

LUUKA

By Vision Reporter

The executive director of the National Planning Authority, Dr Joseph Muvawala, has called on leaders in Luuka district to prioritise unity and collective action as a foundation for accelerated development.

Dr Muvawala, who also serves as Prime Minister (Katukiro) of Busoga Kingdom, said areas that register meaningful progress often do so because of co-ordinated leadership and active citizen participation.

ELECTED LEADERS' GATHERING

He made the remarks during a leaders' symposium held in Kitwekyambogo, Bulongo sub-county, last Saturday.

The meeting brought together elected leaders from all 12 sub-counties and town councils, alongside civil servants.

The symposium was organised by the Special Presidential Assistant on Press and Mobilisation, Hajji Faruk Kirunda and focused on strengthening leadership effectiveness ahead of the next political cycle.

Muvawala urged leaders and residents to support those elected into office rather than undermine them.

"If you vote for a leader, support them, instead of pulling them down," Muvawala said, adding that a positive mindset and investment in the next generation are essential for long-term progress.

He also challenged the

Luuka leaders urged to foster development



Dr Muvawala making his remarks during a leaders' symposium in Kitwekyambogo, Bulongo sub-county last Saturday

people of Busoga to leverage influential figures from the sub-region who hold positions in government to advance local development priorities beneficial to all citizens.

FUNDS MISMANAGEMENT

Turning to governance concerns, Muvawala warned against the mismanagement of funds under the Parish Development Model (PDM).

He cited complaints that some beneficiaries receive less than the prescribed share due to illegal deductions. Reinforcing a directive by President Yoweri Museveni, he said individuals involved in such practices should be arrested.

FALSE PROMISES

The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Ethics and Integrity, Dunstan Balaba,

cautioned leaders against making unrealistic campaign promises, warning that this often leads to poor service delivery and loss of public trust.

He also advised leaders to separate public service from partisan politics.

"In local government, our duty is to serve all people regardless of political affiliation," Balaba said.



Faruk Kirunda, Special Presidential Assistant on Press and Mobilisation

He further reminded the leaders of their core roles, including legislation, budgeting and oversight of government programmes.

Balaba further condemned corruption in recruitment processes, warning district officials against soliciting bribes for jobs.

PUBLIC EXPECTATIONS

Luuka district Chief Finance Officer, Dr George Bogere Kipalu, urged leaders to manage public expectations, noting that a mismatch between campaign pledges and available resources often leads to frustration among

SUGARCANE ECONOMICS

Speaking in a leaders' meeting in Luuka district, the Prime Minister (Katukiro) of Busoga Kingdom, Dr Joseph Muvawala, highlighted the economic potential of sugarcane, a dominant cash crop in Busoga, but decried productivity gaps between large-scale producers and smallholder farmers.

"In one acre, Madhvani gets about 80 tonnes of sugarcane, while an ordinary farmer gets about 20 tonnes. We must close that gap," he said, calling for access to improved planting materials and better farmer support systems.

He further criticised gaps in the current sugarcane policy and regulatory framework, arguing that farmers are not fully benefiting from the sector, especially from value-added by-products such as ethanol, electricity and bio gas.

both leaders and citizens.

He emphasised the need for capacity building, adherence to the legal framework and alignment with the ruling party's 2026-2031 manifesto to ensure realistic planning and effective service delivery.