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V1: Vote Overview

I. Vote Mission Statement

To Promote and Protect Uganda's national interests in Iran, Azerbaijan, Pakistan, Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan, Turkmenistan, Armenia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan

II. Strategic Objective

1. Promote International Peace and Security
2. Promote Commercial/ Economic Diplomacy
3. Provide Diplomatic, Protocol and Consular Services to both Ugandans and foreigners
4. Mobilise and empower Uganda's Diaspora for national development
5. Promote Uganda's Public Diplomacy and enhance her image in countries of accreditation.
6. Strengthen Institutional Capacity of the Embassy

III. Major Achievements in 2020/21

- H.E Amb. Kisambira Muhammad held several meetings with Iranian Foreign Affairs Minister Mr. Javad Zarif and discussed matters relating to Uganda's cooperation with the Islamic Republic of Iran.
- H.E Amb. Kisambira Muhammad presented letters of credence to H.E Dr. Hassan Rouhani the president of the Islamic Republic of Iran
- The embassy has written to all the other 9 countries of accreditation informing them of the Ambassador's arrival and sought meetings for presenting letters of credence to their heads of state.
- Organized Independence Day celebrations dinner for staff at the residence
- Facilitated the return of two Ugandans stranded in Iraq
- Certified Academic Documents of Ugandan students who had finished their studies in Iran
- Sensitized the Ugandan Community in Qom about getting the new East African Passport
- Followed up on Ugandans in the Diaspora i.e Pakistan, Iraq and Afghanistan to discuss their challenges and the possible solutions
- Attended the 4th International Trade for Hot and Cold Beverages on 5th December in Tehran
- Visited Universities in Qom and met their leadership to solicit for scholarships for Ugandan Students
- Facilitated Ugandan Students and Community in Qom with Masks, sanitizers, PCR Tests
- Facilitated 27 Iranian Tourists and their tour agency with visas for their tour to Uganda
- Paid all statutory obligations to staff and embassy suppliers
- Held meetings with Trip and Joy Tour Agency of Iran and agreed to send over 100 tourists to Uganda every quarter
- Facilitated the return over 600 stranded Ugandans and Returning residents as a result of the COVID19 pandemic from the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iraq.
- Facilitated the safe return of 2 Ugandan women who were being held under duress in Iraq
- Continued to engage the Iranian Government as Uganda being one of the beneficiary countries of Iran's new policy to undertake/invest in commercial agricultural projects abroad to feed its growing population by encouraging Iranian companies to invest in Uganda.
- Continued to engage Pakistan, Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan authorities on Investment opportunities in Uganda. A working trip in Pakistan was organized to meet Pakistan officials and businessmen but was postponed because of travel restriction as a result of the COVID pandemic.
- Visited Qom Province and provided various consular services to the Ugandans community including the students
- Planned visits to Mazandaran Province meant to interest various companies to undertake trade and investment ventures through the respective Chambers of Commerce were put on hold due to travel restrictions due to the COVID19 pandemic.
- Followed-up on the promoting and marketing of Ugandan Tea and Coffee in Iran. Aysan Khavarimianeh Kala Co. despite the ongoing challenges, has continued to import coffee from Uganda with 40MT during the reporting period.
- Engaged Arman Parto Paydar Co. regarding resumption of tea imports from Uganda into Iran. They promised to resume trading, since travel restrictions had been eased.
- Facilitated COVID19 tests to all staff of the embassy and their families.

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- Paid all the statutory obligations of the Mission and all the suppliers.
- Facilitated the Recall of One Home Based Staff.

IV. Medium Term Plans

The Embassy will continue to; -

1. Engage Iran and other countries of accreditation to be supportive of Various Peace-building Initiatives/Processes of Interest to Uganda and the Great Lakes Region.
2. Lobby Iran and other countries of accreditation for understanding and appreciation of Uganda's Position on various Issues including Social, Economic, and Political and Cultural aspects.
3. Promote and facilitate trade, tourism and investments between Uganda, Iran and the countries of accreditation for increased Ugandan's Foreign exchange earnings, wealth creation and Job creation.
4. Strengthen the provision of Diplomatic, Protocol and Consular Services in countries of accreditation;
5. Promote Uganda's Image in the Islamic Republic of Iran and the countries of accreditation
6. Lobby gainful employment of Ugandans in Iran and countries of accreditation.
7. Strengthen Institutional Capacity of the Embassy through Acquiring, developing and Managing property in Tehran, as well as building staff capacity to deliver on the Mission Mandate
8. Engage Ugandan Diaspora to actively contribute to national development.

