



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

**Congratulates the president and government upon
30 years of steady progress**



Ministry of Foreign Affairs & its missions abroad under the guidance of H.E. Museveni has continued to implement Uganda's foreign policy and this has achieved the following among others.

1. **The Ministry of Foreign Affairs successfully coordinated the historic visit of pope Francis (27th-29th, Nov.2015))**
2. H.E the President of the Republic of Uganda together with UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon and the Prime Minister of Denmark Lars Lokke Rasmussen successfully co-chaired the high level summit on the launch of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development
 - The president of the general Assembly promoted key high level priorities of interest to Africa including combating climate change ,peaceful settlement of conflicts ,advancing of gender equality and empowerment of women, revitalization of UNGA and reforms of the security council.
 - Hon.Sam Kutesa,as the president of the general assembly, successfully steered the "Third International Conference on Financing for Development "in Addis Ababa-Ethiopia.
 - The 69th Session of UNGA, which Hon. Kutesa presided over set the Agenda for the Paris Climate Change Conference. During this conference the Paris Agreement on Climate Change was adopted. This represents an historic opportunity to put the world on course to meet climate change challenges.
3. **Promoting Regional and International Peace and Security**

Uganda continued to actively participate in finding African led solutions to African problems more particularly to the peace and security challenges facing the Continent. In this respect the following were achieved;

 - Lobbied and secured additional resources; both human and financial from the AU and the UN system to support AMISOM. As result the people of Somalia have more hope today than in the previous years.
 - Prepared a policy input to the AU position paper on the UN security Council
 - Within the International Conference of the Great Lakes Region Uganda continues to support efforts geared towards addressing peace, security and stability in Eastern DRC.
 - Supported stabilization process and signing of the peace deal in South Sudan
4. **Deepening Regional Integration**
 - Successfully hosted 7th and 10th Northern Corridor Integration Projects Summits where the Standard Gauge Railway development in Uganda and NCIP



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communication strategy were launched, protocol of free movement of labor and services and MOU on Cyber Security were signed.

- As a result of NCIP Summit initiative, positive results have emerged such as:
 - (i) Operationalization of One Net Work Area in Uganda,

Kenya, Rwanda and South Sudan where tremendous cost reduction on roaming voice calls have resulted;

- (iii) Expeditious movement of cargo from Mombasa to transit countries, through use of electronic cargo tracking, use of a single bond instead of multiple one, use of one Agent for clearing and forwarding and

removal of Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs)

- (iii) Issuance of East African Tourist Visas by Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda, resulting into increased flow of Tourists in the region and resultant revenues generated to tourist operators and government agencies;
 - (iv) Enhancement of free movement of people by use of National Identity Cards instead of the costly National Passports.
5. **Promote Uganda's Exports, Inward Direct Foreign Investments (FDI), Tourism and Technology Transfer.**
 - Ugandan Missions abroad organized several successful inward / outward trade / investment / tourism promotional events
 - Successfully initiated and coordinated development of the national policy paper to concerns by the EU on some of Uganda's exports to EU markets
 - Negotiated the signing of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement which among others, will speed up custom procedures, make trade cheaper and faster.
 6. **Mobilisation of Bilateral and Multilateral Resources for Development**
 - The Ministry and the Missions abroad have successfully negotiated resources for development worth about \$5.5bn from different development partners in loans and grants
 7. **Maximize benefits accruing from International**

Laws and Treaties/ Conventions

- Coordinated the preparation of the fifth Country Report on the status of implementation of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' rights
 - Successfully organized seven human rights regional workshops on the development of human rights national action plan
8. **Provide Diplomatic, Protocol and Consular Services at home and abroad**
 - Provide protocol services to H.E. the president on visits abroad
 - Produced a protocol handbook which gives guidelines on protocol services
 - Provide consular services to Ugandans both at home and abroad and visitors to Uganda
 9. **Mobilize and Empower Diaspora for Development**
 - The Ministry has developed a draft National Diaspora Policy ready for approval
 - Compiled a compendium of business profiles and investment opportunities available for our diaspora
 - Participated in various conventions organized for and by Ugandans in the diaspora including Uganda North America Association (UNA), Uganda UK and Uganda Nordic conventions
 - Held together with the UIA, UNDP & BOU the 7th Diaspora "Home is best" Summit that took place in Gulu.
 10. **Promote public diplomacy including enhancement of Uganda's image abroad**
 - Effectively guided Missions in efforts to build a good image for Uganda resulting into increased interest in Uganda as a tourism, trade and investment destination
 - Coordinated the official publication on uganda's trade, investment and business opportunities in the First Magazine
 11. **Strengthening Institutional Capacity of the Ministry and Affiliated Institutions to deliver result-oriented foreign policy for Uganda**
 - Carried out Renovations on the Ministry headquarter building, official residences and chanceries in our Missions of Kinshasa, Nairobi and Pretoria. Construction of the chancery in Kigali was completed.
 - Held an Ambassadors conference to review and enhance the Ministry's performance.