

**LIST OF PERSONS DESERVING HONOUR AND RECOGNITION ON NRM/A DAY CELEBRATIONS ON 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2025 FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PREPARATION OF THE NAM AND G77+ CHINA SUMMITS**

<b>THE DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF THE CRESTED CRANE (GRAND COMMANDER)</b>				
<b>NO</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>GENDER/AGE</b>	<b>DIST/MIN</b>	<b>PROFILE</b>
1.	Rt. Hon. Robinah Nabanja	Female 55yrs	Kakumiro	<p>She was born on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 1969, Kakumiro Uganda.</p> <p>Robinah Nabbanja is a Ugandan educator and politician who currently serves as the Prime Minister of Uganda. She assumed office on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.</p> <p>Nabbanja's career in public service began in the late 1990s as a school teacher. She ventured into local politics, serving as a District Councilor for Nkooko sub-county in Kibaale District; also held the position of Secretary for Health, Gender, and Community Services.</p> <p>Her dedication and leadership skills led to higher positions of appointments. From 2001 to 2010, she served as Resident District Commissioner in the districts of Pallisa, Busia, and Budaka.</p> <p>In 2011, Nabbanja joined national politics and won the seat of the Women Representative for Kibaale District in the 9<sup>th</sup> Parliament. She continued with her political journey, representing Kakumiro District in Parliament to date.</p> <p>In December 2019, she was appointed State Minister of Health (General Duties) in the Ugandan cabinet. Her outstanding performance and dedication to public service paved the way for her appointment as Prime Minister in June 2021.</p> <p>She received the prestigious Global Women Leadership Award in 2024 at the Global Power Women Conference in New York City. This annual award, presented by the UK-based Centre of Economic and Leadership Development, recognizes and celebrates exceptional women leaders who</p>

				<p>inspire global change and drive significant progress across regions and sectors.</p> <p>As a key figure in the National Organizing Committee (NOC), she oversaw preparations across multiple sectors. She also played a role in promoting Uganda's diplomatic and economic goals, as the country aims to leverage the summits to secure its chairmanship of NAM (2024-2027) and G77 (2024), enhancing Uganda's global influence</p>
2.	Rt. Hon. Rukia Nakadama	Female 54 yrs	Mayuge	<p>She was born on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1970.</p> <p>Rukia Isanga Nakadama, is a Ugandan Businesswoman, Educator, Politician and Diplomat with training in Public Administration. On 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 she was entrusted to serve the People of Uganda as the Third Deputy Prime Minister and Minister without Portfolio a Position she holds to date.</p> <p>Previously she served as Minister of State for Gender and Culture in 2006 – 2016. She was committed to promoting social inclusion, supporting vulnerable groups, and advocating for human rights, policies and programmes. Her notable contributions span across various sectors, particularly in addressing the needs of vulnerable people and children, promoting education, and supporting climate change resilience initiatives among others.</p> <p>Currently, she is the Woman Member of Parliament Representing Mayuge District a position she has held from 2001 to date. In 2018, Rukia Isanga Nakadama was appointed as the Honorary Consul of Pakistan in Uganda. She also played an important role of opening and operationalization of the Pakistan Embassy hence fostering Uganda's Diplomatic relations, trade and development with Pakistan.</p> <p>Some of her significant achievements ranged from her advocacy for corporate social responsibility for vulnerable people where she urged companies to support initiatives like the Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) program and facilitated the</p>

				<p>donation of locally produced wheelchairs and supportive devices for PWDs and older persons. This action aims to empower marginalized communities as well as promoting the "Buy Uganda, Build Uganda" (BUBU) initiative.</p> <p>She has also served as a member of the National Forestry Authority (2017-2021).</p> <p>On the international stage, Rt. Hon. Nakadama has represented Uganda meticulously in key global forums, addressed them on Uganda status on Gender equality and women empowerment; Combating Islamophobia underscoring Uganda's commitment to religious tolerance and inclusion; Uganda's resilient health systems; the impacts of climate change on health; Sustainable solutions to protect vulnerable populations among others.</p> <p>She was delegated by H.E The President to represent Cabinet in the Preparations and coordination of NAM and G77+ China Summits. Through her coordination role Uganda was able to deliver a successful global event hence accelerating the Countries broader development, trade and diplomatic objectives.</p> <p>Rt. Hon. Rukia Nakadama's leadership is largely focused on inclusivity, Social Economic empowerment, and Human Rights. Her contributions continue to shape Uganda's efforts in advancing the Social Economic transformation Agenda.</p>
3	Mrs. Lucy Nakyobe Mbonye	Female 57 yrs	Wakiso	<p>She was born on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 1967, in Wakiso, Uganda,</p> <p>Lucy Nakyobe is a prominent public servant currently serving as the Head of Public Service and Secretary to Cabinet.</p> <p>Nakyobe's joined Makerere University where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Social Sciences. She furthered her studies, obtaining a Postgraduate Diploma in Public Administration from the Uganda Management Institute, a Master's in Public</p>

				<p>Administration and Management from Makerere University, and a Master's in Business Administration from ESAMI.</p> <p>In 2021, she assumed the role of Head of Public Service and Secretary to Cabinet, the highest civil service position in Uganda. In this capacity, she is responsible for coordinating government activities, implementing Cabinet decisions, and advising the President on public service matters.</p> <p>Nakyobe's public service career began in the 1990s, where she held various positions in government ministries, including Energy and Natural Resources, Environment Protection, and Tourism and Wildlife. Her significant contributions to public service led to her appointment as Assistant Secretary at the Office of the Vice President.</p> <p>In 2007, she was promoted to Under Secretary for Finance and Administration at the Office of the Vice President. Her responsibilities included budget preparation, procurement, logistics management, and financial oversight.</p> <p>In 2010, Nakyobe was appointed State House Comptroller, where she oversaw the administration and operations of State House. She played a crucial role in ensuring the efficient functioning of the presidential office and advising the President on various matters.</p> <p>In 2023, H.E the President appointed her as the Chief Executive Officer to oversee the preparations of the NAM and G77 + China summits a role she played successfully. She was the overall supervisor of the preparations for the summits.</p> <p>She successfully coordinated all the relevant Sectors, to deliver an accomplished and meticulous Global event. She spear headed the construction of a multi-purpose convention Centre at Speke Resort Munyonyo, critical infrastructure, such as roads, street lighting and other important amenities more elevated to International Standards among others.</p>
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4.	Amb. Adonia Ayebare	Male 58 yrs	Isingiro	<p>He was born on 18<sup>th</sup> October 1966 in Isingiro District, Uganda, Dr. Adonia Ayebare is currently the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations in New York.</p> <p>With a wealth of experience in diplomacy and international relations, Dr. Ayebare has held numerous key positions. He served as Uganda's Ambassador to Rwanda and Burundi for five years, during which he also acted as a special envoy to the Burundi peace process.</p> <p>Dr. Ayebare has a strong commitment to peace and security in Africa. He has worked extensively with mediation teams on conflicts in Burundi, Somalia, and Sudan. He played a pivotal role in establishing the coordination of the three African members of the United Nations Security Council (A3) and has participated in high-level UN Security Council meetings.</p> <p>As Uganda's representative at the UN, Dr. Ayebare is at the forefront of global diplomacy. He currently serves as the President of the High-Level Committee on South-South Cooperation and has been appointed co-facilitator of the outcome document for the UN Second High-Level Conference on South-South Cooperation. Additionally, he is the coordinator of the African Group on seeking an Advisory Opinion from the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and chairs both the G77 and China and the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).</p>

