

VOTE: 526 Uganda Embassy in Australia, Canberra

I. VOTE MISSION STATEMENT

To Promote and Protect Uganda national interests in Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga, Vanuatu, Samoa, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Kiribati and Tuvalu.

II. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

Promote International Peace and Security

Promote Commercial and Economic Diplomacy

Strengthen the provision of Diplomatic, Protocol and Consular Services to all Ugandans in countries of accreditation

Enhance Diaspora participation in National Development

Promote the image of Uganda in countries of accreditation through Public Diplomacy

Strengthen Institutional Capacity of the Mission

III. MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2025/26

During FY 2025-2026, the Mission:

1. The Mission organised 3 tourism roadshows and three business to business meetings in three major Australian cities. Sydney, Perth, and Melbourne which enhanced awareness of Ugandas tourism offerings within the Australian market.
2. Organised the Uganda-New Zealand Investment Forum in Auckland in November 2025.
3. The Mission Participated in two mining conferences and organised investment mining meetings in Perth and Sydney which attracted 13 mining companies and 5 expressed interests to invest in Uganda mining sector .
4. Attracted an investor to setup a Geotechnical Laboratory as well as explore the mining, processing and export of bentonite.
5. Initiated the Joint Venture between Vortex Light Traps FIG & Textile & composite Industries of Australia to invest in Commercial Agriculture in Uganda; Attracted Agility A.I Growth Systems of Perth to invest in Information & Communications Technology in Uganda;
6. Initiated discussions with Southern Arc Capital of Brisbane to invest in Uganda Mining sector.
7. Uganda Mission in Canberra was awarded a medal of excellence in attending to Ugandan and African Students affairs at the WARESA Oceania Awards, University of Melbourne
8. Participated in Australia Africa universities Network Annual forum where Emerging Leaders in Australia-Africa Diplomacy (ELAAD) program was launched and Uganda gained two scholarships slots
9. The Mission conducted 7 consular clinics in Perth, Wagga Wagga, Ballarat ,Melbourne,Adelaide ,Brisbane & Auckland;
10. Processed 120 passport and 30 dual citizenship applications

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11. 500 online visa application challenges were handled;
12. 250 National I.D registration applications were processed.
13. Registered 6,233 tourist arrivals to Uganda from the oceanic region
14. The Mission Coordinated 3 diaspora events in Perth, Sydney and Melbourne.
15. The Mission celebrated the 63rd Independence Day in Perth Western Australia and national days of 6 other countries.

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IV. MEDIUM TERM BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

Table 4.1: Overview of Vote Expenditure (Ushs Billion)

	2025/26		2026/27	MTEF Budget Projections				
	Approved Budget	Spent by End Dec	Budget Estimates	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	
Recurrent	Wage	0.989	0.495	0.989	0.989	0.989	0.000	0.989
	Non-Wage	6.874	3.437	6.974	6.974	6.974	0.000	6.974
Devt.	GoU	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
GoU Total	7.863	3.932	7.963	7.963	7.963	0.000	7.963	
Total GoU+Ext Fin (MTEF)	7.863	3.932	7.963	7.963	7.963	0.000	7.963	
Arrears	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
Total Budget	7.863	3.932	7.963	7.963	7.963	0.000	7.963	
Total Vote Budget Excluding Arrears	7.863	3.932	7.963	7.963	7.963	0.000	7.963	

VOTE: 526 Uganda Embassy in Australia, Canberra**Table 4.2: Budget Allocation by Department for Recurrent and Development (Ushs Billion)**

<i>Billion Uganda Shillings</i>	Draft Budget Estimates FY 2026/27	
	Recurrent	Development
Programme:01 Agro-Industrialization	0.400	0.000
Vote Function:01 Overseas Mission Services	0.400	0.000
001 Embassy in Canberra, Australia	0.400	0.000
Programme:05 Tourism Development	1.100	0.000
Vote Function:01 Overseas Mission Services	1.100	0.000
001 Embassy in Canberra, Australia	1.100	0.000
Programme:16 Governance and Security	5.963	0.000
Vote Function:01 Overseas Mission Services	5.963	0.000
001 Embassy in Canberra, Australia	5.963	0.000
Programme:21 Sustainable Extractives Industry Development	0.500	0.000
Vote Function:01 Overseas Mission Services	0.500	0.000
001 Embassy in Canberra, Australia	0.500	0.000
Total for the Vote	7.963	0.000

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V. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND PLANNED OUTPUTS

