ugandans and other nationals
- XI. Enhancing the contribution of the diaspora in national development
- XII. Strengthening of Institutional Capacity

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## V. Snapshot Of Medium Term Budget Allocations

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

		2019/20 Outturn	2020/21		2021/22	MTEF Budget Projections			
			Approved Budget	Expenditure by End Dec		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
<b>Recurrent</b>	Wage	1.460	1.450	0.675	1.631	1.450	1.450	1.450	1.450
	Non Wage	6.205	5.790	2.375	5.790	5.972	5.972	5.972	5.972
<b>Devt.</b>	GoU	0.285	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
<b>GoU Total</b>		<b>7.949</b>	<b>7.240</b>	<b>3.050</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>7.422</b>
<b>Total GoU+Ext Fin (MTEF)</b>		<b>7.949</b>	<b>7.240</b>	<b>3.050</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>7.422</b>
Arrears		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.238	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>Total Budget</b>		<b>7.949</b>	<b>7.240</b>	<b>3.050</b>	<b>7.660</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>7.422</b>
<b>A.I.A Total</b>		<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>7.949</b>	<b>7.240</b>	<b>3.050</b>	<b>7.660</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>7.422</b>
<b>Total Vote Budget Excluding Arrears</b>		<b>7.949</b>	<b>7.240</b>	<b>3.050</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>7.422</b>

Table 5.2: Budget Allocation by Programme (US\$ Billion)

<i>Billion Uganda Shillings</i>	2021/22 Draft Estimates		
	GoU	Ext. Fin	Total
Governance and Security	7.422	0.000	7.422
<b>Grand Total :</b>	<b>7.660</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>7.660</b>
<b>Total excluding Arrears</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>7.422</b>

## VI. Budget By Economic Classification

Table V6.1 2020/21 and 2021/22 Budget Allocations by Item

<i>Billion Uganda Shillings</i>	2020/21 Approved Budget				2021/22 Draft Estimates		
	GoU	Ext. Fin	AIA	Total	GoU	Ext. Fin	Total
<b>Output Class : Outputs Provided</b>	<b>7.240</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>7.240</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>7.422</b>
211 Wages and Salaries	3.495	0.000	0.000	3.495	3.416	0.000	3.416
213 Other Employee Costs	0.457	0.000	0.000	0.457	0.613	0.000	0.613
221 General Expenses	0.313	0.000	0.000	0.313	0.196	0.000	0.196
222 Communications	0.103	0.000	0.000	0.103	0.148	0.000	0.148
223 Utility and Property Expenses	2.181	0.000	0.000	2.181	2.544	0.000	2.544
226 Insurances and Licenses	0.041	0.000	0.000	0.041	0.041	0.000	0.041
227 Travel and Transport	0.575	0.000	0.000	0.575	0.413	0.000	0.413

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228 Maintenance	0.075	0.000	0.000	0.075	0.051	0.000	0.051
<b>Output Class : Arrears</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.238</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.238</b>
321 DOMESTIC	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.238	0.000	0.238
<b>Grand Total :</b>	<b>7.240</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>7.240</b>	<b>7.660</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>7.660</b>
<b>Total excluding Arrears</b>	<b>7.240</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>7.240</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>7.422</b>

## VII. Budget By Sub-Subprogramme , Department And Project

Table V7.1: Past Expenditure Outturns and Medium Term Projections by Sub-SubProgramme,Department and Project

Billion Uganda shillings	FY 2019/20 Outturn	FY 2020/21		2021-22 Proposed Budget	Medium Term Projections			
		Approved Budget	Spent By End Dec		2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
<b>52 Overseas Mission Services</b>	<b>7.949</b>	<b>7.240</b>	<b>3.050</b>	<b>7.660</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>7.422</b>
01 Headquarters Geneva	7.664	7.240	3.050	7.660	7.422	7.422	7.422	7.422
0973 Strengthening Mission in Geneva	0.285	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>Total for the Vote</b>	<b>7.949</b>	<b>7.240</b>	<b>3.050</b>	<b>7.660</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>7.422</b>
<b>Total Excluding Arrears</b>	<b>7.949</b>	<b>7.240</b>	<b>3.050</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>7.422</b>	<b>7.422</b>

## VIII. Sub-SubProgramme Performance and Medium Term Plans

Table V8.1: Sub-SubProgramme Outcome and Outcome Indicators

<b>Sub-SubProgramme :</b> 52 Overseas Mission Services					
<b>Objective :</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promotion and strengthen of diplomatic relations with Switzerland, United Nations and International Organisations,</li> <li>Promotion of Regional and International Peace and Security.</li> <li>Promotion of Economic and Commercial Diplomacy (Attraction of Investment, Trade, Tourism and Technology transfer)</li> <li>Engagement of the Diaspora for Development</li> <li>Promotion of International Law and Human Rights</li> <li>Mobilization of resources for Development, Institutional Capacity building</li> <li>Provide diplomatic, protocol and consular services to both Ugandans and foreigners.</li> <li>Mobilize and empower Uganda's Diaspora for national Development.</li> <li>Strengthen institutional Capacity of the Mission.</li> </ol>				
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Accounting Officer; Mr. Mwanika Brian Phenox				
<b>Outcome:</b>	Enhanced national security development, the country's image abroad and wellbeing of Ugandans				
<b>1. Improved regional and International Relations</b>					
Outcome Indicators	Performance Targets				
			2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
	Baseline	Base year	Target	Projection	Projection
• Number of cooperation frameworks negotiated, and concluded	200	2019	200	220	242
• Rating of Uganda's image abroad	50%	2019	55%	60%	70%

