

Museveni tips on infrastructure development for Africa

By Vision Reporter

President Yoweri Museveni has emphasised that education, alongside peace and security, infrastructure development, democracy and market access will unlock Africa's potential and put the continent on a path to prosperity.

"Once there is education in Africa, they will know how to navigate. But now there is brain drain. Education without peace, democracy, infrastructure development and market integration is not enough. It has to be education and other things," he said on Wednesday during a question and answer session on the sidelines of the 4th Annual Global Business Forum on Africa. The forum under the theme, *Next Generation Africa Realising the Promise of Integration* was hosted in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates.

The President, was on a three working visit on the invitation of the UAE by the Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh



The newly constructed Entebbe Expressway will ease transportation of goods

Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, who is also the Vice president and prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates.

Secret of hat

According to a release from State House, the President, who kicked off his remarks on a light note when he was asked by the moderator Sangu Delle,

the chief executive officer, Golden Palm Investments, Ghana, the secret of his (Museveni's) hat.

"I was told by my son not to go out without the hat. I spend most of my time outdoors in the tropics. My son told me the hat will protect me from the sun. That's the story of my hat," he replied.

The President said Uganda

and Africa are addressing bottlenecks to prosperity and development including addressing issues like ideology (identity versus interests), market integration, unity, patriotism and pan-Africanism. "People don't understand that the 54 countries in Africa can't be prosperous if they don't integrate especially economically and politically,"

he said. Asked what type of Africa he would like to leave, the President said: "One with one common market, a big stimuli for production."

"I would like to see one common market for Africa. I would also like to see bigger political unions to defend ourselves in the world of giants," he said.

Achievements

When asked about what he is proud of as his achievement for the people of Uganda, Museveni said fighting sectarianism and pushing politics which is not based on religion and tribes.

The 4th Africa Global Business Forum was hosted by the Dubai Chamber of Commerce at Dubai's Madinat Jumeirah centre.

The forum brings together hundreds of businessmen and private sector leaders for a two-day discussion on increasing investment on the African continent.

The 4th annual global Business Forum on Africa,

aimed at enhancing relations between Dubai and Africa, assessing the economic environment as well as sharing experiences using Dubai as a base.

The gathering also discussed exploring the potential for leveraging technology to accelerate growth across Africa, discussing the power of the emerging private sector and identifying the opportunities for financing and partnering with Africa's dynamic entrepreneurs. The conference was attended by several African presidents including Rwanda's, Paul Kagame of Rwanda, that of Seychelles, Danny Antoine Rollen Faure, Mauritius Ameenah Gurib and Ghana's Vice President.

Uganda's delegation comprised energy minister, Irene Muloni, tourism minister, Ephraim Kamuntu, security minister, Lt. Gen. Henry Tumukunde, state minister for investment, Evelyn Anite, and senior presidential adviser on security and Maj. Gen. Proscovia Nalweyiso.