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Dr Nabadda appointed national laboratories boss

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KAMPALA. Dr Susan Ndidde Nabadda, a former Consultant Pathologist at Mulago Hospital, has been appointed the new executive director of the Uganda National Health Laboratory Services under the stewardship of the Central Health Laboratories (CPHL).

Dr Nabadda replaces Mr Steven Aisu who is the outgoing executive director of UNHLs.

Launched in November last year, CPHL is charged with providing laboratory support for disease surveillance through investigation and confirmation



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of disease outbreaks and feeding into the HMIS database at the Ministry of Health resource centre.

Speaking to *Daily Monitor* yesterday at the function

where she was inaugurated, the pathologist promised to ensure the quality of all laboratories within the country as a move aimed at improving the quality of health care services in the country.

"The good news is that I have come at a time when Parliament has just passed the Biotechnology and Bio safety Bill 2012, which will enable them to protect health workers and patients from getting into contamination with hazardous agents," Dr Nabadda stated.

During her tenure, she also promised to ensure the improvement in the biorisk management performance of

both public and private health laboratories where clinical specimens are tested in order to obtain information about the health of a patient as pertaining to the diagnosis and treatment.

The CPHL is where all the recommended tests for the respective health facility levels which cannot be conducted at lower level are carried out together with the support of the established specimen referral system to specialised laboratories.

Among other tests it conducts include; HIV/Aids, Hepatitis B, and Tuberculosis among others.