

KCCA to raise sh1.9b for schools infrastructure

By Juliet Waiswa

The Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) executive director, Jennifer Musisi, has launched the 2018 Kampala City Festival (KCF), which is expected to raise sh1.9b for city schools.

The money, according to Musisi, will go towards re-roofing 10 city schools that still have asbestos roofs and improve sanitation through the construction of biogas latrines.

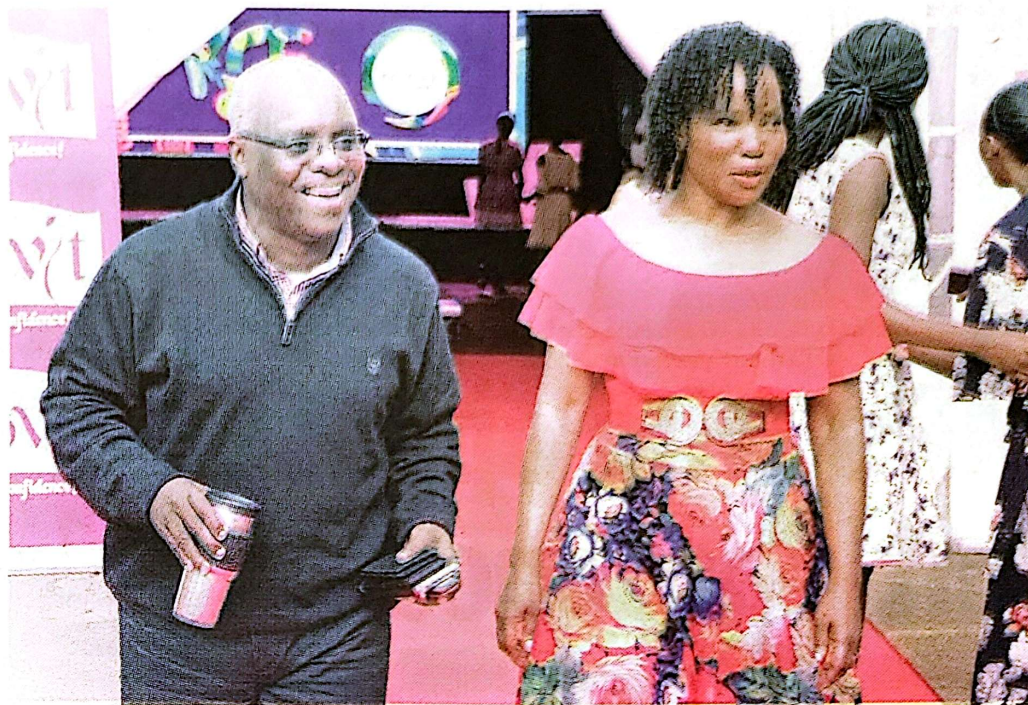
The 10 schools include Nakasero Primary School, Buganda Road, Nakivubo Blue, Katwe Martyrs, Mengo, Bat Valley and Kibuli Demonstration Primary School. Others are Nabisunsa, Kyambogo College, Makerere College, Old Kampala SS, Kololo SS and Kibuli Secondary School.

Musisi said the money will be raised from the three-day city fete that will include a motor rally, music concert with a street party at the climax of the event.

During the launch of the festival yesterday, Musisi said all dilapidated KCCA schools, would be renovated.

"This year, we are focusing on removing asbestos from schools to protect the lives of our children. We all know that asbestos causes cancers, and our children's lives are in danger," Musisi said.

She told the over 20 sponsors that the future of the country depends on the children who



Kabushenga (left) and Musisi at the KCCA offices in Kampala during the launch of the seventh city festival slated for October 7. Photo by Miriam Namutebi

need a chance to have their education in a conducive environment.

"We need to support children by improving the learning environment in order to secure their future. My mother did not afford to take me to a private school, but see where I am," Musisi said.

Last year, KCCA had a target of raising sh800m and the money raised went towards the construction of 120 classroom blocks for the

primary schools of Kamwokya, Natete Muslim, Ggaba, St Denis, Kitebi, Namuwongo and the completion of a science laboratory and construction of a biogas toilets in Kansanga Seed Primary School.

KCCA has 79 schools, which she said were in a sorry state while others lacked furniture, proper toilet facilities and have problems linked to their land titles.

The Vision Group chief executive officer, Robert

Kabusenga, was among the sponsors who were recognised. Others were Uganda Breweries, who gave sh270m, Movit sh100m, MTN, City Tyres sh150m and Coca Cola sh65 among others. This year, the festival will run under the theme: 'Seven years of KCCA'.

Background

KCCA launched the city festival in 2012 to bring together different people from all over Uganda to celebrate the city.