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it is time government to looked for
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Uganda has 7431 parishes and 57,842
villages in 1,403 sub-counties in the
112 districts.

Democratic Party unveils 2017 plans

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KAMPALA. The president of the Democratic Party (DP), one of the oldest political parties in the country, has revealed the party's 2017 strategic plan and vowed to take the party to the countryside ahead of the 2021 general elections.

Addressing journalists the party's end of year press briefing in Kampala yesterday, DP chief, Mr Norbert Mao, said the party seeks to build structures country-wide in a bid to bring change after the 2021 elections.

“Our priority is to strengthen branches and sub branches, there many vacancies at all level of the party leadership. We need to fill those vacancies so that the party can function from the grassroot up to the national level,” Mr Mao said..

He, however, explained that the scale of the DP activity may reflect an increase in number of leaders and party members, starting from the upcoming Local Council 1 and 2 elections.

Mr Mao also called for “meaning full dialogue” and asked President Museveni not to think that the dialogue is about how he can leave power. “We have many things to talk about as Ugandans, not only term limits,” Mr Mao said.

“We want Ugandans to

see things they have never seen before and these include peaceful transition of power with no blood shade. Apart from the term limits we write in our laws there is also God's term limits and that means that you cannot intimidate or manipulate when God decides,” he added.

Mr Mao said in 2017, “the party will continue with their practice in policy development because many times the government is saying that Opposition is just making noise with no alternative policies.”

He added: “That is not DP we have so far published three reports on education, agriculture and employment and we are now working on health. We want to show Ugandans what DP will do when it takes over power.”

Mr Mao also added that the party will launch countrywide recruitment drive next year targeting to register 500,000 members of DP.

He commended government for according DP secretary general Mathias Nsubuga a state burial, saying the late MP deserved it.

Mr Mao also announced that the party appointed the deputy secretary general Gerald Siranda to replace Nsubuga for the period of one year until such a day when the party will renew its leadership according to the party constitution.

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