HOW MINISTERS REACTED TO APPOINTMENTS

Newly appointed cabinet and state ministers have expressed excitement and determination to serve, pledging not to disappoint the appointing authority in what many described as a defining moment in their political careers. The ministers vowed to work tirelessly under President Yoweri Museveni's Kisanja No Sleep, with the fight against corruption and the advancement of the National Resistance Movement agenda of socio-economic transformation, wealth creation and service delivery as top priorities. Ugandans also flooded social media with congratulatory messages to the new appointees, while demanding integrity and accountability as they prepare to serve Ugandans, write **Michael Odeng** and **Charles Etukuri**.

JANE RUTH ACENG



On her X account (formerly Twitter), the former health minister Jane Ruth Aceng, who has been appointed ICT minister, said she was honoured and humbled by the trust and confidence that Museveni had placed in her through the appointment. Aceng said she was grateful for the privilege of serving as Minister of Health for the past 10 years and remained committed to continuing to serve the country diligently.

PETER OGWANG



The state minister for education and sports, Peter Ogwang thanked the President for reappointing him to the education ministry. "It has been a great pleasure working with my senior minister, Mama Janet Museveni at the ministry for the past years and I am excited that we have both bounced back so that I can continue tapping from her wealth of wisdom," he said. Ogwang pledged to support NRM's aspirations and policies, which are geared towards transforming the motherland.

FRED BYAMUKAMA



The former minister of state for transport, Fred Byamukama, who was elevated to become the full minister for works and transport said: "I am excited that I have been promoted. We want to streamline the ministry to ensure the roads and bridges are done well and ensure the Uganda Airlines is handled well."

CHARLES AYUME



Charles Ayume, the Koboko Municipality MP, who was appointed the Minister of State for Health (Primary Health Care) said: "I thank God and His Excellency for the confidence he has had in me." Ayume said he has gone through the ranks and his last assignment was the chairperson, parliamentary committee on health. "I think I excelled at that and caught the eye of the appointing authority," he said. "I pledge to really work hard to ensure that we continue with the good work our predecessors started, but most importantly, we take on the mantle at the time when there is Ebola's so we have to hit the ground running; there is no time for pleasantries," he said.

PERSIS NAMUGANZA



Namuganza, who is also the Member of Parliament for Bukono county, said she is humbled and grateful to the President for reappointing her. "Thank you, Mzee, for recognising my efforts and continuing to trust me with the heavy responsibility of serving our great nation. To the people of Bukono county who sent me back to the House, and to all my supporters across Uganda: This appointment belongs to all of us. I promise to work tirelessly alongside our senior leadership to ensure we secure the future of our citizens through grassroots transformation and socio-economic empowerment," she stated.

ROBERT MIGADDE



Robert Ndugwa Migadde, the Buvuma county MP in Buvuma district, who was appointed the state minister for agriculture in charge of fisheries said: "I want to thank the appointing authority. I thank God and the President for choosing me. I want to also thank the people of Buvuma county. The President has picked me, but the people of Buvuma made it possible by voting me back." Migadde said fisheries is a docket he understands well.

JUSTINE NAMEERE

Justin Nameere, who was appointed state minister for local government, thanked the President for trusting her. "Mr President, you have challenged me. And indeed, Almighty God Himself has challenged me. The ways of God aren't the ways of man. *Taata wa Ggwanga, Jjaja wa Bazzukulu,* thank you for placing your trust in your fighter. I am overwhelmed with gratitude. *Tumwerezeeni*," she stated.

Ugandans speak out

In a post on her X account (formerly Twitter), the former Speaker of Parliament, Anita Among, congratulated all the new appointees and thanked all the outgoing ministers for their dedicated service to Uganda. On her X account (formerly Twitter), the NRM deputy national treasurer Jacqueline Kyatuheire congratulated the new appointees.

"Wishing you a fruitful and successful term of office guided by integrity, hard work, patriotism and service to the people. No corruption, no sleep, until work is done," she stated.

The NRM secretary general, Richard Todwong, said the new roles require maximum dedication with unquestionable humility.

The former Buliisa county MP candidate and Commissioner in the Office of the President, Angalia Godwin, also congratulated all the new appointees.

Former Ntungamo district Woman MP Josyline Kamateneti wished the ministers' success, wisdom and strength in serving the people. "May your leadership bring unity, development and progress to our nation," she said.

Ugandan singer Moses Ssali aka Bebe Cool, congratulated the new appointees and wished them success.

After 40 years focused on security, infrastructure and economic stability, Ssali said the focus should shift to active wealth creation and accountability.

Ssali, therefore, urged Ugandans to join the money economy through agriculture, manufacturing, services and ICT. He added that programmes like the Parish Development Model, Emyooga and skilling hubs are intended to move households out of subsistence living.

MINISTER, STATE MINISTER'S ROLE?

One of the interesting social media discussions, raised by media personality Douglas Lwanga, focused on the roles of ministers and state ministers.

In response, market intelligence and strategy expert Prosper Belguin Lumu explained that ministries are run by political leaders and technical professionals. He said ministers provide leadership, policy direction and represent ministries in Cabinet and Parliament, while Permanent Secretaries manage daily operations and staff supervision. Lumu noted that ministers are not required to possess technical expertise, but should listen to and coordinate experts effectively.

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

STANDARD INVITATION TO BIDDERS

BID NOTICE UNDER OPEN BIDDING

PROCUREMENT OF STATIONERY UNDER FRAME WORK CONTRACT FOR A PERIOD OF 18 MONTHS: MOH/SUPLS/2025-2026/00104

1. The Government of the Republic of Uganda through the Ministry of Health (MOH) has allocated funds to be used for procurement of Stationery under a framework contract for a period of 18 Months.
2. The Entity invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the provision of the above supplies.
3. Bidding will be conducted in accordance with the open domestic bidding method contained in the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act, 2003 and or as amended, and is open to all bidders.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below at 8(a) during working days with effect from **28th May,2026** between 09:00-15:00 hours.
5. The Bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below at 8(b) and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **UGX 100,000/=**. The method of payment shall be through banks authorised to receive non tax revenue.
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below at 8(c) at **11:00 a.m. on 22nd June 2026.** All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of UGX10,000,000 (Ten Million Shillings). The bid security shall be valid until 9th December, 2026. Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives, who choose to attend at the address below at 8(d) at **11:30 a.m. on 22nd June 2026.** There shall NOT be a pre – bid meeting.
8. (a) Documents may be inspected at: **The Ministry's Procurement and Disposal Unit, Main Office Building, Plot 6/7 Lourdel Road, Wandegeya Kampala.**
   (b) Documents will be issued from: Same as in 8(a) above.
   (c) Bids must be delivered to: Same as in 8(a) above.
   (d) Address of bid opening: The Ministry's Board Room, Main Office Building, Plot 6/7 Lourdel Road, Wandegeya.
9. The planned procurement schedule (subject to changes) is as follows:

SN	Activity	Date
1	Issue /Publication of Tender	28/05/2026
2	Pre-bid meeting	none
3	Bid closing date	22/06/2026
5	Evaluation process	03/07/2026
6	Award of Contract	10/07/2026
7	Solicitor General Clearance	31/07/2026
8	Contract Signing	03/08/2026

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