				<p>Dr. Ayebare's academic credentials include two Master's degrees from Long Island University, New York, and Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, as well as a certificate in International Security from Harvard University. He holds two Doctorates from Indiana University, with residence at the United Nations New York and Rutgers University New Jersey, USA.</p> <p>He was appointed by the President as the deputy Chief Executive Officer for the preparation of the NAM &amp; G77 + China summits a role he played and led to the successful hosting of the summits in Uganda.</p>
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5.	Dr. Sudhir Ruparelia  Chairman, Ruparelia Group of Companies	Male 68 yrs	Kampala	<p>He was born on 17<sup>th</sup> January 1956.</p> <p>Dr. Sudhir Ruparelia is a Ugandan businessman, investor, and philanthropist renowned as one of the wealthiest and most influential figures in East Africa. Born in Uganda, he later moved to the UK as a refugee, where he worked multiple jobs before purchasing his first house at the age of 20. In 1985, he returned to Uganda with \$25,000 in savings and established the Ruparelia Group, which has grown into a multi-sector conglomerate with interests in real estate, financial services, education, hospitality, agriculture, and media. The Group employs over 8,000 people and is one of Uganda's largest taxpayers.</p> <p>As the Chairman of the Ruparelia Foundation, Dr. Sudhir has been a driving force behind various charitable initiatives in healthcare, education, wildlife conservation, and poverty alleviation. Since its inception, the foundation has donated over \$1 million to charitable causes. His business ventures have also contributed significantly to Uganda's economy. His Meera Investments Ltd is the largest property developer in Uganda, while Rosebud Ltd is the country's leading exporter of flowers, controlling</p>

				<p>a significant portion of Uganda's flower export market.</p> <p>Dr. Sudhir's education investments include Kampala International School, Kampala Parents' School, Victoria University, and Delhi Public School International, all of which are regarded as leading institutions in Uganda. His hospitality ventures, such as Speke Resort Munyonyo, have hosted major events like the 2007 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), NAM &amp; G77+ China Summits among others.</p> <p>He has been honored with multiple awards, including an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Uganda Pentecostal University, a Golden Jubilee Independence Medal for his exceptional investment services.</p>
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6.	Hon. Okello Henry Oryem	Male  64 yrs	Kitgum	<p>He was born on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 1960 in Kitgum District.</p> <p>Hon. Okello Henry Oryem is a prominent Ugandan politician currently serving as the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs in charge of International Cooperation. He has held this position since 2004, playing a pivotal role in shaping Uganda's foreign policy and fostering international partnerships.</p> <p>He has previously served as State Minister for Sports, from 2001 until 2005. He also serves as the elected Member of Parliament for "Chua County", Kitgum District.</p> <p>Okello Henry Oryem is known for his active involvement in global diplomatic engagements. He has represented Uganda at high-level international forums, including the Paris Peace Forum, where he contributed to discussions on health inequalities and sustainable development goals (SDGs). His role in advancing Uganda's diplomatic interests has been marked by his efforts to strengthen bilateral and</p>

				<p>multilateral relations with various countries and international organizations.</p> <p>In addition to his ministerial duties, Hon. Oryem has been a key advocate for Uganda's role in regional and global peace and security initiatives. His work has included promoting Uganda's interests in East African regional integration and supporting peace-building efforts in neighboring countries. His leadership in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has contributed to Uganda's visibility and influence on the global stage.</p> <p>Through his diplomatic acumen and commitment to international cooperation, Hon. Okello Henry Oryem has established himself as a vital figure in Uganda's pursuit of sustainable development and global integration.</p>
7.	Hon. John Mulimba	Male 52 yrs	Busia	<p>He was born on 25<sup>th</sup> July, 1972, in Busia District, Uganda.</p> <p>He has an extensive academic background. He holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from Makerere University Business School, a Bachelor's degree in Marketing and Sales from the University of Wales, and a Bachelor's degree in Social Development from Makerere University. Additionally, he obtained a National Higher Diploma in Marketing from Uganda National College of Commerce and a Diploma in Human Resource Management from Makerere University.</p> <p>Hon. John Mulimba is the current State Minister for Foreign Affairs in charge of Regional Affairs and serves as the Member of Parliament representing Samia Bugwe North County Constituency. Since 2021, he has also been the Chairman of the Governing Board for the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFRI). His leadership roles extend to previous positions in governance and public administration.</p> <p>Hon. John Mulimba's contributions to governance, education, and public administration are</p>



				<p>noteworthy. As Chairman of the Finance Management Board at Busitema University, he was instrumental in promoting effective financial management and accountability. His role at the NGO Bureau Board of Directors further demonstrated his commitment to transparency and regulatory compliance for Uganda's civil society organizations.</p> <p>Hon. John Mulimba is recognized for his passion for time management, ensuring projects are completed on schedule while maintaining high work standards. He values transformation, development, and proactive decision-making. Known for his collaborative nature, he thrives in team settings, takes on new challenges, and seeks to create impactful engagement in all his endeavors. His leadership approach emphasizes quick decision-making, fostering efficiency, and promoting excellence in public service.</p>
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8.	Haji Yunus Kakande	Male  66 yrs	Luwero	<p>He was born on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 1958, in Luwero District.</p> <p>He possesses an impressive educational background, including a Master of Arts in Public Administration from Makerere University (1998), a Postgraduate Diploma in Public Administration from Uganda Management Institute (1995), and a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) from Makerere University (1982). He also holds a Certificate in Administrative Law from the Law Development Centre (1986) and completed his A' and O' level education at Kibuli Secondary School (1973-1978).</p> <p>With a public service career spanning 42 years, over 30 of which were dedicated to the Office of the President, Haji Kakande Yunus has proven to be a pillar of public administration in Uganda. He is known for his agility, problem-solving skills, and effective leadership.</p>

