

# **Vote:105** Law Reform Commission

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## **V1: Vote Overview**

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### **I. Vote Mission Statement**

To reform and update laws in line with the social, cultural, economic needs and values of the people of Uganda

### **II. Strategic Objective**

- a) To revise laws with the view to eliminating anomalies, spent, obsolete, and repealed laws;
- b) To review and reform laws with a view to making recommendations for their systematic improvement, development, and modernisation;
- c) To simplify and translate laws;
- d) To enhance the capacity of the Commission to undertake law reform and revision;
- e) To enhance public participation in the law-making process; and
- f) To raise public awareness about the commission and its programs.

### **III Major Achievements in 2016/17**

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1. Prepared and peer reviewed advocacy materials for post enactment awareness of the Children (Amendment) Act, 2016 Domestic Violence Act, 2010, the Public Order Management Act, 2013, and the Prevention and Prohibition of Torture Act, 2012
2. Prepared, peer reviewed, printed held two pre-enactment advocacy workshops for the Witness Protection Bill, 2014.
3. Held consultations with key stakeholders on the Marriage and Divorce Bill, 2009 and prepared draft proposals for redrafting of the bill.
4. Advocacy materials were prepared and peer reviewed for the Prisons Act Amendment Bill, 2016.
5. Draft user guides prepared and an implementation audit carried out for the post enactment advocacy of business related laws (Hire Purchase Act (2009), Companies Act (2012), Partnership Act (2010) and Chattels Security Act (2014)).
6. Draft advocacy materials were prepared and peer reviewed the EAC Customs Management Act, 2004.
7. Prepared concept papers for the simplification of the East African Community Customs Management Act.
8. Prepared issues papers for the review of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, selected Land Laws (Land valuation, multiple rights and land tenure systems), and Protection of Children Against Grooming for Sexual Exploitation legislation.
9. Conducted preliminary consultations for the legislation on Product Liability.
10. Volume 27 of Statutory Instruments 2001-2015 revised.
11. Prepared a concept note for simplification of Local Governments Act.
12. Manuscript for Uganda Living Law Journal (ULLJ) proofread and edited.
13. Developed a draft Strategic Plan 2015/16-2019/20
14. Updated the Cumulative Supplement as at December 2016
15. Sponsored one staff on long term training (Bachelor of Information and Office Management)
16. Carried out repairs and service of vehicles and IT equipment.
17. Participated in the Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management (CAPAM) biennial conference.
18. Participated in a working group meeting on dispute resolution, in Vienna, Austria for UNCITRAL.
19. Participated in meeting of the ALRAESA Executive Committee and AGM in Namibia
20. Participated in four EAC meetings
21. Translation of the Constitution of Uganda into Dhur-Alur, Lugbara-Ti, Lumasaaba, and Lusoga ongoing
22. Procured assorted office equipment, furniture, toner, and stationery.
23. Carried out a recruitment exercise to fill some existing vacancies.
24. Paid staff allowances and salaries including remitting the NSSF contribution.

### IV. Medium Term Plans

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1. Seven simplified versions of laws and subsidiary legislation by 2020;
2. Fifteen translated versions of the laws and subsidiary legislation by 2020;
3. Ten pieces of legislation reviewed and reformed by 2020;
4. Five proposals for new legislation prepared by 2020;
5. Regional and international obligations integrated, harmonized and approximated in national legislation;
6. Seventh revised edition of the principal laws of Uganda published by December 2018;
7. Seventh revised edition of the subsidiary laws of Uganda published by 2019;
8. Annual volumes of the Laws of Uganda for 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 compiled and printed by 2020;
9. Eight compendia on selected areas of law consolidated by 2020;
10. Three indices of the laws of Uganda published by 2020;
11. Increased visibility and memorability through re-branding;
12. A one-stop information centre created for all legal materials by 2020;
13. An electronic records management system developed;
14. A records centre for storage of inactive records set up; and
15. Five operational policies developed by 2020.

