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STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT ON THE COMMEMORATION OF INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY ON 12/08/2021 AT STATE HOUSE – ENTEBBE

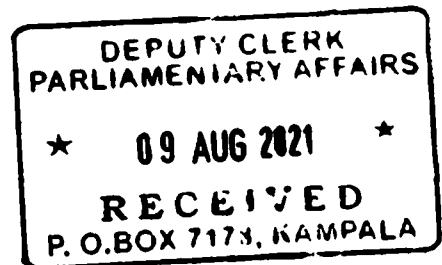
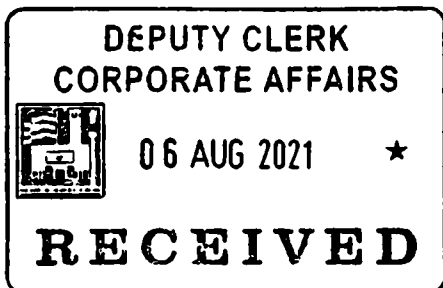
Uganda will once again join the rest of the world to mark and commemorate the International Youth Day (IYD) 2021. The National Celebrations will be held on Thursday 12th August, 2021 at State House –Entebbe under the theme “Youth Innovations for Transformation of Food Systems and Sustainable Human Health”.

This Statement to Parliament seeks to inform Parliament about this year’s International Youth Day Celebrations. The purpose of this letter therefore, is to request you to receive copies of the Statement for distribution and to include the Statement on the next most convenient Order Paper of Parliament.

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STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT ON INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY CELEBRATIONS THURSDAY 12TH AUGUST, 2021

The Rt. Hon Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda; and

Colleagues, Honourable Members of Parliament.

Rt. Honourable Speaker,

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 I rise to give information to this August House about International Youth Day celebrations which is one of our annual events.

1.2 The Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development in collaboration with other line Ministries, Departments and Agencies, International Development Agencies and Civil Society Organizations coordinates the activities to mark the International Youth Day.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 International Youth Day has its origin in the 1st ever World Conference of Ministers responsible for Youth that took place in Lisbon - Portugal 8th – 12th August, 1998. Convinced that youth constitute a very big percentage of the global population to meaningfully contribute to the social economic transformation of global communities, the Ministers recommended that 12th August (the last day of their meeting) every year be designated by the UN system as International Youth Day.

2.2 In 1999, in its resolution – 54/120, the UN General Assembly endorsed the recommendation made by the World Conference of Ministers responsible for Youth. The Assembly further recommended that strategic information on activities be organized to support the Day as a way to promote better awareness of the **World Programme of Action for Youth**, adopted by the General Assembly under resolution 50/81 in 1995.

3.0 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY 2021

3.1 This year 2021. Uganda will once again join the rest of the UN fraternity to commemorate the International Youth Day and take stock of the extent to which the world programme of Action on Youth has yielded fruits. The Day will provide an excellent opportunity to evaluate our various interventions and lay strategies for future actions.

3.2 On this Day, the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development guided by its mandate, leads all the other sectors in the commemoration of the event. The Government, Civil Society, Private Sector, Local Governments, Cultural and Religious Institutions, the Media, Communities and Individuals are all involved in the activities.

4.0 THEME;

4.1 The Theme for the 2021 Commemoration is **“Youth Innovations for Transformation of Food Systems and Sustainable Human Health”** The theme compels us to examine the food system with the view to marshaling Youth Innovations to transform the broken and wanting food systems in order to ensure safety of food and health of its consumers. It is important to appreciate that food systems not only depend on nature but also exert paramount pressures on it. The theme emphasizes the need to pursue nature-positive production systems that maintain and regenerate natural resources; soil, water, biodiversity and a conducive climate in which food production can thrive.

4.2 Colleagues may need to note that the road to Agro-industrialization is the surest way to addressing the various impediments to a science informed food system that will ensure no food wastage, value addition, guard against food contamination and ensure high quality food.

5.0 VENUE

The Venue for this Year’s Celebration will be State House –Entebbe and the function will be presided over by H.E. the President of the Republic of Uganda

6.0 PREPARATIONS;

- 6.1 A National Organizing Committee (NOC) chaired by the Permanent Secretary, MGLSD was constituted for preparation of the function and has so far held 6 meetings
- 6.2 Webinar discussions on Youth Innovations for Transformation of Food Systems and Sustainable Human Health have taken place
- 6.3 The National Celebrations will be streamed live on most Televisions and radio stations and social media beginning at 10:00 am.

7.0 ACTION REQUIRED OF PARLIAMENT

Rt Hon. Speaker and Honourable Colleagues may wish to note that:

- i. Uganda will join the rest of the world to commemorate International Youth Day on Thursday 12th August, 2021
- ii. The theme for this year's celebration is **“Youth Innovations for Transformation of Food Systems and Sustainable Human Health”**
- iii. The venue for the National Celebration is State House –Entebbe; and
- iv. H.E. the President of the Republic of Uganda will preside over the celebrations.

8.0 CONCLUSION

I would like to invite you Honorable colleagues to join the Youth in your respective Districts, Cities, Constituencies and Municipalities to commemorate the International Youth Day, 2021. I wish you all a happy International Youth Day Celebration.

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