Table 5.1: Performance Indicators

Programme: 01 Agro-Industrialization				
Vote Function: 01 Overseas Mission Services				
Department: 001 Embassy in Canberra, Australia				
Key Service Area: 000093 Economic and Commercial Diplomacy				
PIAP Output: Markets for priority agricultural products developed and maintained				
Programme Intervention: 014111 Promote market penetration for agro-based products				
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Number of new markets accessed	Number	2023/24	0	2
Programme: 05 Tourism Development				
Vote Function: 01 Overseas Mission Services				
Department: 001 Embassy in Canberra, Australia				
Key Service Area: 000093 Economic and Commercial Diplomacy				
PIAP Output: Destination Uganda promoted in key source markets				
Programme Intervention: 051111 Market and promote Uganda's tourist attractions in domestic and key source markets (America, Europe, Africa, China, Japan and Asia)				
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Number of Pearl of Africa Tourism Expos (POATE) events held	Number	2023/24	1	3
Programme: 16 Governance and Security				
Vote Function: 01 Overseas Mission Services				
Department: 001 Embassy in Canberra, Australia				
Key Service Area: 000014 Administrative and Support Services				
PIAP Output: Management and Administrative Services coordinated				
Programme Intervention: 169111 Strengthen programme institutions for effective and efficient service delivery				
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Number of financial reports produced and submitted	Number	2023/24	4	3

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Vote Function: 01 Overseas Mission Services

Department: 001 Embassy in Canberra, Australia

Key Service Area: 460056 Consular services

PIAP Output: Ugandans and Foreigners provided with consular services

Programme Intervention: 167122 Provide diplomatic, protocol and consular services both at home and abroad

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Number of engagements with Ugandans in the Diaspora organised and/or participated in	Number	2023/24	6	6

Key Service Area: 460057 Peace and security

PIAP Output: Peace and security initiatives at regional and international level supported

Programme Intervention: 167111 Strengthen bilateral and multilateral relationships at both regional and international level

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Number of regional and international peace and security engagements participated in.	Number	2023/24	10	2

Key Service Area: 560092 Coordination of Economic and Commercial Diplomacy

PIAP Output: Management and Administrative Services coordinated

Programme Intervention: 169111 Strengthen programme institutions for effective and efficient service delivery

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
% of staff appraised on performance	Percentage	2023/24	1%	100%

Programme: 21 Sustainable Extractives Industry Development

Vote Function: 01 Overseas Mission Services

Department: 001 Embassy in Canberra, Australia

Key Service Area: 000093 Economic and Commercial Diplomacy

PIAP Output: Collaborations and partnerships established

Programme Intervention: 215117 Foster and leverage local, regional and international partnerships

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2026/27
Number of MOUs signed for investment promotion	Number	2023/24	8	1

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VI. VOTE NARRATIVE

Vote Challenges

The Mission continues to encounter the following challenges during implementation of planned activities

1. High logistical and travel costs associated with covering multiple Australian cities and facilitation of expert participation
2. Limited funds to fully implement the Mission interventions under promotion of commercial and economic diplomacy as well as other priority activities given the large geographical area of coverage for the Mission.
3. Harsh weather conditions characterised by bush fires and floods, affecting planned activities in the affected areas thus causing delays or non execution of these activities.
4. Expensive & prohibitive child care policy of the host country that makes it difficult for staff with children. This is exacerbated by the general high cost of living in Australia.
5. Time difference between Uganda and Australia leading to delays in communication and decision making.
6. Poor working condition of the utility vehicle which breaks down frequently affecting mobility of staff for field activities thus delays in implementation of activities due to lack of transport.
7. Negative media reports and social media posts that impact negatively on the image of the country.

Plans to improve Vote Performance

In order to improve Vote performance the Mission plans to undertake the following:

1. Improve training of staff on Economic and Commercial diplomacy implementation:
2. Improve strategic communication to enhance public diplomacy
3. Strengthen diaspora mapping and database to have complete information on Ugandans in Australia and countries of accreditation
4. Strengthen economic and commercial diplomacy by widening the scope of activities to include trade and investment roadshows, gathering market intelligence and promote other other Ugandan export products;
5. Enhance consular outreach to roll out services of the Mission in Australia and other countries of accreditation to provide national ID, passport and dual citizenship services to more Ugandans

VII. Off Budget Support and NTR Projections

Table 7.1: Off Budget Support by Project and Department

N/A

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Table 7.2: NTR Projections(Uganda Shillings Billions)

N/A

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VIII. PERSONNEL INFORMATION

Table 8.1: Staff Establishment Analysis

N / A

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Table 8.2: Staff Recruitment Plan

N/A