

VOTE: 507 Uganda High Commission in Nigeria, Abuja

I. VOTE MISSION STATEMENT

To promote and protect Uganda's interests in Nigeria, all ECOWAS member states and Equatorial Guinea.

II. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

Promotion of Economic & Commercial Diplomacy including technology transfer
Promotion of Ugandas image through Public Diplomacy
Strengthening the Provision of Protocol Diplomatic and Consular services
Promotion of International Peace and Security
Enhancing the participation of the Ugandan communities resident from the countries of accreditation in National Development
Strengthening the institutional capacity of the Mission

III. MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2023/24

- i) Paid a courtesy call on the Headmaster of Achimota School in Accra. Discussed collaboration between Achimota School and Kings College Buddo. The two schools share a common history. The Mission to coordinate cooperation between these institutions
- ii) Attended the official opening of the 66th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Accra, Ghana. The Conference was opened by the President of the Republic of Ghana, H.E. Nana Ado, who emphasized respect and application of the Commonwealth values in order to foster good governance.
- iii) Led by Hon. Enos Asiimwe, the Ugandan Parliamentary delegation subsequently participated in all the sessions
- iv) Attended the official dinner hosted by President Nana Addo on the occasion of the 66th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Accra, Ghana. The function provided the platform for networking. I took advantage of the event and introduced the newly appointed Honorary Counsel of Uganda to the rest of the Ugandan delegation and the Minister of Finance in Ghana
- v) Met with Directors at the AfCFTA in Accra. The Directors briefed the Ugandan MPs on the status of the implementation of the Framework, Uganda position in the implementation process and undertook to interface with the Parliamentary Committee on Trade at the earliest opportunity. Need to follow up with Parliament of Uganda and coordinate the engagements of relevant Ugandan stakeholders with the AfCFTA Secretariat.
- vi) Received the inaugural flight of Uganda Airlines to Lagos. Expressed gratitude to all Nigerian stakeholders for facilitating the inaugural flight to Lagos. Called for continued cooperation for the benefit of all stakeholders
- vii) Met the Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee of Parliament of Uganda. Updated the Chairperson on the Mission mandate, construction progress of the Chancery, Consular House and staff apartments. Encouraged the Chairperson to pay a working visit to the Mission

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IV. MEDIUM TERM BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

Table 4.1: Overview of Vote Expenditure (Ushs Billion)

	2023/24		2024/25	MTEF Budget Projections			
	Approved Budget	Spent by End Dec	Budget Estimates	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Recurrent	Wage	0.864	0.432	0.864	0.864	0.864	0.864
	Non-Wage	2.336	1.291	2.836	2.836	2.836	2.836
Devt.	GoU	16.200	7.068	0.000	0.000	0.000	16.200
	Ext Fin.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
GoU Total		19.400	8.791	3.700	3.700	3.700	19.400
Total GoU+Ext Fin (MTEF)		19.400	8.791	3.700	3.700	3.700	19.400
Arrears		0.000	0.000	0.324	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Budget		19.400	8.791	4.024	3.700	3.700	19.400
Total Vote Budget Excluding Arrears		19.400	8.791	3.700	3.700	3.700	19.400

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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 2024/25	
	Recurrent	Development
Programme:16 Governance And Security	3.200	0.000
SubProgramme:01 Institutional Coordination	3.200	0.000
Sub SubProgramme:01 Overseas Mission Services	3.200	0.000
001 High Commission in Abuja, Nigeria	3.200	0.000
Programme:18 Development Plan Implementation	0.500	0.000
SubProgramme:02 Resource Mobilization and Budgeting	0.500	0.000
Sub SubProgramme:01 Overseas Mission Services	0.500	0.000
001 High Commission in Abuja, Nigeria	0.500	0.000
Total for the Vote	3.700	0.000

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V. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND PLANNED OUTPUTS

Table 5.1: Performance Indicators

Programme: 16 Governance And Security

SubProgramme: 01 Institutional Coordination

Sub SubProgramme: 01 Overseas Mission Services

Department: 001 High Commission in Abuja, Nigeria

Budget Output: 000014 Administrative and Support Services

PIAP Output: Administration support services provided

Programme Intervention: 160605 Undertake financing and administration of programme services

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	2023/24		Performance Targets
				Target	Q2 Performance	2024/25
Number of reports prepared	Number	2021/2022	4	4	1	4

Programme: 18 Development Plan Implementation

SubProgramme: 02 Resource Mobilization and Budgeting

Sub SubProgramme: 01 Overseas Mission Services

Department: 001 High Commission in Abuja, Nigeria

Budget Output: 560009 Cooperation frameworks and Development Assisstance

PIAP Output: Bilateral and multilateral resources for national development sourced

Programme Intervention: 180109 Expand financing beyond the traditional sources

Indicator Name	Indicator Measure	Base Year	Base Level	2023/24		Performance Targets
				Target	Q2 Performance	2024/25
Value (USD Million) of bilateral and multilateral resources for national development	Value					0.04

