



MINISTRY OF TOURISM, WILDLIFE AND ANTIQUITIES INDEPENDENCE DAY CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE 2017



H.E. Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni
President of Uganda



Hon. Prof. Ephraim Kamuntu
Minister of Tourism, Wildlife and
Antiquities



Hon. Godfrey Kiwanda Ssuubi
Minister of State for Tourism, Wildlife
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Mrs. Doreen Silver Katusiime
Permanent Secretary



Over the years, the Government has invested in identifying and developing potential tourism products like national parks, wildlife reserves, cultural sites, forests and water bodies, in order to package them for as tourist attractions.



UNDP Resident Representative/ UN Resident Coordinator Ms. Rosa Malango receives an award in recognition of UNDP's support to the tourism sector from HE Vice President Edward Kiwanuka Ssekandi as Hon. Kiwanda looks on. This was during the Pearl of Africa Tourism Expo (POATE) in February 2017.



The Vice President HE Edward Kiwanuka Ssekandi officially opens World Tourism Day celebrations at Lutoboka beach, Kalangala district in September 2017, as Ministers Prof. Kamuntu and Hon. Kiwanda look on.



Ministers Prof. Kamuntu and Hon. Kiwanda, Permanent Secretary Mrs. Doreen Katusiime and UWA Board members hand over a cheque of UGX290m to Kisoro District Local Government in April 2017. This is part of UWA's revenue sharing scheme where districts surrounding national parks benefit from tourists visiting the parks.



Deputy Speaker of Parliament Rt. Hon. Jacob Oulanya with Hon. Kiwanda at Aruu Falls, Pader district, during Tulambule northern region in August 2017.

On this occasion of the 55th Independence Anniversary of Uganda, the Minister Prof. Ephraim Kamuntu, Minister of State Hon. Godfrey Kiwanda Ssuubi, Permanent Secretary Mrs. Doreen Katusiime, and the entire staff of the Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities extend their sincere congratulations to the President of the Republic of Uganda, His Excellency Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, the Government and all the people of Uganda on the remarkable achievements attained since Independence in 1962.

The mandate of the Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities is to develop and promote tourism, wildlife and cultural heritage resources for enhancement of Uganda as a preferred tourist destination, with accelerated sector contribution to the national economy, for the country to attain middle-income status by 2020 and attain its vision, Uganda Vision 2040.

Unlocking Uganda's Tourism Potential

The tourism sector has become the mainstay of Uganda's economy. Tourism has contributed 9% of national GDP, and brought in the highest foreign exchange earnings, amounting to US\$1.35bn. Tourism in Uganda accounts for 9% of total employment, and is a major driver for the country to attain middle-income status by 2020. Promoting tourism is a big step towards making Uganda the top tourist-preferred destination in Africa, and among the top ten long haul tourist destinations in the world.

The NRM government has promoted tourism by providing an environment of peace and security, conserving wildlife and investing in infrastructure.