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V. Snapshot Of Medium Term Budget Allocations

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

	2019/20 Outturn	2020/21		2021/22	MTEF Budget Projections			
		Approved Budget	Expenditure by End Dec		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Recurrent								
Wage	0.608	0.707	0.317	0.707	0.707	0.707	0.707	0.707
Non Wage	2.951	3.135	1.430	3.135	3.135	3.135	3.135	3.135
Devt.								
GoU	0.097	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Ext. Fin.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
GoU Total	3.656	3.842	1.747	3.842	3.842	3.842	3.842	3.842
Total GoU+Ext Fin (MTEF)	3.656	3.842	1.747	3.842	3.842	3.842	3.842	3.842
Arrears	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Budget	3.656	3.842	1.747	3.842	3.842	3.842	3.842	3.842
A.I.A Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grand Total	3.656	3.842	1.747	3.842	3.842	3.842	3.842	3.842
Total Vote Budget Excluding Arrears	3.656	3.842	1.747	3.842	3.842	3.842	3.842	3.842

Table 5.2: Budget Allocation by Programme (US\$ Billion)

N/A

VI. Budget By Economic Classification

Table V6.1 2020/21 and 2021/22 Budget Allocations by Item

Billion Uganda Shillings	2020/21 Approved Budget				2021/22 Draft Estimates		
	GoU	Ext. Fin	AIA	Total	GoU	Ext. Fin	Total
Output Class : Outputs Provided	3.842	0.000	0.000	3.842	3.842	0.000	3.842
211 Wages and Salaries	1.488	0.000	0.000	1.488	1.488	0.000	1.488
212 Social Contributions	0.096	0.000	0.000	0.096	0.096	0.000	0.096
213 Other Employee Costs	0.069	0.000	0.000	0.069	0.069	0.000	0.069
221 General Expenses	0.365	0.000	0.000	0.365	0.365	0.000	0.365
222 Communications	0.091	0.000	0.000	0.091	0.091	0.000	0.091
223 Utility and Property Expenses	1.087	0.000	0.000	1.087	1.087	0.000	1.087
226 Insurances and Licenses	0.013	0.000	0.000	0.013	0.013	0.000	0.013
227 Travel and Transport	0.582	0.000	0.000	0.582	0.582	0.000	0.582
228 Maintenance	0.051	0.000	0.000	0.051	0.051	0.000	0.051
Grand Total :	3.842	0.000	0.000	3.842	3.842	0.000	3.842
Total excluding Arrears	3.842	0.000	0.000	3.842	3.842	0.000	3.842

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VII. Budget By Sub-Subprogramme , Department And Project

Table V7.1: Past Expenditure Outturns and Medium Term Projections by Sub-SubProgramme,Department and Project

<i>Billion Uganda shillings</i>	FY 2019/20 Outturn	FY 2020/21		2021-22 Proposed Budget	Medium Term Projections			
		Approved Budget	Spent By End Dec		2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
52 Overseas Mission Services	3.656	3.842	1.747	3.842	3.842	3.842	3.842	3.842
01 Headquarters Tehran	3.559	3.842	1.747	3.842	3.842	3.842	3.842	3.842
0927 Strengthening Mission in Iran	0.097	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total for the Vote	3.656	3.842	1.747	3.842	3.842	3.842	3.842	3.842
Total Excluding Arrears	3.656	3.842	1.747	3.842	3.842	3.842	3.842	3.842