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## V. Summary of Past Performance and Medium Term Budget Allocations

Table 5.1: Overview of Vote Expenditures (US\$ Billion)

		2015/16 Outturn	2016/17		2017/18	MTEF Budget Projections			
			Approved Budget	Expenditure by End Dec		2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
<b>Recurrent</b>	Wage	3.803	4.073	1.670	4.073	4.277	4.491	4.715	4.951
	Non Wage	5.646	6.082	2.682	6.087	7.304	8.034	9.240	9.240
<b>Dev.</b>	GoU	0.199	0.200	0.013	0.200	0.260	0.312	0.374	0.374
	Ext. Fin.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>GoU Total</b>		<b>9.647</b>	<b>10.356</b>	<b>4.364</b>	<b>10.360</b>	<b>11.841</b>	<b>12.837</b>	<b>14.330</b>	<b>14.565</b>
<b>Total GoU+Ext Fin (MTEF)</b>		<b>9.647</b>	<b>10.356</b>	<b>4.364</b>	<b>10.360</b>	<b>11.841</b>	<b>12.837</b>	<b>14.330</b>	<b>14.565</b>
	Arrears	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>Total Budget</b>		<b>9.647</b>	<b>10.356</b>	<b>4.364</b>	<b>10.360</b>	<b>11.841</b>	<b>12.837</b>	<b>14.330</b>	<b>14.565</b>
<b>A.I.A Total</b>		<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>9.647</b>	<b>10.356</b>	<b>4.364</b>	<b>10.360</b>	<b>11.841</b>	<b>12.837</b>	<b>14.330</b>	<b>14.565</b>
<b>Total Vote Budget Excluding Arrears</b>		<b>9.647</b>	<b>10.356</b>	<b>4.364</b>	<b>10.360</b>	<b>11.841</b>	<b>12.837</b>	<b>14.330</b>	<b>14.565</b>

## VI. Budget By Economic Classification

Table V6.1 2016/17 and 2017/18 Budget Allocations by Item

<i>Billion Uganda Shillings</i>	2016/17 Approved Budget				2017/18 Draft Estimates			
	GoU	Ext. Fin	AIA	Total	GoU	Ext. Fin	AIA	Total
<b>Output Class : Outputs Provided</b>	<b>10.156</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>10.156</b>	<b>10.160</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>10.160</b>
211 Wages and Salaries	6.285	0.000	0.000	6.285	6.265	0.000	0.000	6.265
212 Social Contributions	0.468	0.000	0.000	0.468	0.460	0.000	0.000	0.460
213 Other Employee Costs	0.104	0.000	0.000	0.104	0.104	0.000	0.000	0.104
221 General Expenses	1.501	0.000	0.000	1.501	1.469	0.000	0.000	1.469
222 Communications	0.116	0.000	0.000	0.116	0.139	0.000	0.000	0.139
223 Utility and Property Expenses	0.663	0.000	0.000	0.663	0.835	0.000	0.000	0.835
224 Supplies and Services	0.028	0.000	0.000	0.028	0.060	0.000	0.000	0.060
225 Professional Services	0.230	0.000	0.000	0.230	0.100	0.000	0.000	0.100
227 Travel and Transport	0.593	0.000	0.000	0.593	0.573	0.000	0.000	0.573
228 Maintenance	0.168	0.000	0.000	0.168	0.156	0.000	0.000	0.156
<b>Output Class : Capital Purchases</b>	<b>0.200</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.200</b>	<b>0.200</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.200</b>
312 FIXED ASSETS	0.200	0.000	0.000	0.200	0.200	0.000	0.000	0.200
<b>Grand Total :</b>	<b>10.356</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>10.356</b>	<b>10.360</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>10.360</b>

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Total excluding Arrears	10.356	0.000	0.000	10.356	10.360	0.000	0.000	10.360
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## VII. Budget By Programme And Subprogramme