				<p>He has held key responsible offices including;</p> <p>Secretary to the Office of the President (Since November 26, 2018 to date): He spearheads the implementation of Presidential Directives, coordinates government policies, and ensures accountability of public funds.</p> <p>His notable achievements include:</p> <p>Intelligent Transport Monitoring System (ITMS): Coordinated its implementation to combat criminal activity involving motorcycles. The system enables real-time identification and apprehension of offenders.</p> <p>Government Campus at Bwebajja: Overseeing the development of a one-stop center for government offices, reducing government expenditure on rent and promoting cost-efficiency.</p> <p>Governance and Security Programme Coordination: Coordinated 32 Ministries, Departments, and Agencies under Uganda’s Programmatic Approach to Planning and Budgeting, ensuring alignment with the National Development Plan (NDP) III and NDP IV.</p> <p>Operationalization of the Executive Public Policy Management Forum (APEX): This platform supports the oversight functions of the Presidency under NDP III reforms.</p> <p>Mentorship and Capacity Building: Played a pivotal role in the recruitment, mentorship, and promotion of Senior Administrative Officers in MDAs, enhancing administrative capacity.</p> <p>Under Secretary, Office of the President (December 14, 2004 – September 12, 2018): Provided critical support to the Permanent Secretary, oversaw government policy direction, and guided administrative procedures. He also coordinated the construction of office blocks for the Office of the</p>
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				<p>President and Office of the Prime Minister, donated by the People’s Republic of China.</p> <p>Principal Assistant Secretary, Office of the President (June 28, 1999 – December 13, 2004): Coordinated inter-ministry collaborations, produced performance reports, and authored Cabinet policy papers. His contributions became templates for administrative communication in Uganda.</p> <p>Senior Assistant Secretary and Assistant Secretary: In various ministries, he provided vital administrative support, supervised staff, and ensured proper management of ministry resources and operations.</p> <p><b>Achievements and Recognition</b></p> <p>Independence Medal: Awarded on October 9, 2018, by President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni in recognition of his exceptional service to Uganda.</p> <p>Nominated for the AAPAM Presidential Public Service Award: Recognized for his contributions to public administration and commitment to Uganda's development.</p> <p>Institutional Memory: Known as a "walking encyclopedia" on Uganda’s public administrative matters and a custodian of the Presidency’s institutional memory.</p> <p>Haji Kakande is an active member of the African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM), promoting excellence in public service management.</p> <p>Haji Kakande's career goal is to be an effective and efficient 21<sup>st</sup> -century public administrator and leader. His legacy of mentorship, advocacy for administrative excellence, and championing of transformative public service reforms will continue to inspire future generations of public servants in Uganda.</p>
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9.	Mr. Vicent Baguire Waiswa	Male 49 yrs	Jinja	<p>He was born on 19<sup>th</sup> January, 1975, in Jinja District, this distinguished leader has an exceptional academic background marked by numerous qualifications from esteemed institutions worldwide.</p> <p>He holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA, cum laude) from Glasgow Caledonian University, a Master of Science (with Merit) in Macroeconomics from the University of Bradford, and a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Information Technology from the University of Derby. Additionally, he earned a Bachelor of Laws from Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, and a degree in Library and Information Science from Makerere University.</p> <p>With over 20 years of experience in the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) sector in Uganda and globally, he has held prominent leadership roles in both public and private sectors. He is currently the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Prior to this role, he served as the Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance. His earlier career included serving as the Chief Executive Officer of Bridges.org, a Washington, D.C.-based IT policy non-profit organization.</p> <p>He is the founder and former Executive Director of the Centre for International ICT Policy for East and Southern Africa (CIPESA), a key institution in amplifying Africa's voice on ICT policy processes at the international level. He also played a crucial role in promoting Free and Open Source software through BROSDI, a non-profit organization based in rural Uganda.</p> <p>Before joining the Ministry of ICT &amp; National Guidance, he served as a Member of Parliament, where he chaired the Parliamentary Sessional Committee on Information and Communication Technology. In this capacity, he played a significant role in shaping ICT policy and governance.</p>
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10.	Mr. Bageya Waiswa	Male 67 yrs	Iganga	<p>He was born on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 1957, in Iganga, Uganda.</p> <p>Bageya Waiswa is a seasoned public servant currently serving as the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Works and Transport.</p> <p>Waiswa holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics (Rural Economy) from Makerere University, a Postgraduate Diploma in Public Administration from the Uganda Management Institute, and Master's degrees in Public Administration and Management, and Business Administration. He is a member of the African Association of Public Administrators and Managers.</p> <p>Waiswa has had a long and distinguished career in public service. He began his career in 1982 as an Administrative Officer in Kamuli District. Throughout his career, Waiswa has made significant</p>

				<p>contributions to Uganda's development. Some of his notable achievements include:</p> <p>Played a key role in restructuring the Ministry of Internal Affairs in the 1990s.</p> <p>Strengthened the Accountability Sector by establishing a sector secretariat and set up new regional offices for the Inspectorate of Government.</p> <p>He has supervised multi-million-dollar road and transport projects funded by international organizations.</p> <p>He was involved in the revival of the National airline. The Uganda Airline and flies to many destinations' worldwide as well</p> <p>He has overseen the implementation of projects such as the Kabaale Airport, Bukasa Port, one-stop border posts, and the logistics hub in Gulu.</p> <p>He has implemented the Lake Victoria Maritime Transport Regional Project, establishing search and rescue centers and a maritime survival training center. expanding Entebbe International Airport.</p> <p>He chaired the Transport Infrastructure Committee in preparation for the Non-Aligned Movement/G77+China Summit and participated in the planning and execution of the Standard Gauge Railway project.</p> <p>Waiswa's dedication, integrity, and visionary leadership have made him a respected figure in the Ugandan public service. His contributions to the country's development have been invaluable.</p>
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11.	Dr. Aminah Zawedde	Female 46 yrs	Mpigi	She was born on 17 <sup>th</sup> September 1978 in Mpigi District.

				<p>She is the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance. She holds a PhD in Computer Science (Eindhoven University), a PGDip in Educational Technologies (University of Cape Town, South Africa). Dr. Zawedde is an experienced IT professional passionate about embracing digital transformation to improve business models, service delivery and transform people’s lives. She provides strategic and technical leadership on how various sectors can leverage innovation and digital solutions to solve their problems while creating employment opportunities for the youths.</p> <p>During the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and G77 + China Summit, Dr. Aminah Zawedde, as the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance, played a critical role in ensuring the summit's success by leveraging her expertise in ICT and public administration. Her contributions included:</p> <p>Coordinated the deployment of ICT infrastructure to support the smooth operation of the summit, including high-speed internet connectivity and digital communication systems.</p> <p>Oversaw the Ministry's role in managing media coverage, ensuring timely and accurate dissemination of information about the summit's events and outcomes.</p> <p>Supported the establishment of a robust press center to cater to local and international journalists covering the summit.</p> <p>Facilitated the use of digital platforms to streamline coordination among government ministries, agencies, and the summit’s organizing committees.</p> <p>Introduced technology-driven solutions to manage delegate accreditation, scheduling, and logistics efficiently.</p>
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12.	RO 06612 Maj. Gen. Gowa Kasiita	Male 64 yrs	Kayunga	<p>He was born on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 1960 in Kayunga.</p> <p>He joined the Peoples Protracted Struggle in 1985, Commissioning on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 1989.</p> <p>The General Officer holds a Master of Science in Global Sy Cranfield University, United Kingdom; a Master in Strategic Studies from United States Army War College He has also attained several military qualifications from respective Colleges and Academies including; Senior Staff College, Ghana, Senior Svc College &amp; Joint Professional Mil Edu, US Army War College, Peace &amp; stability Ops course, United States Army War College, International Humanitarian Law Zimbabwe and Establishment of the Reserve Forces, Israel</p> <p>The General Officer holds the portfolio of the Directorate of Citizenship and Immigration Control in the Ministry of Internal Affairs. He has held several Command and Staff appointments. among them are Commanding Officer of 77<sup>th</sup> Inf Battalion; Comd 401 Inf Brigade; Directing Staff Senior Staff</p>



