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V1: Vote Overview

I. Vote Mission Statement

To Promote and Protect Uganda's national interests in the Russian Federation, Belarus, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Moldova and Georgia by providing timely, gender responsive, equal and reliable services to all through professional and motivated staff.

II. Strategic Objective

- a. To promote Economic/ Commercial Diplomacy
- b. To provide diplomatic, protocol and consular services
- c. To mobilize Ugandans in the Diaspora for development
- d. To promote public diplomacy including enhancement of Uganda's image abroad
- e. To strengthen institutional capacity of the Mission

III. Major Achievements in 2020/21

As at MPS, FY 2021/22, the Mission registered the following outputs:

1. Head of Mission met his counterparts from the Embassies of Georgia, Ukraine, Moldova, Mongolia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Officials from the Department of Africa at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation to seek for support for the reelection of judge Dr Julia Ssebutinde to the International Court of Justice which is slated to take place during the 75th Session of the Un General Assembly in New York in November 2020. They all reassured Uganda of their support.
2. The Head of Mission attended/held eight (08) meetings with various Government officials aimed at establishing, strengthening and promoting Business and Bilateral cooperation between Uganda and the Countries of accreditation. These included;-
 - i. The meeting with the leadership of Russia's ruling party on the Russia-Africa Inter-party conference slated for March 2021. The meeting was chaired by the Deputy Secretary General of the Party, Senator Krimov Andrei and it was agreed that all major parties represented in national parliaments will be free to express their interest to participate in the conference and could even contribute to the Agenda.
 - ii. Meeting with Chairman of the Cooperation Committee for Economic Cooperation with African countries and a member of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation from the Ryazan Region. Resultantly, a press conference was held with representatives of the businesses to inform them about trade and investment opportunities in Uganda.
 - iii. Engagement with the Governor of Ryazan Region to strengthen bilateral cooperation especially in trade, investment, tourism and technological transfer. The Governor pledged to offer all the necessary support to establish business relations between Ryazan and Uganda.
 - iv. The meeting with Ministry of Foreign Affairs officials of the Russian Federation and the Governor of Kuzbass City Mr. Kermavol to establish business cooperation between Kuzbass and Uganda.
 - v. A meeting with Mr. Vladimir Kazimirov, Director for Interregional Cooperation (Roscongress) to discuss strategies of promoting trade and investment between Uganda and Russia.
 - vi. Meeting with the Head of the Department Scientific and Technological Projects at Mendeleev University of Chemical Technology and Mr Gornov Mikhail to follow up on to a response from Makerere University, their Ugandan partners in a joint Project which had stalled. The project is a result of the Protocol and MoU signed between Ministry of Science and Higher Education of Russia and Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), Uganda.
 - vii. Meeting the Minister of Sports of the Russian Federation Mr. Oleg Matytsin together with the Special Representative of the President of Russian Federation to the Middle East and Africa and the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Mikhail

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Bogdanov at the Ministry of Sports Headquarters. The intention of the meeting was to discuss the reinvigoration of cooperation in the area of Sports between Uganda and Russia in areas like University Exchange Programs, Special University competitions in various sports, training Ugandans in various sports and Physical Education, exchange of specialists in the area of anti-doping among others. It was agreed that the Ministers of sport of both countries will meet at the sidelines of the 7th Session of the UNESCO convention which will take place in Dakar February 2021 Zoom meeting with President of Uganda Chamber of Commerce and Industry Mrs. Olive Kigongo and Mr. Dmitry of Roscongress which resulted in the drafting of an MoU between Uganda Chamber of Commerce and industry and Roscongress to promote trade and investment.

viii. Zoom meeting with officials from Kazan University to improve relations with Uganda

ix. Meeting with Senator of Ryazan region Mr. Morozov to strengthen bilateral relations.

3. Secured 15 Russian State scholarships to benefit eligible Uganda students

4. Engaged the CEO of Cavitation Technologies LLC, which is a Potential Russian business company and interested them to invest in Uganda.

5. Met and provided guidance to “Emelyan Savostin” LLC, who wish to introduce their products to the Ugandan market and are keen to get Ugandan partners.

6. O1 draft MoU was initiated between Uganda Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Roscongress of Russia to promote trade and investment

7. Participated in the Agrosalon Expo to seek partnerships with producers of agro-processing machinery. Relevant recommendations were sent to the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF).