Table V7.1: Past Expenditure Outturns and Medium Term Projections by Programme and SubProgramme

Billion Uganda shillings	FY 2015/16 Outturn	FY 2016/17		2017-18 Proposed Budget	Medium Term Projections			
		Approved Budget	Spent By End Dec		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
<b>01 Reform and Revision of laws</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>10.160</b>	<b>11.581</b>	<b>12.525</b>	<b>13.955</b>	<b>14.191</b>
01 Headquarters	0.000	0.000	0.000	10.160	11.581	12.525	13.955	14.191
<b>49 General Administration and planning</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.200</b>	<b>0.260</b>	<b>0.312</b>	<b>0.374</b>	<b>0.374</b>
0356 Law Reform Commission	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.200	0.260	0.312	0.374	0.374
<b>52 Legal Reform</b>	<b>9.647</b>	<b>10.356</b>	<b>4.364</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>
01 Headquarters	9.448	10.156	4.352	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
0356 Law Reform Commission	0.199	0.200	0.013	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>Total for the Vote</b>	<b>9.647</b>	<b>10.356</b>	<b>4.364</b>	<b>10.360</b>	<b>11.841</b>	<b>12.837</b>	<b>14.330</b>	<b>14.565</b>
<b>Total Excluding Arrears</b>	<b>9.647</b>	<b>10.356</b>	<b>4.364</b>	<b>10.360</b>	<b>11.841</b>	<b>12.837</b>	<b>14.330</b>	<b>14.565</b>

## VIII. Programme Performance and Medium Term Plans

Table V8.1: Programme Outcome and Outcome Indicators ( Only applicable for FY 2017/18)

<b>Programme :</b>	01 Reform and Revision of laws					
<b>Programme Objective :</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To revise laws with the view to eliminating anomalies, spent, obsolete, and repealed laws.</li> <li>To review and reform laws with a view to making recommendations for their systematic improvement, development, and modernisation.</li> <li>To simplify and translate laws to enhance access.</li> <li>To enhance the capacity of the Commission to undertake law reform and revision</li> <li>To enhance public awareness of existing laws and public participation in the law reform and revision processes.</li> <li>To raise public awareness about the Commission and its programs</li> </ol>					
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Lucas Omara Abong					
<b>Programme Outcome:</b>	Improved legal framework and access to the law					
<i>Sector Outcomes contributed to by the Programme Outcome</i>						
<b>1. Strengthen commercial justice and the environment for competitiveness</b>						
<b>Outcome Indicators</b>	<b>Performance Targets</b>					
	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>		<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Projection</b>	<b>Projection</b>

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• Number of draft bills submitted to government annually	4	3	4			
• Percentage of the population with access to updated laws	48%	50%	54%			
<b>SubProgramme: 01 Headquarters</b>						
<b>Output: 01 Reform and simplification of laws</b>						
No of studies completed	3	3	3			
No. of draft bills submitted for reform of laws	3	3	3			
Number of laws simplified	1	2	2			
Average time taken to conduct studies (months)	18	18	18			
<b>Output: 02 Revision of laws</b>						
Number of laws revised	800	100	50			
<b>Output: 03 Publication and translation of laws</b>						
No. of publications	5	65	7			
Constitution translated into local languages	3	3	3			
<b>Programme :</b> 49 General Administration and planning						
<b>Programme Objective :</b> To coordinate and ensure efficient operation of the Commission.						
<b>Responsible Officer:</b> Lucas Omara Abong						
<b>Programme Outcome:</b> Effective policy and coordination						
<b>Sector Outcomes contributed to by the Programme Outcome</b>						
<b>1. Strengthen commercial justice and the environment for competitiveness</b>						
<b>Outcome Indicators</b>	<b>Performance Targets</b>					
	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>		<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Projection</b>	<b>Projection</b>
• Improved performance			15%	18%	20%	

## IX. Major Capital Investments And Changes In Resource Allocation

Table 9.1: Major Capital Investment (Capital Purchases outputs over 0.5Billion)

