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Indeed, the concept became a central pillar of policy reform adopted to promote democratisation.

keen interest in the link between Uganda's development and our "home-grown" decentralisation model, whose up-and-up story made global headlines.

...ies, planning and budgeting processes were too complicated for many locals, and unscrupulous politicians were driving a selfish political agenda.

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Kudos for digitalising labour export system

On January 29, the Gender ministry launched a digitised system to monitor the export of labour. The External Employment Management System (EEMS) is intended to counter human trafficking and streamline smooth operations under the employment sector. Initially, all job seekers had to apply directly to the recruiting firms but with the new system, applicants will still access the same jobs online using this system. I am

very glad because this is a great step towards ensuring safety of Ugandans that travel abroad for work. More than 200,000 people, especially the youth, leave the country annually to look for employment abroad due to the high rate of unemployment in Uganda. Nevertheless, their safety is sometimes not guaranteed, especially those that leave through unregistered companies. Last year, about 50 people lost their lives in the United

Arab Emirates (UAE) while many others are working under horrible conditions. There have also been cases of human trafficking by some companies who even go ahead to confiscate the travel documents of these individuals hence making it hard to identify them as well as these companies in case of any problem. The new system will enable government monitor the livelihoods of those that go abroad to work.

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