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• Percentage change of foreign exchange inflows	1540	2019	25%	30%	35%
<b>Department: 01 Headquarters Geneva</b>					
<b>Budget Output: 01 Cooperation frameworks</b>					
No. of Multilateral cooperation frameworks negotiated or signed			100	110	121
No. of Bilateral cooperation frameworks negotiated or signed.			100	110	121
<b>Budget Output: 02 Consulars services</b>					
No. of official visits facilitated			25	30	35
Number of Visas issued to foreigners travelling to Uganda.			1,500	1,500	1,500
<b>Budget Output: 04 Promotion of trade, tourism, education, and investment</b>					
No. of foreign Tourism promotion engagements.			25	25	25
No. of scholarships secured.			10	10	10
No. of export markets accessed.			15	15	15

## 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. Covid-19 pandemic disruptions to activities such as UNCTAD under its project (1617K) on promoting cotton by-products in conjunction with URI and CDA could not complete the development of carbonized briquette technology i.e. value addition to the cotton stalks by close of the project on 31st December 2020.
2. Low staffing levels currently standing at 1+6 visa vis area of coverage. The Mission is accredited to the UN office and other International Organisations based in Geneva and Switzerland on a bilateral level. In a snap shot the coverage involves 33 International Organisations, of which 23 are Intergovernmental organisations and 8 UN agencies. Additionally, the Mission covers 250 Non-Governmental Organisations headquartered in Geneva as well as responsible for the Bilateral relations with Switzerland. An addition of two staff would be a good boost to enhance Mission effectiveness.
3. High costs of living compared to the non-competitive remuneration rates in form of salaries. This has been manifested by the Canton of Geneva announcing in November 2021, a new minimum hourly wage of CHF23 to mitigate the high costs.
4. Arrears in payment of assessed contribution fees to South Centre and WTO resulting in Uganda being placed under administrative measures including loosing of voting rights and shaming. This is negative publicity for the country's image.

### Plans to improve Vote Performance

1. Continue to mobilize more Ugandans in Switzerland to Increase the investments in Uganda.
2. Engage Ministry of Finance, Planning and economic development on allocation of funds for operational purposes that we can use for purpose of commercial diplomacy and enhance the security of the mission and to be able carryout other activities.

## XI Off Budget Support

**Table 11.1 Off-Budget Support by Project**

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

<b>Objective :</b>	To implement the HIV/AIDS policy at the work place.
<b>Issue of Concern :</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Address issues of HIV/AIDS at workplace and beyond</li> <li>• Promote Human Rights.</li> <li>• Conduct HIV/AIDS sensitization workshops/ health camps for staff</li> </ul>
<b>Planned Interventions :</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adopt HIV&amp;AIDS workplace Policy</li> <li>• Empower the staff access treatment for the affected, family planning activities, protective gear, counseling sessions, and other HIV/AIDS based initiatives</li> </ul>
<b>Budget Allocation (Billion) :</b>	0.020
<b>Performance Indicators:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Percentage of the Home based Staff facilitated to live with or access their spouses and children wherever they are.</li> <li>2. Percentage of the staff facilitated to access treatment, counseling sessions, and other HIV/AIDS based initiatives.</li> </ol>

**Issue Type:** Gender

<b>Objective :</b>	Put into consideration the gender issues in all the programs and activities of the Mission (Embassy).
<b>Issue of Concern :</b>	Integrate Gender equity and equality at workplace
<b>Planned Interventions :</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participating in negotiations formulating of labor standards for gender, equity and non-discrimination.</li> <li>• Mobilize resources towards support of the youth, disabled and children and women.</li> </ul>
<b>Budget Allocation (Billion) :</b>	0.150
<b>Performance Indicators:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Amount of Resources mobilized towards support of the youth, disabled and children and women.</li> <li>2 Four (4) workshops on gender issues organized</li> </ol>

**Issue Type:** Environment

<b>Objective :</b>	To put into consideration environment issues on the Embassy planned activities.
<b>Issue of Concern :</b>	Address issues of Environment and climate change
<b>Planned Interventions :</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage development partners for support towards issues of Environment and climate change</li> <li>• Avail well designated facilities for proper waste disposal</li> </ul>
<b>Budget Allocation (Billion) :</b>	0.100
<b>Performance Indicators:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 A safe, Secure and working environment maintained.</li> <li>2 Number of engagements with Development partners for support towards issues of Environment and climate change undertaken</li> </ol>

## XIII. Personnel Information

Table 13.1 Staff Establishment Analysis

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N/A

## Table 13.2 Staff Recruitment Plan

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