N/A

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**Table 9.2: Key Changes in Vote Resource Allocation**

## X. Vote Narrative For Past And Medium Term Plans

### Vote Challenges

- a) **Under funding** - this has been a recurrent problem which the Commission has faced. The funding gaps have, in one way or the other, affected the optimal performance of the Commission.
- b) **Processes** - The Commission has no control over legislative processes because the work officially terminates with submission of study reports to line ministries.
- c) **Rented premises** - Due to continued operation in rented premises, the expenditure on rent eats into resources that could have been re-directed to implementation of programs.

### Plans to improve Vote Performance

By reducing the lead time for studies undertaken to reform and review selected laws, timely engagement of stakeholders in the area of translation of laws, and advocating for the enactment of an enabling law for revision of laws

## XI. Vote Cross Cutting Policy And Other Budgetary Issues

**Table 11.1: Cross- Cutting Policy Issues**

**Issue Type:** HIV/AIDS

<b>Objective :</b>	To provide a conducive working environment for both staff and clients to access and do their work with ease.
<b>Issue of Concern :</b>	Inadequate HIV/AIDS related services at the workplace
<b>Planned Interventions :</b>	1. Counseling services 2. Prevention interventions 3. Fully implement the HIV/AIDS policy at the workplace
<b>Budget Allocation (Billion) :</b>	0.032
<b>Performance Indicators:</b>	i) Number of HIV/AIDS awareness sessions conducted (4) ii) Number of counseling sessions conducted (8)

**Issue Type:** Gender

<b>Objective :</b>	To promote gender mainstreaming in planning and implementation in all programs
<b>Issue of Concern :</b>	Continuous need to mainstream gender in implementation of programs
<b>Planned Interventions :</b>	1. Provide flexible time for breast feeding mothers 2. Equal presentation of both sexes in implementation of programs
<b>Budget Allocation (Billion) :</b>	0.019
<b>Performance Indicators:</b>	Number of project work plans with gender based issues developed and implemented



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## Issue Type: Environment

<b>Objective :</b>	To contribute to the protection and preservation of the environment
<b>Issue of Concern :</b>	The need to combat climate change as a global concern
<b>Planned Interventions :</b>	1. Continue to promote paperless communication within and outside the Commission 2. Promote the use of energy saving devices and mechanisms 3. Implement the National Environment (Control of smoking in public places) Regulations, 2004.
<b>Budget Allocation (Billion) :</b>	0.005
<b>Performance Indicators:</b>	1. Number of energy saving devices at the workplace 2. Non-smoking awareness signage at the workplace

## XII. Personnel Information

Table 12.1 : Vote Staffing Profile by Post

Post	Authorised Establishment	Filled Posts	Vacant Posts	Cleared for filling in 2017/18	Number of Posts Estimated for 2017/18	Scale	Gross Salary Rate per Month	Annual Cost of Filled Posts 2017/18	Annual Cost of Estimated Posts 2017/18
ACCOUNTS ASSISTANT		1	2	2	3	LR7	2,152,000	2,152,000	2,152,000
COMMISSIONER - LAW REVISION		0	1	1	1	LR1B	10,084,500	0	10,084,500
DRIVER		6	3	3	9	LR8	1,611,200	9,667,200	1,611,200
LEGAL OFFICER		5	1	1	6	LR4	6,105,000	30,525,000	6,105,000
Records Officer		0	1	1	1	LR4	6,270,000	0	6,270,000
SENIOR LEGAL OFFICER		5	1	1	6	LR3	7,038,000	35,190,000	7,038,000
Senior Management Information System Officer		0	1	1	1	LR3	7,452,000	0	7,452,000
STENOGRAPHER SECRETARY		1	1	1	2	LR5	3,810,000	3,810,000	3,810,000
<b>Vote Total</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>29</b>		<b>44,522,700</b>	<b>2,152,000</b>	<b>44,522,700</b>