				<p>College, Kimaka, Col Coord Senior Staff College, Defence Advisor Washington DC; Deputy and also acting Commandant Senior Staff College Kimaka, Jinja and Chief of the Integrated Resources Management Information Systems;</p> <p>The General Officer steered a team of Immigration staff with several delegation from foreign ministries through meetings, touring and raising the early warning awareness in regard in preparation of the Non-Alignment Movement that revealed strengths, opportunities, weakness and threats. Organized the finalization of the signing of the memorandums of understanding concerning immigrations and migration matters;</p> <p>During the same period, he successfully ensured that lawful immigration policies, are implemented by providing accurate and useful information, granting immigration and citizenship benefits, promoting awareness and understanding of citizens and ensuring the integrity of our immigration system. He has additionally, offered first-hand experiences on strategic -level leadership and national security challenges far ahead.</p> <p>As a head to the Secretariat of the National Citizenship and Immigration Control, citizenship and passport Control and inspection and legal services, He has spearheaded all other oversight roles such as border management facilitation and regulations. He has remarkably over and above and timely processed and issued visas, passes and residence permits, processing and inking National and regional travel documents, inspection, investigation prosecution and remove of illegal immigrants, verifying and processing Ugandan citizenship.</p>
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13.	RO 0810 Gen RTD, Haji Abubakhar	Male 70 yrs	Amuria	Gen. Rtd Haji Abubakhar Jeje Odongo was born on March 3, 1954, in Orungo village, Amuria District, located in the Teso Sub-region of Uganda.

	Jeje Odongo			<p>He pursued his early education at Orungo Primary School, followed by secondary education at Boroboro Secondary School and Ngora High School. Jeje Odongo later advanced his academic credentials by earning a Bachelor of Education and a Postgraduate Diploma in Education from Makerere University, a Master of Conflict Management from Nkumba University, and a Master of International Relations and Diplomacy from Nairobi University.</p> <p>Driven by the devastation caused by dictatorial regimes, marked by extrajudicial killings and injustice, Jeje Odongo left his teaching career at Kyebambe Girls Secondary School (1976-1979) and enlisted in the Uganda National Liberation Army (UNLA) on January 6, 1979.</p> <p>He excelled at the Officer Cadet Course in Munduli, Tanzania, earning recognition as the best Officer Cadet Commander. He further attended the Platoon Commanders' Course and was the best student at the Company Command Course at the School of Infantry in Jinja in 1984. His international military education included the Logistics Command Course at Monterrey, USA, where he was the best foreign student, and he was honored in the Hall of Fame at the National Defence College, Karen, Kenya.</p> <p>Jeje Odongo played a crucial role in Uganda's armed struggles. He supported the People's Protracted Struggle and served as the Quarter Master in Mbarara in 1983. In 1986, he commanded the 29th Battalion, which significantly contributed to establishing a structured recruitment process for a growing army. His enduring commitment to leadership and transformation was seen during his tenure as Chief Instructor at Kabamba Training School in 1987, where he played a key role in training new cadres for the army's rank and file. As Commandant of Mbarara Training School (1987-1989), he led the integration of former soldiers into refresher courses.</p> <p>Jeje Odongo served as Director of Supplies at the Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF)</p>
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				Uganda's transformation has left an indelible mark on the country's military, constitutional development, and international relations. Through his military prowess, political foresight, and strategic leadership, he remains a central figure in Uganda's development and diplomacy.
14.	RO 06354 Lt. General Joseph Musanyufu	Male 63 yrs	Bushenyi	<p>He was born on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 1961 in Bushenyi District, Uganda.</p> <p>He pursued his early education at Katabi Seminary for his Ordinary Level and Ntare School in Mbarara for his Advanced Level education.</p> <p>His higher education journey is marked by multiple advanced degrees from prestigious institutions. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics and a Master of Arts in Economic Policy and Planning from Makerere University.</p> <p>He further enhanced his academic credentials with a Master of Philosophy from Madras University, India, and a Master of Military Operational Art and Science from the Air University, USA. His military education includes the Officer-Cadet Course at the School of Infantry (SOI), Jinja, in 1989, and the Company Command Course at Jinja in 2001/2002. Additionally, he attended the Air Command and Staff College Course in Alabama, USA, in 2005, the Staff College at the Royal Military College Sandhurst, UK, and the National Defense College in India in 2013.</p> <p>General Musanyufu's military career spans several decades, starting in August 1985 when he joined the National Resistance Army (NRA) at the height of Uganda's People's Protracted Struggle. He was commissioned as an officer in 1989, marking the beginning of a distinguished military career. He served alongside other notable officers such as Gen. James Mugira, the late Col. Shaban Bantariza, and Gen. David Muhoozi.</p> <p>Over the years, General Musanyufu has served in numerous command and staff appointments, demonstrating his leadership and operational acumen.</p>

				<p>As a dedicated officer, General Musanyufu’s service extends beyond traditional military roles. His leadership and involvement in the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) meetings showcased his capacity to manage complex, high-profile international engagements. His role in ensuring the successful conclusion of the NAM meeting was seen as a significant achievement beyond his formal duties.</p> <p>General Musanyufu is also celebrated for his role in promoting financial management and welfare for soldiers and their families. As Chairperson of the Wazalendo Savings and Credit Cooperative Organization (SACCO), he spearheaded initiatives to enhance the economic well-being of UPDF soldiers and their families. His ability to balance military obligations with development and welfare initiatives highlights his holistic approach to leadership.</p> <p>Currently, General Joseph Musanyufu serves as the Permanent Secretary in Uganda’s Ministry of Internal Affairs. In this capacity, he is responsible for overseeing the ministry’s administrative functions, managing internal security frameworks, and supporting the implementation of government policies on peace and security.</p> <p>General Joseph Musanyufu’s career is marked by a legacy of service, discipline, and strategic foresight. His commitment to transformational leadership, capacity building, and institutional development within the UPDF and the Ministry of Internal Affairs has been widely recognized. His military and administrative career is an example of dedication to public service, nation-building, and the pursuit of excellence in leadership roles.</p>
15.	RO/01531 Col. Emmy Katabazi	Male 60 yrs	Rubanda	<p>He was born 10<sup>th</sup> April 1964 to Mrs Feresta Kabahoze and late Luke Tibaingana of Rulembo village, Rulembo ward, Butale Katojo T/C, Rubanda District.</p> <p>He attended ordinary Level, Mutolere from 1980-1983, and Makerere College Sch for advanced level</p>

