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 Law Reform Commission

V1: Vote Overview

I. Vote Mission Statement

Laws that facilitate transformation and development of Uganda.

II. Strategic Objective

- a) To revise laws to eliminate anomalies, and to repeal spent and obsolete 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 to enhance access.
- d) To enhance the capacity of the Commission to undertake law reform and revision
- e) To enhance public awareness of existing laws and public participation in the law reform and revision processes.

III. Major Achievements in 2017/18

1. Completed a study on the review of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, Cap.4 and made recommendations for its amendment.
2. Undertook a review of land related laws. Conducting Field consultations and data collection.
3. Completed a study on informal justice mechanisms.
4. A study to develop a legislation to address medical negligence was commenced. 50% of the targeted consultations on the proposals have been undertaken.
5. A study to develop a legislation that imposes strict liability for defective products was undertaken. Field consultations and data collection were conducted in Mbarara and Jinja.
6. A study to develop a legislation to address child grooming for sexual exploitation was commenced. An issues paper was prepared to guide the consultations.
7. A study to review the Criminal Procedure Code was commenced. An issues paper was prepared, field consultations and data collection are ongoing.
8. The process of developing a 4-year Law reform program for Uganda was commenced. Requests for submission of proposed areas for reform were sent out. 50% responses have so far been received.
9. A draft-abridged version of the Prevention and Prohibition of Torture Act, No.3 of 2012 was prepared.
10. Pre-enactment advocacy on proposals for the reform of the Evidence Act, Cap.6 was undertaken in Jinja.
11. Advocacy materials for proposals for the legislation to govern protection of witnesses were prepared.
12. Dissemination material for the Anti Corruption Act, No.6 of 2009 were prepared.
13. Out of the 14 volumes contained in the Principal Laws of Uganda, 10 volumes have been proofread and final checked.
14. Out of the 2000 to 2015 Statutory Instruments, 2000 to 2012 SIs have been revised and peer reviewed.

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15. The process of compiling all ordinances and byelaws was commenced. The Commission has so far collected ordinances and byelaws from central region and part of Eastern region.
16. An updated index of the laws of Uganda prepared as at December 2017.
17. A pocket size Children Act, Cap.59 prepared.
18. Participated in two UNCITRAL working group meetings on negotiations and review of investor state dispute settlement mechanisms, and development of rules for international arbitration and conciliation in Vienna.
19. Published the following;
 - a. A compendium of former Constitutions.
 - b. A compendium on Criminal proceedings.
 - c. A compendium on civil proceedings.
 - d. Translated versions of the Constitution in the languages of Dhu-Alur, Lugbara-ti, Lumasaaba and Lusoga.

IV. Medium Term Plans

1. Conduct nine studies to review and reform selected laws.
2. Carry out research in three different unregulated areas of the law to make proposals for new legislation.
3. Revise 20% of the laws of Uganda that require revision.
4. Translate the Constitution into six local languages
5. Simplify three selected laws of Uganda
6. Carry out advocacy on completed studies, through engaging relevant stakeholders, to allow for quick passage of the proposals into law
7. Create awareness of newly enacted laws to both the duty bearers and the general public.
8. Staff capacity building to improve efficiency

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V. Summary of Past Performance and Medium Term Budget Allocations

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

	2016/17 Outturn	2017/18		2018/19	MTEF Budget Projections				
		Approved Budget	Expenditure by End Dec		2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	
Recurrent									
Wage	3.463	4.073	1.812	4.073	4.481	4.705	4.940	5.187	
Non Wage	5.971	6.004	2.621	6.084	7.422	8.536	10.243	12.291	
Devt.									
GoU	0.190	0.200	0.005	0.200	0.244	0.293	0.293	0.293	
Ext. Fin.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
GoU Total	9.624	10.277	4.438	10.357	12.147	13.533	15.476	17.771	
Total GoU+Ext Fin (MTEF)	9.624	10.277	4.438	10.357	12.147	13.533	15.476	17.771	
Arrears	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.015	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
Total Budget	9.624	10.277	4.438	10.372	12.147	13.533	15.476	17.771	
A.I.A Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Grand Total	9.624	10.277	4.438	10.372	12.147	13.533	15.476	17.771	
Total Vote Budget Excluding Arrears	9.624	10.277	4.438	10.357	12.147	13.533	15.476	17.771	

