

VOTE: 514 Uganda Embassy in Switzerland, Geneva

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 Ugandas exports to the international market and to mobilize financial and other resources from Switzerland to Uganda.

II. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

To promote and Protect Ugandas Interests in Switzerland and represent Uganda and effectively participate in the work of Geneva based International Organizations.

III. MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2021/22

1. Participated in the Council for Trade in Services in Special Session and as focal point for the WTO group of Least Developed Countries of which Uganda is one engaged in discussions on market access to safeguard interests of the group under 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.
2. Participated in the Committee on Agriculture in Special Session COASS negotiations for a permanent solution on Public Stockholding for Food Security that favor Uganda to enable us have recourse on using the food security provision should need arise in negotiations for duty free quota free market access for cotton from Uganda and elimination of cotton subsidies by developed countries lobbied for technical assistance and capacity building for the cotton sector to enable Ugandan cotton farmers and traders to benefit from multilateral cotton trade.
3. Participated in monitoring of the aid for trade work Programme to reflect areas of interest for Uganda and participated in the review of the Hong Kong Ministerial Conference in December 2005 on duty free and quota free (DFQF) market access to products originating in LDCs where Members must report on the steps taken by members to provide DFQF market access to LDCs like Uganda to ensure that products of export interest to Uganda are included and guard against preference erosion.
- Joined consensus of the Africa Group that advocated for the revival of the Universal Periodic Review as the only mechanism with capacity to examine issues related to Human Rights violation in Member States share information related to the same equitably among Member States and provide a level field for all Member States to respond to issues raised against them.
4. Participated and made statements at the Universal Periodic Review of Uganda in January 2022.
5. Participated in negotiations regarding the governance of International Organisation on Migration (IOM), specifically championed the Africa Group position that has called for a broad based reflection in the top structure of the IOM.
- Coordinated Ugandas participation in the 81st Meeting of the UNHCRs Standing Committee from 5 to 7 July 2021, in which the organisation committed, through its annual budget and program, to continue extending support and partnering the Government of Uganda to extend support to refugees and host communities.
6. Participated in the Special Session of human rights situation in Ethiopia and monitored and communicated to the headquarters on the developments on the subject.
7. Lobbied for Uganda to continue receiving technical assistance from UNCTAD on Debt Management and Financial System Program thus supporting the latter to build capacity on national debt management.
8. Lobbied and sought support for Ugandas candidatures for the post Vice of Chair WIPO Conferences and Chair of the WIPO Paris Union Executive Committee for the Biennium 2021/2022 during the WIPO Assemblies held from 4 to 8 October 2021 in Geneva. Ms. Mercy K. Kainobwisho, Registrar General, Uganda Registration Services Bureau was elected to the position of Vice Chair, WIPO Conferences while Mr. Gilbert Agaba, Director, Intellectual Property, Uganda Registration Services Bureau was elected to the position of Chair of the WIPO Paris Union Executive Committee. This enhanced Ugandas image abroad.
9. Communicated the candidature of a Ugandan Ms. Brenda Akia, and continue to lobby for her election to the Committee on elimination of all forms of discrimination against women (CEDAW) slated for June 2022 in New York.
10. Lobbied the UN office and facilitated Ms Emelda Adongo from the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs to attend a month long internship with the UN and included her in Ugandas delegation to the 48th Human Rights Council.

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IV. MEDIUM TERM BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

Table 4.1: Overview of Vote Expenditure (Ushs Billion)

		MTEF Budget Projections				
		2022/23 Proposed Budget	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Recurrent	Wage	1.631	1.631	1.631	1.631	1.631
	Non-Wage	5.591	5.591	5.591	5.591	5.591
Devt.	GoU	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
	Ext Fin.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
GoU Total		7.222	7.222	7.222	7.222	7.222
Total GoU+Ext Fin (MTEF)		7.222	7.222	7.222	7.222	7.222
Arrears		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Budget		7.222	7.222	7.222	7.222	7.222
Total Vote Budget Excluding		7.222	7.222	7.222	7.222	7.222

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Table 4.2: Budget Allocation by Department for Recurrent and Development (Ushs Billion)

<i>Billion Uganda Shillings</i>	Draft Budget Estimates FY 2022/23	
	Recurrent	Development
Programme:01 AGRO-INDUSTRIALIZATION	0.378	0.000
SubProgramme:04 Agricultural Market Access and Competitiveness	0.378	0.000
Sub SubProgramme:01 Overseas Mission Services	0.378	0.000
001 Embassy in Geneva, Switzerland	0.378	0.000
Programme:16 GOVERNANCE AND SECURITY	6.501	0.000
SubProgramme:01 Institutional Coordination	1.631	0.000
Sub SubProgramme:01 Overseas Mission Services	1.631	0.000
001 Embassy in Geneva, Switzerland	1.631	0.000
SubProgramme:02 Security	4.869	0.000
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Programme:18 DEVELOPMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION	0.343	0.000
SubProgramme:02 Resource Mobilization and Budgeting	0.343	0.000
Sub SubProgramme:01 Overseas Mission Services	0.343	0.000
001 Embassy in Geneva, Switzerland	0.343	0.000
Total for the Vote	7.222	0.000