				<p>1984-1986, and Makerere University, 1987-1990, graduating with a Bachelor of Sociology.</p> <p>He enlisted in the Uganda Peoples Defence Forces in 2002, after attending Young Officer Course III, commissioning, 2015. Since then, he has attended several military trainings including among others the Counter Tourism Course, 2007; Mid Managers Intel Course, 2009 Entebbe; Basic Intel Course, 2003; Institute of Sy &amp;Int Studies; International Mgt Course 2011, Libya; Cert in Negotiation Skills, 2013, Arusha, Tanzania.</p> <p>He has also held several portfolios including; Deputy Director Mass Media, 2017-2020, ISO aide-de-camp to Prime Minister, 2013-2015, OPM to Minister of Security, 2011-2012, Sec Head Specialist Ops, 2009-2012, DISO Yumbe District, 2006-2008, DISO Kampala Central, 2000-2001; Operative Officer Special Duties, 2000.</p> <p>He coordinated with other state and government high level safety for the delegates during the Non-Alignment Movement assembly across the country. Securing the country's independence and transformation.</p>
16.	RO 08301 Col. John Mango Baraza	Male 52 yrs	Busia	<p>He was born on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 1972 in Busia District.</p> <p>Colonel John Mango Baraza is the Director of Human Resources Management for the Special Forces Command. His career is marked by significant contributions to military leadership, strategic operations, and national security.</p> <p>He began his education at Jinja College, where he completed his Ordinary Level in 1988. He proceeded to Caltec Academy, completing his Advanced Level in 1993. He furthered his education with a Bachelor of Economics &amp; Philosophy from Makerere University in 1997. His pursuit of knowledge continued with a Master in Strategic Security Studies from Washington, DC, USA, in 2018 and a Master of Defence Studies from Makerere University in 2023.</p>

				<p>Col. Baraza's military career commenced on July 27, 1997, when he enlisted in the Uganda Peoples Defence Forces (UPDF). He completed the Cadet Officer Course, receiving his commission on May 31, 1999. Over the years, he has undertaken several critical military training programs, including the Diploma in Command Specialized Operations (China, 2010), Joint Command and Staff College (JCSC) in 2017, Senior Staff College in 2021, and the National Defence College, USA. He also completed the FDU &amp; Diploma of War College in 2018, further strengthening his strategic and operational acumen.</p> <p>Throughout his career, Col. Baraza has held numerous command and staff appointments that reflect his leadership and operational expertise. He served as Director of Personnel and Administration in 2023, Group Operations and Training Officer in 2023, and Acting Director of Operations from 2014 to 2016. He commanded the 8th Infantry Battalion from 2021 to 2023 and held the position of Deputy Director of Operations for the 1st Special Forces Group from 2018 to 2021. His earlier roles included Operations and Plans Staff Officer (OPSO) from 2013 to 2014, OPSO of the 4th Battalion SFC from 2001 to 2003, and Platoon Commander of the 4th Battalion Special Company from 1998 to 2000.</p> <p>Col. Baraza has played a pivotal role in supporting key national and international events, contributing to Uganda's security and diplomatic success. He has been actively involved in the National Organizing Committee for major summits and conferences. His participation includes the African Development Bank Summit (2004), the COMESA Summit (2005), and the Security Sub-Committee for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in 2007. He also contributed to the security arrangements for the African Union Summit, the International Conference for the Great Lakes Region, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, and the Security Subcommittee for the Non-Aligned Movement in 2024.</p>
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				Col. John Mango Baraza's illustrious career is a testament to his unwavering commitment to military excellence, strategic leadership, and national service. His experience, education, and role in critical security operations have significantly contributed to the advancement of Uganda's defense capabilities and international standing.
17.	Ms. Gwennie Natukunda Kategeya	Female 73 yrs	Ntungamo	<p>She was born on 10<sup>th</sup> July 1951.</p> <p>Gwennie Natukunda Kategaya is a seasoned Ugandan professional with an illustrious career in public service and national security. Currently the Director of Protocol and Events Management at the Internal Security Organisation (ISO) under the Office of the President, Gwennie has demonstrated exceptional leadership, strategic planning, and diplomacy in coordinating high-profile state functions and managing intricate security and protocol arrangements. Her steadfast dedication to service is reflected in her impactful contributions across various roles, including Deputy Director of Defense and Security, Deputy Director of Socio-Economic Affairs, and her decorated military service as a retired Captain in the Uganda People's Defense Forces (UPDF). Gwennie's efforts in intelligence, event management, and security have earned her prestigious honors such as the Nalubaale Heroes Medal and the Luweero Medal for bravery during Uganda's Liberation War.</p> <p>List of Exceptional Career Milestones include being the Director of Protocol and Events Management (2019-Present); Deputy Director of Défense and Security (2015-2019); Deputy Director of Socio-Economic Affairs (2012-2015); Military Service (1985-1993) among others.</p>

**THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL - POLICE MEDAL**

NO	NAME	GENDER/ AGE	DIST/MIN	PROFILE
18.	O/49 SCP RTD DR. OMODING	Male 60 yrs	Ngora	He was born on 17 <sup>th</sup> July, 1964, in Ngora District,



	WILSON OTUNA			<p>The officer has had a distinguished career marked by significant contributions to the Uganda Police Force.</p> <p>He joined the Uganda Police Force on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 1986, as a Probationer Police Constable and steadily rose through the ranks to his current position as Senior Commissioner of Police. Over the course of his career, he has demonstrated resilience, self-drive, hard work, and discipline.</p> <p>The officer has served in various capacities, making substantial contributions in critical operational areas. Notable among these roles are his service in the Mobile Police Patrol Unit (MPPU), his leadership as Commandant of the Oil and Gas Unit, his tenure as Deputy Director of Counter-Terrorism, and his position as Deputy Director of Operations in the Uganda Police Force. His leadership and expertise in these areas have played a crucial role in enhancing the operational effectiveness of the force.</p> <p>Throughout his career, he has been dedicated to mentorship, guiding and developing numerous police officers within the force. His legacy of leadership, strategic acumen, and commitment to professional development continues to have a lasting impact on the Uganda Police Force. He retired from active service in July 2024, leaving behind a legacy of excellence and dedicated service.</p>
19.	A/955 SCP ASABA CHARLES	Male 51 yrs	Masindi	<p>He was born on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1974, in Masindi District,</p> <p>Senior Commissioner of Police (SCP) Asaba, has had a distinguished career marked by significant contributions to the Uganda Police Force.</p> <p>He joined the Uganda Police Force on August 18, 2001, as a Cadet Assistant Superintendent of Police. Over the years, he rose through the ranks to his current position as Senior Commissioner of Police, demonstrating exemplary leadership, resilience, and dedication.</p>

				<p>SCP Asaba has served in various key roles, showcasing his expertise and commitment to operational excellence. He has notably held the position of Deputy Director in the Criminal Investigations Directorate (CID), where his contributions were instrumental in advancing investigative capabilities within the force. Currently, he serves as the Deputy Director of Crime Intelligence in the Uganda Police Force, a role in which he continues to enhance intelligence operations and strengthen the force's strategic readiness.</p> <p>A disciplined, self-driven, and hardworking officer, SCP Asaba's career has been defined by an unwavering commitment to excellence. He is widely recognized for mentoring numerous police officers, fostering a culture of professionalism and integrity within the force. His contributions have had a lasting impact on the development and capacity of the Uganda Police Force.</p>
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**DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL**

