



# MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- Promoting and Protecting Uganda's interests abroad -



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## Happy 33rd NRM Liberation day from Ministry of Foreign Affairs

*As Uganda celebrates the 33rd Anniversary of her Liberation Day, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes to congratulate H.E. The President of the Republic of Uganda, the Vice President, the Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers and the People of Uganda. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs pledges to continue delivering committed service to the Government and the People of the Republic of Uganda.*

**MANDATE** "To promote and protect Uganda's interests abroad."

**VISION:** "A secure nation with prosperous people."

**MISSION:** "To enhance national security, development, the country's image abroad and well-being of Ugandans."

### STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF THE MINISTRY

- I. To promote Regional and International Peace and Security
- II. To promote Commercial and Economic Diplomacy
- III. To promote Regional Integration
- IV. To promote International Law related commitments/obligations
- V. To provide diplomatic, Protocol and Consular Services at home and Abroad
- VI. To mobilize and empower Ugandans in the Diaspora for National Development
- VII. To promote Public Diplomacy and enhance her image abroad
- VIII. To strengthen Institutional Capacity of the Ministry and its affiliated Institutions.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is mandated by the Constitution, National Development Plans (I & II), and the NRM manifesto to promote and protect Uganda's image and interests abroad. Our main Foreign Policy focus is on Regional Peace and Security, Economic and Commercial Diplomacy and Regional Integration. This is a shift from the traditional Foreign Policy and this has led to a restructuring process of the Ministry to better serve public.

Major successes have been registered to this regard in terms of increased FDI's, remittances from our diaspora abroad, tourism arrivals and enhanced public image of the country, capacity building for Ugandan exports to mention but a few.

### FUNCTIONAL SYTRUCTURE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The role of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is to effectively coordinate Foreign policy development and its implementation through the following Directorates and Departments:

### DIRECTORATE OF REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS

The Directorate of Regional and International Political Affairs (RIPA) comprises Departments of:

- a) Regional Peace and Security;
- b) International Political Cooperation; and
- c) International Law and Social Affairs.

#### The key functions of RIPA are:

- Providing technical advice on foreign policy development and its implementation in relation to matters of regional and international peace and security; and international law and social issues.
- Providing technical support to relevant MDAs and Official Delegations to regional and international conferences on matters of regional and international peace and security; and international law and social issues.
- Coordinating aspects of Missions related to regional and international peace and security; and international law and social issues.
- Promoting partnerships and networks with

stakeholders dealing with matters of regional and international peace and security; and international law and social issues.

### DIRECTORATE OF REGIONAL & INTER-NATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (RIEA)

The Directorate of Regional and International Economic Affairs comprises the Departments of:

- a) Regional Economic
- b) Cooperation.
- c) International Economic Cooperation.
- d) Diaspora.

#### The functions of the RIEA include:

- Promoting economic / commercial diplomacy (i.e. promoting trade and tourism; attracting investment; facilitating transfer of technology; facilitating mobilisation of resources from abroad for development);
- Mobilising Ugandan Diaspora for national development).
- Providing technical advice on foreign policy development and its implementation in relation to regional and international

economic issues.

- Providing technical support to relevant MDAs / Official Delegations to regional and international conferences on regional and international economic issues.
- Promoting partnerships and networks with stakeholders dealing with matters of regional and international economic issues.

### DIRECTORATE OF PROTOCOL AND PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

The Directorate of Protocol and Public Diplomacy comprises the Departments of:

- a) Protocol Services.
- b) Consular Services.
- c) Public Diplomacy.

#### The key functions of the Directorate are:

- Providing protocol services.
- Administering diplomatic privi-leges and immunities.
- Providing consular services.
- Promoting Uganda's image and building bridges with publics both foreign and local.