VI. Budget By Economic Classification

Table V6.1 2017/18 and 2018/19 Budget Allocations by Item

<i>Billion Uganda Shillings</i>	2017/18 Approved Budget				2018/19 Draft Estimates			
	GoU	Ext. Fin	AIA	Total	GoU	Ext. Fin	AIA	Total
Output Class : Outputs Provided	10.077	0.000	0.000	10.077	10.157	0.000	0.000	10.157
211 Wages and Salaries	6.265	0.000	0.000	6.265	6.681	0.000	0.000	6.681
212 Social Contributions	0.461	0.000	0.000	0.461	0.475	0.000	0.000	0.475
213 Other Employee Costs	0.104	0.000	0.000	0.104	0.104	0.000	0.000	0.104
221 General Expenses	1.506	0.000	0.000	1.506	1.223	0.000	0.000	1.223
222 Communications	0.095	0.000	0.000	0.095	0.095	0.000	0.000	0.095
223 Utility and Property Expenses	0.825	0.000	0.000	0.825	0.830	0.000	0.000	0.830
224 Supplies and Services	0.060	0.000	0.000	0.060	0.060	0.000	0.000	0.060
225 Professional Services	0.072	0.000	0.000	0.072	0.050	0.000	0.000	0.050
227 Travel and Transport	0.533	0.000	0.000	0.533	0.486	0.000	0.000	0.486
228 Maintenance	0.156	0.000	0.000	0.156	0.153	0.000	0.000	0.153
Output Class : Capital Purchases	0.200	0.000	0.000	0.200	0.200	0.000	0.000	0.200
312 FIXED ASSETS	0.200	0.000	0.000	0.200	0.200	0.000	0.000	0.200
Output Class : Arrears	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.015	0.000	0.000	0.015
321 DOMESTIC	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.015	0.000	0.000	0.015

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Grand Total :	10.277	0.000	0.000	10.277	10.372	0.000	0.000	10.372
Total excluding Arrears	10.277	0.000	0.000	10.277	10.357	0.000	0.000	10.357

VII. Budget By Programme And Subprogramme

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

Billion Uganda shillings	FY 2016/17 Outturn	FY 2017/18		2018-19 Proposed Budget	Medium Term Projections			
		Approved Budget	Spent By End Dec		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
24 Reform and Revision of laws	0.000	10.077	4.434	10.172	11.903	13.241	15.183	17.478
01 Headquarters	0.000	10.077	4.434	10.172	11.903	13.241	15.183	17.478
25 General administration, planning, policy and support services	0.000	0.200	0.005	0.200	0.244	0.293	0.293	0.293
0356 Law Reform Commission	0.000	0.200	0.005	0.200	0.244	0.293	0.293	0.293
52 Legal Reform	9.624	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
01 Headquarters	9.434	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
0356 Law Reform Commission	0.190	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total for the Vote	9.624	10.277	4.438	10.372	12.147	13.533	15.476	17.771
Total Excluding Arrears	9.624	10.277	4.438	10.357	12.147	13.533	15.476	17.771

VIII. Programme Performance and Medium Term Plans

Table V8.1: Programme Outcome and Outcome Indicators (Only applicable for FY 2018/19)

Programme :	24 Reform and Revision of laws		
Programme Objective :	a) To revise laws to eliminate anomalies, and to repeal spent and obsolete 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 to enhance access. d) To enhance the capacity of the Commission to undertake law reform and revision e) To enhance public awareness of existing laws and public participation in the law reform and revision processes.		
Responsible Officer:	Lucas Omara Abong		
Programme Outcome:	Improved legal framework and access to the law		
<i>Sector Outcomes contributed to by the Programme Outcome</i>			
1. Commercial justice and the environment for competitiveness strengthened			
Outcome Indicators	Performance Targets		
	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21