NO	NAME	GENDER/ AGE	DIST/MIN	PROFILE
20.	Amb. Charles Ssentongo	Male 60 yrs	Wakiso	<p>He was born on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 1964 in Wakiso District.</p> <p>Ambassador Charles Ssentongo is a distinguished diplomat and seasoned professional in Uganda's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with an impressive</p> <p>career since 1990. He has played a pivotal role in representing Uganda on the international stage, promoting the country's interests, and enhancing its diplomatic ties. Ambassador Ssentongo is known for his strategic vision, exceptional leadership in diplomacy, and dedication to advancing Uganda's foreign policy objectives</p> <p>He has served in different embassies/high commissions in London, Dares salaam and Washington</p>

				<p>He has served as H.E the President’s private Secretary for protocol and head of protocol in State House (1997-2003).</p> <p>He has served as Chief of Protocol since August, 2011 and has been instrumental in coordinating the work of the Diplomatic corps in Uganda and spearheading the organization of Key international conferences.</p> <p>The national events including the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and G77 summits, Uganda’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and many others of which he has contributed exemplary.</p>
21.	Amb. Aisha Ismail	Female 56 years	Luwero	<p>She was born on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1968.</p> <p>Ambassador Aisa Ismail serves as the Deputy Head of the Protocol Department at Uganda’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In this role, she plays a pivotal role in managing diplomatic protocol and ensuring smooth coordination during high-level national and international engagements. She is known for her contributions to enhancing Uganda’s global diplomatic presence and maintaining strong bilateral and multilateral relationships.</p> <p>Diplomatic Coordination: Ambassador Ismail is responsible for overseeing protocol services for state visits, international conferences, and other high-profile diplomatic events, ensuring that Uganda's image and interests are well-represented.</p> <p>She has been actively involved in coordinating Uganda's role in global platforms such as the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and the African Union (AU) summits. Her work helps Uganda secure strategic partnerships and promote its interests on the global stage.</p> <p>As a senior leader in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Ismail has played a role in training and mentoring junior officers in diplomatic protocol and international relations.</p>

				By facilitating high-level engagements and ensuring compliance with international diplomatic norms, she has contributed to Uganda's growing influence in regional and global affairs, hence strengthening Uganda's diplomatic foot print.
22.	Mr. Walani Emmanuel	Male 49 years	Mpigi	<p>He was born on 23rd July 1975.</p> <p>He has built a remarkable career in public service, while also championing environmental sustainability through climate-resilient farming initiatives. His life and career are characterized by dedication to public administration, climate action, and sustainable development.</p> <p>He began his public service journey in June 2003 as an Assistant Secretary in the Office of the President. Over the course of 21 years, he has steadily risen through the ranks, culminating in his current position as Under Secretary and Head of the Department of Finance and Administration. In this capacity, he oversees the Ministry's financial operations, administrative processes, and resource management to ensure the efficient functioning of the Office of the President.</p> <p>He is a practicing climate-resilient farmer, actively involved in sustainable agricultural practices aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions. He manages a progressive black soldier unit in collaboration with Makerere University's Department of Soil Science and the Department of Veterinary and Animal Nutrition.</p> <p>The black soil produced is a valuable soil amendment that improves soil structure, increases organic matter, and enhances the soil's capacity to retain moisture. This process contributes to climate-smart agriculture by promoting sustainable land use, supporting biodiversity, and reducing the reliance on synthetic fertilizers. By working in collaboration with leading academic departments at Makerere University, he ensures that the project remains at the forefront of innovative, research-based environmental practices.</p>

				<p>Under this project established since 2022, in Naluwembe Village, Muyiira Parish, Mpigi District, he has successfully created employment opportunities for the local community. The farm employs 20 permanent staff who manage daily operations and oversee the farm's key activities. In addition, he has hired 25 casual laborers to support seasonal tasks and meet peak labor demands. This initiative not only supports local livelihoods but also contributes to community development and economic empowerment in the region.</p> <p>During the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and G77+China Summit, he played a crucial role as an active member of the Finance Sub-Committee. He deputized the Secretary of the Office of the President in key tasks such as the preparation, vetting, and review of work plans for other sub-committees. His role was essential in ensuring financial discipline, accountability, and the successful execution of the summit's activities.</p> <p>His innovative work with the black soil initiative contributes to the global effort to mitigate climate change, while his role in key international events like the NAM &amp; G77+China Summit highlights his capacity for leadership and strategic planning. His career stands as a model of service, sustainability, and impactful leadership.</p>
23.	Ms. Mutesa Betty Cwinya-ai	Female 46 years	Buyende	<p>She was born on 14<sup>th</sup> September 1978.</p> <p>She holds a master's degree in Public Sector Management from Africa University in Mutare, Zimbabwe.</p> <p>Her career in public service began in 2003 when she joined the Jinja District Local Government as a Community Development Officer responsible for functional adult literacy. Over the years, she demonstrated commitment and competence, earning her promotions to various positions of increasing responsibility.</p>

				<p>In 2020, she was appointed as Under Secretary in the Office of the President, a role she continues to hold to date.</p> <p>Her contributions during the NAM &amp; G77+China summit were significant. She played a key role in coordinating all the meetings that the Chief Executive Officer of the event scheduled with different stakeholders. She followed up on action points from these meetings, ensuring timely implementation.</p> <p>She actively participated in the preparation of the Terms of Reference (ToR) and Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the 14 Subcommittees of NAM/G77. Additionally, she maintained close follow-up with the subcommittees to ensure they delivered results according to their ToRs.</p> <p>Her role extended to the monitoring and inspection of the different subcommittees, ensuring accountability and progress tracking. She also supervised the timely execution of event milestones, developing and adhering to detailed timelines to ensure all pre-conference milestones were achieved.</p>
24.	Ms. Catherine Nassuna Mary	Female 42 yrs	Mukono	<p>She was born on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 1982, in Mukono District, Uganda,</p> <p>She is a dedicated public servant who has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership and commitment to her work. Currently she serves as an Undersecretary in the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs.</p> <p>She joined public service in 2008 as an Assistant Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister. Over the years, she has steadily climbed the ranks, holding positions of increasing responsibility. She has served as a Personal Assistant to Ministers in various ministries, including Relief, Disaster Preparedness and Refugees, and Fisheries.</p> <p>In 2021, she was appointed Transport Officer and Principal Assistant Secretary in charge of Administration at the Office of the President.</p>

				<p>Beyond her official duties, she has been a driving force behind several initiatives that have had a positive impact on both the public sector and her community.</p> <p>She played a crucial role in organizing the successful Solidarity Summit, which brought together over 60 countries to support Uganda's refugee crisis.</p> <p>As a co-founder, she has contributed to the growth of the Office of the President SACCO, which now boasts over 250 members and substantial assets of over 1bn Uganda Shillings.</p> <p>In her village, she has spearheaded initiatives to improve roads and sanitation, mobilizing community members to contribute to these efforts.</p> <p>At the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, she is leading the implementation of the Electronic Document and Records Management System (EDRMS), which aims to digitize record management and enhance operational efficiency.</p> <p>During NAM, She was a member of the Secretariate which was in charge of all administrative matters for the preparatory meetings.</p> <p>Nassuna's commitment to public service, strong leadership skills, and dedication to improving the lives of others make her a valuable asset to the nation.</p>
25.	Ms. Sheena Ruparelia  Director, Ruparelia Group of Companies	Female 36 years	Kampala	<p>She was born on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1988.</p> <p>Sheena Ruparelia is a prominent Ugandan business executive and philanthropist, part of the influential Ruparelia family led by her father, Dr. Sudhir Ruparelia.</p> <p>She holds a Bachelor of Science in Economics and Accountancy from City University, London. Her role within the family's vast business empire, particularly at Meera Investments, has seen her engage in project management and oversight of large-scale property development initiatives.</p>

