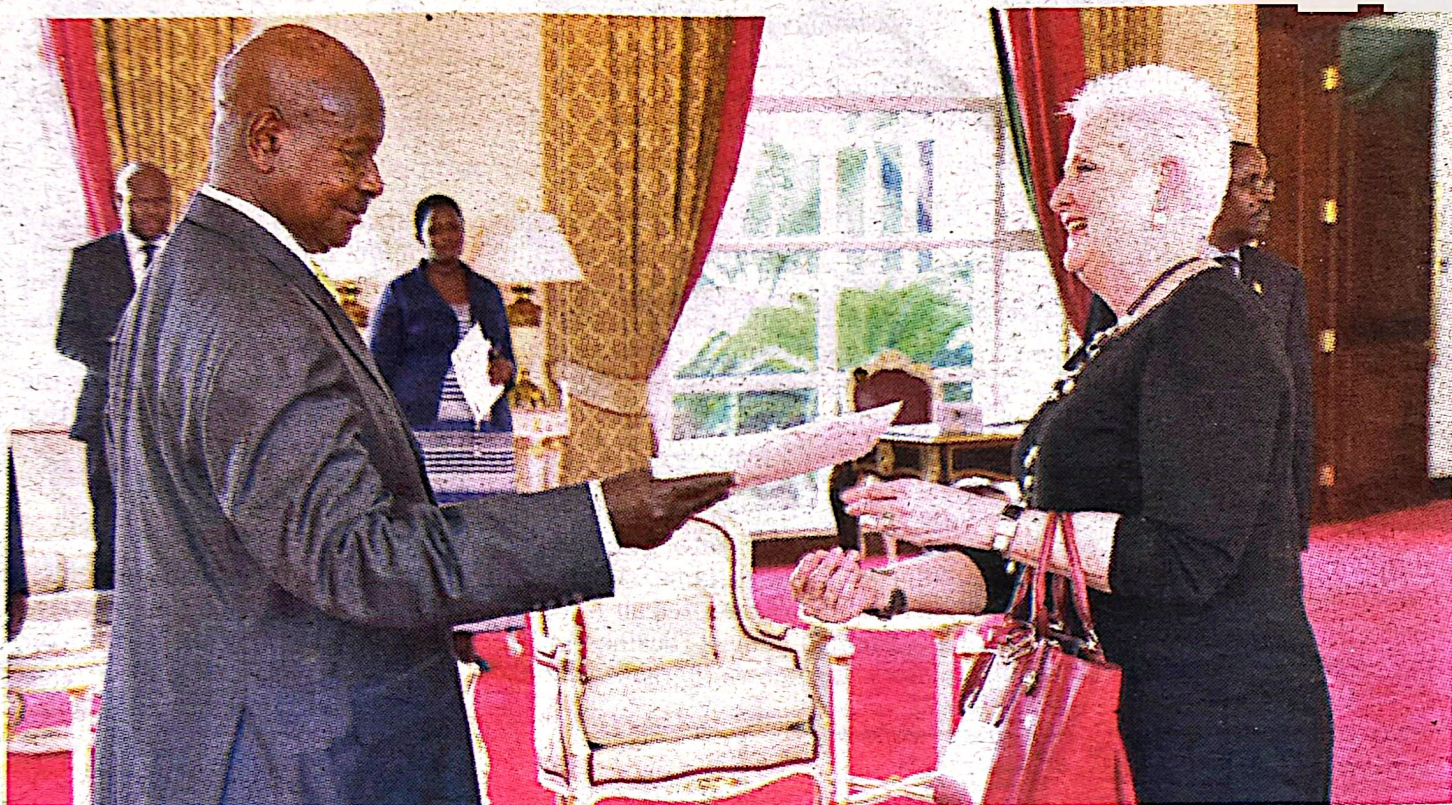




President Museveni (L) receives credential of the new US Ambassador to Uganda Ms Deborah Malac at State House Entebbe at the weekend. PHOTO BY PPU

New envoys present credentials to Museveni

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KAMPALA. Three newly accredited ambassadors to Uganda presented their credentials to President Museveni at ceremonies held at State House, in Entebbe at the weekend.

The envoys include US Ambassador Deborah R Malac, Belgian Ambassador Hugo Verbist and the Cuban Ambassador Antonio Luis Pubillones.

According to State House spokesperson Linda Nabusayi, the three envoys presented their credentials at various ceremonies last Saturday, also attended by Foreign Affairs minister Sam Kutesa.

Amb Malac, a career member of the US Senior Foreign Service, previously served in Liberia. She also earlier

served in the State Department as the Director of the Office of East African Affairs from 2011 to 2012.

She was named by US President Barack Obama as ambassador to Uganda replacing Mr Scott DeLisi, whose tour of duty came to a close in the same month.

The US provides \$760m in support annually to Uganda, more than half of it (\$440m) going to the health sector and military.

The new ambassador of Belgium Hugo Verbist replaces Ambassador Alain Hanssen, who ended his service last year. He previously served as the embassy counsellor in the Belgium ministry of Foreign Affairs and before as alternative permanent representative to the three Rome-based UN agencies (RBAs), Food and Agricultural Or-

ganisation, World Food Programme and International Fund for Agricultural Development.

Belgium supports Uganda, mostly on projects and programmes, through its overseas development arm—Belgian Technical Cooperation (BTC).

At the ceremony to receive the Cuban envoy, President Museveni, according to the statement released by Ms Nabusayi, underscored the “need to revive projects that the two countries were working on closely, especially in the health sector.”

Amb Pubillones, who previously served in Sierra Leone, replaces Amb Francisco Javier Viamontes Correa.

Uganda and Cuba enjoy modest bilateral relations that stretch back 40 years ago, collaborating in select fields like education and health.