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V. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND PLANNED OUTPUTS

Table 5.1: Performance Indicators

Programme: 01 AGRO-INDUSTRIALIZATION				
SubProgramme: 04 Agricultural Market Access and Competitiveness				
Sub SubProgramme: 01 Overseas Mission Services				
Department: 001 Embassy in Geneva, Switzerland				
Budget Output: 010031 Access to Regional and International Markets				
PIAP Output: Product markets for Uganda's key products mapped, profiled and market frameworks with countries of export interest negotiated				
Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	Performance Targets
				2022/23
Number of product markets developed	Number	2019-2020	10	5
Number of product market frameworks with countries of export negotiated	Number	2019-2020	10	5

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VI. VOTE NARRATIVE

Vote Challenges

1. Low staffing levels currently standing at 1plus 7. The Mission is accredited to cover the UN office and other International Organizations based in Geneva. In a snap shot the coverage involves 33 International Organizations, of which 23 are Intergovernmental organizations and 8 UN agencies. Additionally, the Mission covers 250 Non Governmental Organizations headquartered in Geneva as well as responsible for the Bilateral relations with Switzerland.

Plans to improve Vote Performance

1. Request the Ministry of Finance to increase the missions MTEF ceiling to enhance the staff levels, and by implication increase the benefits of Ugandas membership to the International Organizations represented in Geneva.

VII. Off Budget Support

Table 7.1: Off Budget Support by Project and Department

N / A

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VIII. VOTE CROSS CUTTING POLICY AND OTHER BUDGETARY ISSUES

Table 8.1: Cross- Cutting Policy Issues

i) Gender and Equity

OBJECTIVE	Put into consideration the gender issues in all the programs and activities of the Mission.
Issue of Concern	Integrate Gender equity and equality at workplace
Planned Interventions	I. Participating in negotiations formulating labor standards for gender, equity and non-discrimination. II. Mobilize resources towards support of the youth, disabled and children and women. III. At least 50% Ratio of female to male staff in the Mission.
Budget Allocation (Billion)	0.000
Performance Indicators	i) Amount of Resources mobilized towards support of the youth, disabled and children and women. ii) Four (4) workshops on gender issues organized

ii) HIV/AIDS

OBJECTIVE	To implement the HIV/AIDS policy at the work place
Issue of Concern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address issues of HIV/AIDS at workplace and beyond Promote Human Rights. Conduct HIV/AIDS sensitization workshops and fight stigma.
Planned Interventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt HIV&AIDS workplace Policy. Empower the staff access treatment for the affected, family planning activities, protective gear, counseling sessions, and other HIV/AIDS based initiatives. facilitate Foreign service officers to live with family.
Budget Allocation (Billion)	1.000
Performance Indicators	i) Percentage of the Home-based Staff facilitated to live with or access their spouses and children on posting. ii) Percentage of the staff facilitated to access medical attention. iii) Level of implementation of the MOFA policy of HIV&AIDS workplace

iii) Environment

OBJECTIVE	To put into consideration environment issues on the Embassy planned activities.
Issue of Concern	Address issues of Environment and climate change
Planned Interventions	I. Engage development partners for support towards issues of Environment and climate change II. Avail well designated facilities for proper waste disposal III. As appropriate, encourage a paperless working environment.
Budget Allocation (Billion)	0.000
Performance Indicators	I. A safe, Secure and working environment maintained. II. Number of engagements with Development partners for support towards issues of Environment and climate change undertaken III. Amount of development assistance attracted to address issues of Environm

iv) Covid

OBJECTIVE	To save life through implementing the Covid 19 Standard Operating Procedures at the work place. To encourage the Ugandan Diaspora community to observe Covid 19 Standard Operating Procedures set by the World Health Organization.
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Issue of Concern	Address issues of Corvid 19 Pandemic
Planned Interventions	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Carrying out regular sensitization and dissemination of important preventive measures and information as as received from Headquarters and Host country to the Ugandan diaspora.2. Over 4,000 face Masks distributed to the Mission staff and other Diaspor
Budget Allocation (Billion)	0.000
Performance Indicators	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 4 sensitization outreaches undertaken annually.2. Medical care to the staff affected and also where appropriate access to counseling services provided.3. Covid – 19 readable materials in both English and French disseminated.

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IX. PERSONNEL INFORMATION

Table 9.1: Staff Establishment Analysis

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Table 9.2: Staff Recruitment Plan

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