				<p><b>Key Contributions and Achievements:</b></p> <p><b>Leadership Role in the Ruparelia Group:</b> As a key figure in the family business, Sheena is actively involved in managing Meera Investments, one of Uganda's largest property developers. Her role includes oversight of project management and property development, which has significantly contributed to the group's real estate growth.</p> <p>As a member of the Board of Trustees of the Ruparelia Foundation, Sheena is dedicated to supporting underprivileged communities. She is known for championing initiatives that focus on improving the welfare of disadvantaged children, particularly in rural areas.</p> <p>Sheena played a central role in reviving and organizing the Royal Ascot Goat Races, one of Kampala's premier social events. The event also serves as a charity fundraiser, supporting a variety of social causes.</p> <p>Her influence in Uganda's business and philanthropy sectors has been recognized as part of initiatives like "Uganda's 100 Women Fixing the World," which celebrates women making a substantial impact in various fields.</p> <p>Sheena Ruparelia played a significant role in the organization and preparation of the NAM (Non-Aligned Movement) and G77+China Summit held at the Speke Resort Convention Centre in Munyonyo, Uganda. As part of the Ruparelia Group, which owns and manages the venue, her contributions were centered on ensuring the timely completion and readiness of the state-of-the-art convention center that hosted the high-profile diplomatic event.</p>
26.	RO 08167 Brig. Gen. Paul Wanyera Namawa	Male 50 yrs	Mbale	Brig Gen Paul Wanyera Namawa the Chief of Staff-Special Forces Command SFC was born 13 <sup>th</sup> December 1974, from Namawanga Parish, Bukhiende sub- county, Bungokho County, Mbale district married to Ms Juliana Kimono.



				<p>He attended Namawanga Primary, Bukedi College for Ordinary, and Tororo College for Advanced levels. He holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Project Planning and Management and Diploma in Architecture, of Uganda Polytechnic College Kyambogo. He enlisted in the Uganda Peoples Defence Forces, Jan 1995.</p> <p>He has accomplished several military courses including Senior Command &amp; Staff Course, Kimaka 2016, Junior Command &amp; Staff Course, 2013, Company Commanders Course, 2009, Peace Support Operations Mali, 2005, Officers’ Basic Intelligence Course, Kampala, 2001, Ant Tank Missile Course Masindi, 1996, Officer Cadet Course Chennai-India, 1997, Basic Military Training Kasenyi Trg Sch, 1995.</p> <p>His enormous contribution to national security and promotion of peace in particular reflecting his contribution as the Chief of Staff Special Forces Command, 2024, Director Operations, 2019-2024, Commanding Officer 2Inf Bn 2019 SFC Component Comdr Battle Group XXIII 2018, Regiment Commanding Officer 5FAR 2014-2017 OPTO 5FAR 2013 Director Operations, 2011-2012, Director Intelligence, 2011 Group Intelligence Officer, 2010 Brigade Intelligence Officer Presidential Guard Brigade, 2006-2007, Counter Intelligence Officer Presidential Protection Unit 2001- 2003 Intelligence Officer-PPU, 1996- 2001.</p> <p>His recent outstanding achievement is the high-level Security Coordination that led to the success of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM/G-77) plus China conferences, Jan 2024. Other coordination conducted include in the Uganda’s bid to host the African Union Humanitarian Agency Headquarters, April 2024. He oversaw the transitioning/handover of Mogadishu Stadium from UPDF/AMISOM to Somalia National Army (SNA), and establishment of the Special Forces Command Component Base at Aljazeera 2-2018. He also participated in the Commander Combined Arms Special Forces Exercise; code named; Mvua Rasha -2017.</p>
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27.	RO 08683 Lt. Col. Moses Musinguzi	Male 53 yrs	Isingiro	<p>He was born on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 1971 in Isingiro District.</p> <p>Lieutenant Colonel Moses Musinguzi serves as the Director of Political Commissar, a role in which he has made significant contributions to ideological mobilization and national consciousness in Uganda.</p> <p>He joined the National Resistance Army on July 27, 1986, and was commissioned as an officer in 2001. His academic pursuits include a Diploma in Strategic Studies from the Institute of Accountancy, Arusha, obtained in 2020. He also completed his Advanced and Ordinary Level education at Victoria High School.</p> <p>Lt. Col. Musinguzi has undergone extensive military training, enhancing his strategic and operational capacity. He attended Senior Staff College in 2020 at Duluti, Tanzania, Junior Staff College in 2019 at JSC, Jinja, Company Commanders College in 2014 at JSC, Jinja, and the Officer Cadet course from 2000 to 2001 at the School of Infantry (SOI), Jinja.</p> <p>His leadership roles span a range of command and staff appointments. He served as Deputy Director of Civil-Military Cooperation (CIMIC) from 2022 to 2024, Director of Special Presidential Assistance on Security Operations (SPASO) from 2016 to 2019, Group Operations Officer from 2005 to 2016, and Officer Commanding (OC) of the 2nd Infantry Battalion from 2001 to 2005.</p> <p>Notably, Lt. Col. Musinguzi has played a crucial role in coordinating various entities to achieve high-level mobilization and ideological consciousness for Uganda. His contributions have significantly advanced the country's strategic goals and reinforced national unity through ideological education and mobilization.</p>
28.	Mr. Marcellino Bwesigye	Male 57 yrs	Bushenyi	<p>He was born on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 1967 in Bushenyi District.</p> <p>Mr. Marcellino Bwesigye Kyamutetera has diligently served for 32 years with the Ministry of Internal Affairs where he rose to the rank of</p>