8. Participated in the VUZPROMEXPO 2020 (translated as Institutions of Higher learning and Industry partnership EXPO 2020). At this annual scientific exhibition, the Ministry of Science and Higher Education gave a presentation of the Russian Scientific and Education Initiative for African countries, where Uganda was highlighted as the forerunner in this initiative. The Essence of the initiative is to have African countries identify their developmental needs and engage Russian Universities and Industry to conduct research and provide custom-made solutions to accelerate development in African countries. This is part of the follow up actions of the Russia-Africa Sochi Forum.

9. Letters were also written to various organizations offering them an opportunity to exhibit their products in a permanent Exhibition space created at the new Chancery as long as they send samples of the same and to UCDA inviting them for Coffee Tea and Cocoa Russian EXPO 2021.

10. Head of mission attended International Military and Technical forum and had meetings with company representatives.

11. Attended International Army games events in Moscow where Uganda participated.

12. Attended Russia-Africa Conference online aimed at strengthening multilateral relations between Russia and Africa. It was also a -Followed up meeting for the issues discussed during the Russia-Africa Summit which took place in October 2019 in Sochi, Russia.

13. Held an interview with journalist from Russia Today Television in regard to a delegation of Russian businessmen were organizing to visit Uganda in October/ November,2020

14. The Mission issued 23 Visas and encouraged majority of the travelers to obtain visas online.

15. Facilitated a Ugandan, who had lost his passport, with a temporary travel certificate

16. Handled 59 Consular cases including Ugandans in distress, especially during the global COVID-19 outbreak. Other services offered were related to consular visits to Ugandans prison, schools, and hospitals.

17. Maintained an up to date Mission website

18. The Mission developed a new Strategic Plan for FY 2020/21-2024/25 which is aligned to the National Development Plan three (NDP III). The plan was accordingly submitted to National Planning Authority for clearance.

19. Held quarterly Finance Committee Meetings on budget implementation and prioritization.

20. Held regular home based Staff meetings to discuss Mission activities.

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IV. Medium Term Plans

In the Medium Term, the Embassy will continue to; -

1. Strengthen bilateral Relations between Uganda and the countries of accreditation (Russian Federation, Belarus, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Moldova and Georgia.)
2. Promote Economic / Commercial Diplomacy for increased foreign exchange earnings and youth employment.
3. Provide Diplomatic, Protocol and Consular Services to both Ugandans and foreigners.
4. Mobilize and empower Diaspora to Participate in National Development
5. Promote Uganda's image in the Russian Federation, Belarus, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Moldova and Georgia
6. Strengthen Institutional Capacity of the Mission

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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
Recurrent								
Wage	0.582	0.610	0.305	0.610	0.610	0.610	0.610	0.610
Non Wage	3.577	3.996	1.997	3.996	3.996	3.996	3.996	3.996
Devt.								
GoU	0.165	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	4.324	4.606	2.302	4.606	4.606	4.606	4.606	4.606
Total GoU+Ext Fin (MTEF)	4.324	4.606	2.302	4.606	4.606	4.606	4.606	4.606
Arrears	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Budget	4.324	4.606	2.302	4.606	4.606	4.606	4.606	4.606
A.I.A Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grand Total	4.324	4.606	2.302	4.606	4.606	4.606	4.606	4.606
Total Vote Budget Excluding Arrears	4.324	4.606	2.302	4.606	4.606	4.606	4.606	4.606

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

N/A

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
Output Class : Outputs Provided	4.606	0.000	0.000	4.606	4.606	0.000	4.606
211 Wages and Salaries	2.200	0.000	0.000	2.200	2.200	0.000	2.200
213 Other Employee Costs	0.195	0.000	0.000	0.195	0.195	0.000	0.195
221 General Expenses	0.043	0.000	0.000	0.043	0.047	0.000	0.047
222 Communications	0.038	0.000	0.000	0.038	0.038	0.000	0.038
223 Utility and Property Expenses	1.833	0.000	0.000	1.833	1.829	0.000	1.829
225 Professional Services	0.018	0.000	0.000	0.018	0.018	0.000	0.018
226 Insurances and Licenses	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.005	0.005	0.000	0.005
227 Travel and Transport	0.239	0.000	0.000	0.239	0.239	0.000	0.239
228 Maintenance	0.036	0.000	0.000	0.036	0.036	0.000	0.036
Grand Total :	4.606	0.000	0.000	4.606	4.606	0.000	4.606
Total excluding Arrears	4.606	0.000	0.000	4.606	4.606	0.000	4.606