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	Target	Projection	Projection
• Number of draft bills submitted to government annually	3	3	3
• Percentage of the population with access to updated laws	49%	52%	58%
SubProgramme: 01 Headquarters			
<i>Output: 01 Reform and simplification of laws</i>			
No of studies completed	3	4	4
No. of draft bills submitted to relevant ministries	3	3	3
Number of laws simplified	1	1	2
<i>Output: 02 Revision of laws</i>			
Number of laws revised	100	50	50
<i>Output: 03 Publication and translation of laws</i>			
No. of publications	4	4	4
Constitution translated into local languages	2	2	2
Timelines of producing the cumulative supplement	2018-12-31	2019-12-31	2020-12-31
Programme :	25 General administration, planning, policy and support services		
Programme Objective :	To coordinate and ensure efficient operation of the Commission.		
Responsible Officer:	Lucas Omara Abong		
Programme Outcome:	Effective policy and coordination		
<i>Sector Outcomes contributed to by the Programme Outcome</i>			
1. Commercial justice and the environment for competitiveness strengthened			
Outcome Indicators	Performance Targets		
	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
	Target	Projection	Projection
• Improved performance	70%	75%	80%
N/A			

IX. Major Capital Investments And Changes In Resource Allocation

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

N/A

X. Vote Challenges and Plans To Improve Performance

Vote Challenges

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1) The Law Revision Bill – The bill, when enacted into law, will give the Commission the legal mandate to publish the revised edition of the laws of Uganda. Cabinet approved the principles for the enactment of the bill. The Commission will not be in position to print and publish the revised edition of the laws of Uganda without the enabling law.

2) Funding shortfall of over 9.625 bn (Printing of the revised Principal laws - 6.5, Employee costs - 1.809, revision of laws - 0.73, transport equipment - 0.120, Participate in negotiations and review of investor state dispute settlement mechanisms, and development of rules for international arbitration and conciliation, & Participate in discussions to harmonise laws and alignment of laws in EAC context -0.331, Computers - 0.090, and office furniture - 0.045), for both recurrent and development costs, hinders implementation of the Commission activities.

Plans to improve Vote Performance

The Commission plans to undertake the following in order to improve its performance;

1. Strengthen the monitoring and evaluation component
2. Enhance staff skills leading to efficiency in the Commission operations
3. Increasing stakeholder involvement for efficient enactment of laws

XI. Vote Cross Cutting Policy And Other Budgetary Issues

Table 11.1: Cross- Cutting Policy Issues

Issue Type: HIV/AIDS

Objective :	To mainstream HIV/AIDS in commission activities
Issue of Concern :	Continuous awareness and put in place prevention mechanisms.
Planned Interventions :	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement the HIV/AIDS workplace policy 2. Quarterly staff health day engagement sessions 3. Prevention methods promoted 4. Health committee meetings 5. Acquire a first aid kit
Budget Allocation (Billion) :	0.050
Performance Indicators:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of HIV/AIDS prevention and awareness session conducted 2. Number of Condoms distributed 3. Number of staff health day engagement sessions conducted. 4. Number of health Committee meetings conducted.

Issue Type: Gender

Objective :	To mainstream gender in planning and implementation of Commission activities.
Issue of Concern :	Reduced gender sensitive planning and implementation of projects
Planned Interventions :	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gender budgeting and planning implemented. 2. Gender mainstreaming through policy interventions 3. Publish the Anti Corruption guidelines and Gender mainstreaming guidelines 4. Workshops to finalise Gender mainstreaming guidelines
Budget Allocation (Billion) :	0.015

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Performance Indicators:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of projects undertaken to address access and equity for all. 2. Number of gender based policies/guidelines developed 3. 200 copies of Gender mainstreaming guidelines printed
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Issue Type: **Environment**

Objective :	To promote measures that safeguard against global warming
Issue of Concern :	Increased environmental degradation in Uganda
Planned Interventions :	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enforcement of the National Environment (control of smoking in public places) Regulations, 2004 at the workplace 2. Minimise use of paper for internal communication 3. Review of environmental related laws
Budget Allocation (Billion) :	0.002
Performance Indicators:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of environmental related laws reviewed 2. Non-smoking awareness posters at the workplace

XII. Personnel Information

Table 12.1 Staff Recruitment Plan

Post Title	Salary Scale	No. Of Approved Posts	No Of Filled Posts	Vacant Posts	No. of Posts Cleared for Filling FY2018/19	Gross Salary Per Month (UGX)	Total Annual Salary (UGX)
ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT	LR7	2	0	2	2	4,304,000	51,648,000
OFFICE ATTENDANT	LR8	6	4	2	2	3,222,400	38,668,800
Records Officer	LR4	1	0	1	1	6,270,000	75,240,000
SENIOR ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT	LR5	3	2	1	1	3,810,000	45,720,000
Total		12	6	6	6	17,606,400	211,276,800