



President Museveni meets up with Lango leaders, elders and party leaders from Uganda Peoples Congress and Forum for Democratic Change across from Lango Sub-region, at State House, Entebbe, on Thursday. PHOTO/PPU

Museveni, Lango leaders discuss post-polls deals

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Sticking with a time-tested saying that the early bird catches the worm, leaders from Lango have wasted no time in pitching their agenda to President Museveni following his sweeping win in the sub-region in the 2026 General Election.

Mr Museveni takes up his seventh elective term as President when he takes the oath of office in May and forms the next Cabinet, appoints other public officials to ministries, departments, and agencies, and also diplomatic service.

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The President first met a team of NRM incumbents and MPs-elect from Lango on Wednesday, followed by another conference with Lango leaders, elders and party leaders from Uganda Peoples Congress (UPC) and Forum for Democratic Change (FDC) on Thursday.

President Museveni in a general statement issued after the meetings, said: "I congratulate the elders of Lango across the ten districts for choosing peace, unity and development, and for rejecting identity divisions in favour of shared prosperity."

During the meeting, President Museveni lauded the team "for beginning to do real politics...we're now going back to the politics of miti, or interests, and not identity."

Memo to President

The team in their memo said: "This election has proved to be a turning point in the voting pattern in the Lango Sub-region...The people of Lango voted for you 84.49 percent and expect 84.49 percent development in the sub-region."

The group commended President Museveni's support through Gen Keith Katungi, the fifth Division Commander, saying, "it enabled us to move in the entire sub-region of Lango canvassing

LANGO DELEGATION

- James Olobo, outgoing MP
- Tonny Ayo, outgoing MP
- Jimmy Awany, former parliamentary candidate
- Patrick Okwir Jaramogi
- Chris Ongom, former UPC regional vice chairman for Lango, also Oyam District vice chairman
- Joel Okao Tema
- Alex Ogwal Adyebo, outgoing Kwania LC5 chairman
- Denis Hamson Obua, MP
- Jane Ruth Aceng, Lira City Woman MP
- Felix Okot Ogong, outgoing Dokolo South MP
- Sam Engola, Erute South MP-elect

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The group hailed President Museveni for agreeing to restock cattle in Teso, Lango, and Acholi, and creation of the two districts of Aber and Erute in the Lango Sub-region.

They also demanded the appointment of Lango hardworking people to key government offices in both political and civil offices to achieve regional

balance.

The leaders also pleaded that Lira Technical Institute be elevated to the University of Science and Technology, and asked for the construction of roads to link Dokolo-Namsale, Aboke-Iceme-Bobi-Lira City, and Alo to Abim.

Mr Museveni reportedly pledged more development for the wider Northern Uganda.

Barbs for Akena, Amongi

But sources that attended the Lango Parliamentary Group meeting with the Head of State, said many barbs were thrown at UPC party leader James Akena, and wife Betty Amongi, the minister of Gender, Labour and Social Development.

The President reportedly expressed strong disappointment with Mr Akena, whom he said he had considered a friendly force, but proved otherwise in the just concluded polls.

Mr Akena, in the run up to the January 15 presidential elections, called on the electorate in Lango to shun Mr Museveni, who he blamed for his disqualification by the Electoral Commission that cited non-compliance with the UPC party constitution.

Mr Museveni also reportedly expressed dismay with minister Amongi whom he expected to canvass votes for

him in Lango but did not.

But the sources said the President was happy there is now a bloc of Lango UPC Museveni and Lango UPC-Akena.

UPC loyalists in the meeting, who included former UPC regional vice chairperson for Lango Chris Ongom, and incumbent Kwania LC5 chairperson Ogwal Adyebo, were categorical they would join hands to move with the rest of Uganda in the name of peace, unity, and development, and not work with anyone in Lango who opposes President Museveni.

Mr Ogwal Adyebo said: "The people have realised the importance of working for and with the government. Those who are not for the government, we're not going to deal with them as Lango."

Mr Joel Okao Tema of FDC party and former MP candidate for both Erute South and Lira City Division West, campaigned for Museveni and Dr Jane Ruth Aceng to win the Lira City Woman MP race against Amongi.

Mr Okao, who is one of those who believe the politics of Lango has to be re-configured outside the Amongi-Akena grip, said: "I fully associate with the memo that has been presented here because it represents our voices as the people of Lango."

Mr Museveni's and his NRM party registered sweeping wins in Lango, eclipsing the formerly dominant UPC party in the sub-region.

Mr Museveni swept the presidential polls in Lira City with 85 percent of the total valid votes cast, outstripping even his tally in Mbarara, his home city.

His NRM party also took 18 MP seats against 12 for UPC and one for an Independent; six LC5 seats against two for UPC and two for Independents; and 68 City Division and sub-county chairperson seats against 33 for UPC and 11 for Independent candidates.

Mr Denis Hamson Obua, the outgoing Ajuri County MP, and Government Chief Whip, commended the team and said in the entire Northern Region, Lango has gone on record as winner in the 2026 General Election.

Lango demands

Sources also said, the MPs, led by outgoing Ajuri County MP and Government Chief Whip Denis Hamson Obua, presented to Mr Museveni a raft of demands, including better roads and hospitals.

The MPs, who left it to outgoing Dokolo County MP Felix Okot Ogong, to push the agenda, also pressed for appointments from Lango to big posts as Prime Minister, and Permanent Secretaries, with none from the region currently occupying any.

It was unclear whether the President responded to the demands.

But President Museveni on his official microblogging platform X, only said: "The NRM stands for Patriotism, Pan Africanism, Socio Economic Transformation and Democracy. With security and proper implementation of programmes like PDM, Lango and Uganda will accelerate wealth creation for all."