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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
52 Overseas Mission Services	4.324	4.606	2.302	4.606	4.606	4.606	4.606	4.606
01 Headquarters Moscow	4.159	4.606	2.302	4.606	4.606	4.606	4.606	4.606
0928 Strengthening Mission in Russia	0.165	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total for the Vote	4.324	4.606	2.302	4.606	4.606	4.606	4.606	4.606
Total Excluding Arrears	4.324	4.606	2.302	4.606	4.606	4.606	4.606	4.606

VIII. Sub-SubProgramme Performance and Medium Term Plans

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

Sub-SubProgramme : 52 Overseas Mission Services					
Objective : The Mission aims to:					
Promote Commercial/Economic Diplomacy for increased foreign exchange earnings.					
Provide equal Diplomatic, Protocol and Consular Services for all.					
Promote public diplomacy including enhancement of Uganda's image in the countries of accreditation through supporting human rights for all;					
Mobilize Ugandans in the Diaspora for national development.					
Lobby for scholarships and attract technological transfer;					
Strengthen Institutional Capacity of the Mission to ensure gender and equity mainstreaming in Mission activities.					
Responsible Officer: SUSAN OKODI - Accounting Officer					
Outcome: Enhanced national security development, the country's image abroad and well being of Ugandans					
<i>Sector Outcomes contributed to by the Programme Outcome</i>					
1. Improved regional and International Relations					
Outcome Indicators	Performance Targets				
			2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
	Baseline	Base year	Target	Projection	Projection
• Number of cooperation frameworks negotiated and concluded	2	1018	1	2	4
• Rating of Uganda's image abroad	Good	2018	Good	Good	Good
N/A					

IX. Major Capital Investments And Changes In Resource Allocation

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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. The break out of the global COVID-19 Pandemic continues to affected implementation of most of the planned activities.
2. Inadequate funding for the Mission activities.
3. Delayed feedback on information disseminated to MDAs.
4. Uganda products not meeting import standards of the countries of accreditation.
5. Bad weather (Extremely cold) rendering the Mission a hard to reach and live area.

Plans to improve Vote Performance

1. Lobby for more funding for Mission activities
2. Engage relevant stakeholders to improve on the standards of Ugandan products.
3. Engage Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Public Service, and Finance to consider Moscow as a hardship station.
4. Engage regularly with Ministry of Foreign Affairs Headquarters and Relevant MDAs for effective communication and feedback.

XI Off Budget Support

Table 11.1 Off-Budget Support by Project

N/A

XII. Vote Cross Cutting Policy And Other Budgetary Issues

Table 12.1: Cross- Cutting Policy Issues

Issue Type: HIV/AIDS

Objective :	To Implement the HIV/AIDS work place policy
Issue of Concern :	HIV/AIDS Prevention and Management
Planned Interventions :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with relevant stakeholder to organize HIV seminar. • Provide appropriate Medical and psycho-social services to staff • Facilitate Foreign Service Officers for family re union
Budget Allocation (Billion) :	0.004
Performance Indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 01 HIV prevention seminar organized • Appropriate Medical and psycho-social services provided to staff • Foreign Service Officers facilitated for family re union

Issue Type: Gender

Objective :	To put in consideration the gender issues in all the programs and activities of the Embassy
Issue of Concern :	Gender Awareness and consideration
Planned Interventions :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise sensitisation meetings on Gender analysis, planning and budgeting • Maintain Sanitary facilities to accommodate females, males and people with disabilities

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Budget Allocation (Billion) :	0.150
Performance Indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 04 staff sensitization meetings on Gender analysis, planning and budgeting organized • Sanitary facilities maintained to accommodate females, males and people with disabilities
Issue Type:	Environment
Objective :	To put into consideration environment issues in all programs/activities of the Embassy
Issue of Concern :	Clean, safe and secure environment
Planned Interventions :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procure dustbins, cleaning materials and environmentally friendly equipment
Budget Allocation (Billion) :	0.100
Performance Indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A clean, safe and secure environment maintained

XIII. Personnel Information

Table 13.1 Staff Establishment Analysis

N/A

Table 13.2 Staff Recruitment Plan

N/A