

'Embrace leadership beyond politics'

The Empower Her event brought together several women captains to celebrate transformation.

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The first deputy Prime Minister and Minister of East African Affairs Rebecca Kadaga has told Ugandans to embrace leadership to better serve the nation.

This was during the Nation Media Group Empower Her - Women Captains Edition 2026 that brought together industry leaders, innovators, and change-makers committed to advancing gender equality and empowering women across sectors.

Held under the theme "Claim the Seat. Shape the Future", the landmark event celebrated organisations and individuals who are championing women's leadership, inclusion, and transformative growth.

"I emphasise that Ugandans must embrace leadership which extends beyond politics and must be embraced across all sectors of society," she said.

She highlighted the importance of inclusive leadership, mentorship, and the need for organisations to move beyond dialogue into meaningful action that promotes equity and sustainable development.

Speaking at the event, the Nation Media Group-Uganda Managing Director, Ms Susan Nsibirwa, reaffirmed the company's commitment to creating platforms that celebrate leadership, innovation, and collaboration, while driving meaningful conversations and partner-

ships that advance women's empowerment. "The 2026 edition was supported by key partners dedicated to promoting gender equity and leadership development, underscoring the importance of collective effort in building inclusive and sustainable workplaces," she said.

A dynamic panel discussion moderated by Priscilla Regina Nalwoga featured distinguished speakers, Jenny Tumukunde and Deborah Komugisha Kakande, who shared valuable insights on leadership, inclusion, and empowering women to take on decision-making roles across various sectors.

The evening also recognised outstanding contributions through four prestigious award categories.

About Empower Her Women Captains Edition

Empower her is an initiative by Nation Media Group aimed at spotlight-

EMPOWER AWARDS

These celebrate organisations that demonstrate exceptional vision and leadership in creating workplaces where women thrive, with at least 50 percent representation of women in management and decision-making roles.

Woman of the Future Award: It honours organisations that actively invest in women's growth, create pathways for advancement, and empower women through mentorship, innovation, and opportunity.

The Give to Gain Award: Recognising a woman whose dedication, mentorship, and selfless contributions have uplifted others and inspired positive change within communities.

Nation Media Group ESG Leadership Award: Presented to an organisation that exemplifies sustainability, inclusion, and ethical leadership, aligning with Nation Media Group's 2026 ESG agenda focused on environmental responsibility, gender equity, and transparent governance.

ing women leaders, celebrating inclusive organisations, and fostering dialogue that inspires the next generation of change-makers. The platform con-

tinues to recognise excellence while encouraging institutions to create environments where women can lead, succeed, and shape the future.



The First Deputy Prime Minister, Ms Rebecca Kadaga (left), and the Nation Media Group-Uganda (NMG-U) Managing Director, Ms Susan Nsibirwa, at the Empower Her event in Kampala on Tuesday. PHOTO / DUNCANS KABAGAMBE



Guests follow the event proceedings.