VIII. Sub-SubProgramme Performance and Medium Term Plans

Table V8.1: Sub-SubProgramme Outcome and Outcome Indicators

Sub-SubProgramme : 52 Overseas Mission Services							
Objective : The Mission aims to:							
1. Engage with Iran and other countries of accreditation to be supportive of Various Peace-building Initiatives/Processes of Interest to Uganda and the Great Lakes Region.							
2. Lobby Iran and other countries of accreditation for understanding and appreciation of Uganda's Position on various Issues including Social, Economic, and Political and Cultural aspects.							
3. Promote Uganda exports to Iran and other countries of accreditation.							
4. Lobby for Foreign Direct Investments from Iran and other countries of accreditation.							
5. Attract Tourists from Iran and other countries of accreditation.							
6. Handle consular cases reported to the Mission.							
7. Engage Ugandan Diaspora to actively contribute to national development.							
8. Lobby gainful employment for Ugandans in Iran and countries of accreditation annually.							
Responsible Officer: Benjamin Mukabire							
Outcome: Enhanced national security, Development, Country's image abroad and well being of Ugandans							
<i>Sector Outcomes contributed to by the Programme Outcome</i>							
1. Improved regional and International Relations							
Outcome Indicators			Performance Targets				
					2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
			Baseline	Base year	Target	Projection	Projection

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N / A			
Department: 01 Headquarters Tehran			
Budget Output: 01 Cooperation frameworks			
No. of Multilateral cooperation frameworks negotiated or signed	4	4	4
No. of Bilateral cooperation frameworks negotiated or signed.	3	3	3
Budget Output: 02 Consulars services			
Number of Visas issued to foreigners travelling to Uganda.	500	700	1,000
No. of official visits facilitated	10	15	20
Budget Output: 04 Promotion of trade, tourism, education, and investment			
No. of foreign Tourism promotion engagements.	4	4	4
No. of scholarships secured.	15	20	25
No. of export markets accessed.	3	4	5

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

1. With the current COVID19 Pandemic, the embassy now has to carry out virtual meetings. This is challenging because Iran government usually switches off Internet
2. Travel restrictions due to COVID19 Pandemic have made achievement of planned objectives impossible.
3. Insecurity in the region mainly in Iraq and Iran makes these areas unreachable

Plans to improve Vote Performance

Embassy plans to open up honorary consuls in Iraq, Azerbaijan, Afghanistan and Karachi Pakistan to improve service delivery

XI Off Budget Support

Table 11.1 Off-Budget Support by Project

N/A

XII. Vote Cross Cutting Policy And Other Budgetary Issues

Table 12.1: Cross- Cutting Policy Issues

Issue Type: HIV/AIDS

Objective :	To implement the HIV/AIDS policy at the work place.
Issue of Concern :	HIV / AIDS prevention and management.

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Planned Interventions :	Lobby Iran to support the fight against HIV/AIDS in Uganda. Organize HIV/AIDS sensitization workshops Provide medical care to staff affected, including where appropriate access to counseling services.
Budget Allocation (Billion) :	0.500
Performance Indicators:	At least three (3) HIV/AIDS sensitization workshops carried out Appropriate Medical and psycho-social services provided to staff

Issue Type: **Gender**

Objective :	Put into consideration the gender issues in all the programs and activities of the Mission (Embassy).
Issue of Concern :	Gender awareness and consideration
Planned Interventions :	Consider gender balance in the composition of both Home Based and locally Hired staff in the Embassy. Provide separate places of conveniences for women and men in the Chancery for both the staff and the Visitors
Budget Allocation (Billion) :	0.190
Performance Indicators:	At least 30% level of female staff maintained at the Mission (Embassy).

Issue Type: **Environment**

Objective :	To put into consideration environment issues on the Embassy planned activities
Issue of Concern :	Clean, safe and secure environment.
Planned Interventions :	Ensure a safe and secure working environment. As appropriate, encourage a paperless/ paper free working environment. Tree planting. Healthy garbage dumping and collection. Plant and maintain green grass at the chancery
Budget Allocation (Billion) :	1.000
Performance Indicators:	A clean, safe and secure environment maintained

XIII. Personnel Information

Table 13.1 Staff Establishment Analysis

N/A

Table 13.2 Staff Recruitment Plan

N/A