

WORKSHOP

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By Vision Reporter

President Yoweri Museveni has said the National Resistance Movement (NRM) Government plans to have machine, carpentry, ceramics and textiles tools made in Uganda to facilitate the availability of such tools at a low cost.

The President was on Saturday commissioning and handing over a common-user timber workshop in Rukungiri district.

The workshop, which was donated by the President, was valued at sh193m. It is intended to benefit 5,000 members of the Rukungiri Municipality Carpenters' and Traders' Association.

"I have helped you, but wake up. If

Museveni supports Rukungiri carpenters

you work well, you will achieve a lot. NRM enabled you to choose people so that you may be served well. I want the district leaders to prioritise you so that the various sectors such as carpentry, textiles and others are facilitated, with the goal of ensuring

that people can generate income," he said.

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He said under this arrangement, machine tools would be manufactured in Uganda.

Museveni said the machinery workshop would serve the East African Region and go a long way in cutting costs of importing machines, thereby facilitating the reduction in production costs.

He also said Uganda will soon start refining iron ore in Tororo, starting with the local casting of materials from the country's minerals.

The chairman of Rukungiri Municipality Carpenters' and Traders' Association, Emmanuel Gumisiriza, saluted the President for the donation of the common-user timber workshop.

Museveni (in white shirt) during the commissioning of the carpentry in Rukungiri yesterday. PPU photo