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VI. VOTE NARRATIVE

Vote Challenges

- i) The Mission is located in Abuja, which is the political capital of Nigeria. Most of the stakeholders in commercial diplomacy are based in Lagos and other cities of Nigeria. Given the financial constraints the Mission faces, it becomes difficult to deliver on the targets as expected.
- ii) Travel within West Africa is complex and expensive. There are hardly any direct flights from Abuja to other West African capitals. The Mission will therefore need more funds to organize activities for promotion of commercial diplomacy outside Nigeria.
- iii) Because of rampant insecurity in most of Nigeria, travel by road outside Abuja is not only risky but also discouraged. Air travel remains the only option, which requires adequate funding.
- iv) Uganda Airlines commenced direct flights into Nigeria in October 2023. As of today, most of the cargo on the flight is from India into Nigeria, and from Nigeria into Uganda. The Mission needs to work with relevant stakeholders in Uganda to ensure that we leverage on this opportunity to increase cargo coming into West Africa. Without concerted effort, Uganda Airlines will remain a facilitator for trade between Nigeria/India/China/UAE while we benefit little.
- v) Finally, it is important to note that the Mission is undertaking a construction project of the Abuja Chancery and Staff apartments, and although the MoFPED has provided all the necessary funding to complete this project, it is paramount that consideration is made for the funds required to carry out furnishing of the same. This will help the Mission save the money currently being paid out as rent for the Chancery as well as 4 staff residences. The Project manager has given us an estimate of N 1,167,226,120.65 which is currently equivalent to UGX. 2,826,055,200.

Plans to improve Vote Performance

- i) High demand for agro processed products in Nigeria to feed the big population. With insecurity especially in farming States coupled with desertification, Ugandan products such as dairy, coffee, poultry products can potentially find a huge market in Nigeria and West Africa.
- ii) The commencement of direct flights by Uganda Airlines from Entebbe to Lagos with Abuja and Accra coming on board later in 2024, is an opportunity to increase trade, investment and tourism.
- iii) Nigeria is a leading source of African tourists to Uganda. Faith based tourism from Nigeria to Uganda needs special attention. There are established institutions named after Uganda Martyrs such as St. Matia Mulumba, St. Kizito, etc. Nigeria decades of experience in the Oil and Gas sector makes it a potential source of investment in Uganda nascent oil and gas industry. Areas of interest include fertilizer production and the processing of other petrol chemicals.
- iv) Education promotion Uganda hosts about 6000 Nigerian students at different institutions of higher learning. This is partly due to the superior quality of Ugandan education, predictability and relatively lower cost. Insecurity in Nigeria and unpredictability of Nigerian education system make parents seek for alternative institutions for their children. Uganda can strategically position itself as a top destination for West African students seeking affordable and quality education. This number can be tripled in the next 5 years.
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- vi) Cultural cooperation especially in the film industry The Nigerian film industry is highly developed and earns the country a fortune. There are numerous opportunities for cooperation between Ugandan filmmakers and their Nigerian counterparts to share experience and expertise. This will involve exchanges, collaborations and training. It is one of the areas of promoting Uganda diverse opportunities to the world.

VII. Off Budget Support and NTR Projections

Table 7.1: Off Budget Support by Project and Department

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Revenue Code	Revenue Name	FY2023/24	Projection FY2024/25
142204	Visa fees	0.000	0.000
142223	Document certification fees	0.000	0.001
Total		0.000	0.001

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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	Promotion of cooperation on gender issues with countries of accreditation in terms of best practices, capacity building, representation in national development issues.
Issue of Concern	Youth unemployment, single mothers, girl child education and prompting equality for disabled and care for the elderly.
Planned Interventions	-To engage Non-governmental organizations and civil society on gender issues including Women, Youth and the Elderly -Ensure Chancery has access for PWDs -Provide for separate places of convenience for women and men
Budget Allocation (Billion)	0.001
Performance Indicators	-04 workshops on gender issues organized -At least 30% level of female staff maintained at the Mission -04 ICT training programs secured

ii) HIV/AIDS

OBJECTIVE	Source for cooperation opportunities with countries of accreditation on fighting and controlling HIV/AIDS
Issue of Concern	High HIV prevalence rates especially among the Youth and Women
Planned Interventions	-Support the culture of living a responsible life -AIDS committee established at the Mission -Provide medical care to staff affected, offer counseling services -Lobby for officers on posting to stay with families
Budget Allocation (Billion)	0.001
Performance Indicators	-Over 200 condoms distributed -4HIV sensitization workshops carried out -Materials on HIV/AIDS prevention procured and distributed

iii) Environment

OBJECTIVE	Creating linkage for further cooperation on environmental matters in pursuit of Regional, continental and International commitments on the protection of the environment
Issue of Concern	High levels of environmental degradation and global warming
Planned Interventions	-Advocate for a paperless working environment -Lobby for training courses and programs on climate change and environment -Plant trees to conserve environment

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Budget Allocation (Billion)	0.001
Performance Indicators	-04 staff sensitized on environmental protection -300 trees planted

iv) Covid

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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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