				<p>Assistant Commissioner, Immigration Control. Due to his distinct performance, he was assigned to lead the over 100 Immigration Officers and worked closely with relevant stakeholders to deliver remarkable Immigration Services during the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and G77 conferences held in Kampala in January 2024.</p> <p>Supported by the Ministry and the Directorate’s leadership, Mr Marcellino mobilised his peers and staff to proficiently implement a winning strategy that saw delegates and other guests during the NAM /G77 conference get cleared in under three minutes a feat that was hailed by the National Organising Committee as well as by His Excellence the President of the Republic of Uganda.</p> <p>Mr Marcellino has also won distinction as Chair of the East African Regional Working Group countering organised Trans- national crimes on Lake Victoria (a project funded by the US Government and sponsored by the United Nations International Organisation for Migration IOM).</p> <p>Worthy to note, is that for two terms in two years each, Mr Marcellino has also served remarkably as Vice Chair of the National Coordination Mechanism for Migration Management (NCM), a body that unites both private and public actors in implementing government migration policies.</p> <p>Prior to the above assignments, Mr Marcellino performed higher duties as Ag. Commissioner Inspection and Legal Services (2018 -2020). During this period, the Directorate received new leadership appointed by His Excellence the President from the senior ranks of the Uganda People’s Defence Forces (UPDF), to transform the leadership and management of the Directorate where Mr Marcellino was one of the few very senior career officers. Together with colleagues, Mr Marcellino became instrumental in anchoring the new leadership to transform the Directorate of Citizenship and Immigration Control (DCIC).</p>
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29.	Mr. Samuel Isiko	Male 42 years	Ibanda	<p>He was born on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1982 from Ibanda district.</p> <p>Isiko Samuel is a dedicated IT professional with over 15 years of experience in delivering innovative technical solutions that enhance efficiency and service delivery. His 13 years of dedicated service to the Office of the President, Internal Security Organisation (ISO), underscore his commitment to excellence. Currently serving as Section Head for Events and Accreditation, he has made significant contributions to IT support, data management, and resource optimization. Isiko is well-versed in modern technologies and has consistently demonstrated expertise in network management, system performance monitoring, and user training.</p>

				<p>His career reflects an unwavering drive to optimize systems and provide impactful technical services.</p> <p>A list of Exceptional Career Milestones include;</p> <p>Section Head, Events and Accreditation (2023-Present); Desk Head, Accreditation (2016-2023); Operative Officer, Technical Services (2010-2016); among others.</p> <p>Mr. Samuel Isiko's career has been characterized by exceptional technical acumen and steadfast dedication to organizational goals. His efforts in modernizing accreditation systems, enforcing IT security, and providing comprehensive IT support have greatly enhanced the efficiency of Uganda's internal security infrastructure. His ability to adapt to complex challenges, mentor team members, and implement sustainable solutions highlights his outstanding service to both public and private sectors. Through his innovative approach, Isiko has significantly contributed to streamlining processes and strengthening national systems.</p>
30.	RO 15695 Lt Ekaju Benard	Male 36 yrs	Kalaki	<p>He was born on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 1988, in Ucakai Village, Kamidakan Parish, Apapai Sub-County, Kalaki County, Kalaki District.</p> <p>Lt. Benard Ekaju is an accomplished electrical engineer, His educational journey spans Adeso Primary School in Kumi District, Midland High School in Kaberamaido, Kadogo Community Polytechnic in Mbarara, and Uganda Military Engineering College in Lugazi. He enlisted in the Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF) on October 26, 2006.</p> <p>A member of the 163 Engineering Construction Battalion under the Special Forces Command, Lt. Ekaju has consistently demonstrated exceptional expertise and professionalism in managing electrical projects. His deep understanding, logical approach, and meticulous attention to detail were pivotal during the construction of the Convention Centre at the Speke Resort Hotel, undertaken on Presidential directives. He ensured the project met 100%</p>

				<p>completion before the deadline while maintaining the highest quality standards.</p> <p>Lt. Ekaju excels as a supervisor, adeptly coordinating key players, including architects, interior designers, engineers, constructors, and zoning officials, to ensure seamless execution. Architects provided comprehensive designs and specifications, while constructors managed the construction process. Lt. Ekaju's leadership ensured construction managers effectively planned, supervised, and delivered the project on schedule for the Non-Aligned Movement event. His contributions stand as a testament to his unwavering commitment to excellence and efficiency.</p>
31.	Mr. Steven Ssenabulya	Male 48 yrs	Mityana	<p>He was born on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 1976, in Mityana District.</p> <p>His accomplished career diplomat has made significant contributions to Uganda's diplomatic service through his extensive experience, leadership, and strategic acumen.</p> <p>He holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration (Management) from Baruch College, City University of New York, a Postgraduate Diploma in Diplomacy and International Relations from the International Relations Institute of Cameroon, University of Yaoundé II, and a Bachelor of Arts (Arts) Degree from Makerere University.</p> <p>His career in diplomacy began on April 3, 2002, when he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Over the course of 22 years, he rose through the Foreign Service ranks, attaining the position of Foreign Service Officer – Grade II in November 2021. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated exceptional dedication and competence in advancing Uganda's foreign relations.</p> <p>He has served in several key departments within the Ministry, including the East African Community (EAC) and Ring States Department, Protocol</p>

				<p>Department, and Multilateral Organizations and Treaties Department. From November 2005 to April 2011, he was posted to the Permanent Mission of Uganda to the United Nations in New York, where he served as the main Delegate to the Administrative and Budgetary Committee of the United Nations General Assembly.</p> <p>Following his return from New York, he served as Personal Assistant to the Minister of Foreign Affairs from June 2011 to November 2016. His overseas service continued as he was posted to the Uganda Consulate General in Guangzhou, where he deputized the Consul General from 2017 to July 2022. He also served as Acting Consul General from July 2021 to June 2022, where he played a critical role in promoting Uganda’s trade and diplomatic interests in the region.</p> <p>Throughout his career, he has held a range of influential roles and responsibilities, including:</p> <p>Rapporteur for the 62<sup>nd</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly (Administrative and Budgetary Committee): This role underscored his expertise in budgetary and administrative affairs at the United Nations.</p> <p>Member of Uganda’s Delegation on the Security Council (2009-2010): He was responsible for Asian issues during Uganda’s tenure on the Security Council, contributing to important policy deliberations.</p> <p>Special Assistant to the President of the 69th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (2014-2015): In this role, he provided critical support to the President of the UN General Assembly, enhancing Uganda’s global diplomatic engagement.</p> <p>This diplomat’s illustrious career is marked by his commitment to excellence, integrity, and service to</p>
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				Uganda's diplomatic and international relations agenda.
32.	Mr. Benon Kayemba	Male	Mukono	<p>He was born on 9<sup>th</sup> October 1977.</p> <p>He is an accomplished diplomat with a distinguished career in Uganda's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. His educational background is robust, holding a Master's in Public Administration (MPA) from Indira Gandhi Open National University, New Delhi, a Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations from the Institute of International Relations of Cameroon, and a Bachelor's in Tourism and Geography from Makerere University.</p> <p>His career progression has been marked by a series of strategic appointments across Uganda's diplomatic missions, where he has demonstrated exceptional leadership and diplomatic acumen. He is currently serving as the Acting Head of the Consular Services Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a position he has held since February 2023. In this role, he oversees essential consular services, including visas, passports, emergency evacuations, and providing support to Ugandans in distress globally. He also plays a critical role in labor externalization, human trafficking prevention, and educational cooperation.</p> <p>He has worked as Acting Head of Department / Acting FSO I, Consular Services (Feb 2023 - Present); FSO III / Deputy Ambassador and Economic Counsellor, Uganda Embassy in Algeria (Jul 2018 - Feb 2023); FSO III / Counsellor, Regional Peace and Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Jul 2016 - Jun 2018); Chairperson, Uganda Property Management Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Jul 2016 - Jun 2018) among others.</p> <p>Kayemba's career reflects a commitment to service, diplomacy, and the advancement of Uganda's foreign relations and economic interests on the global stage. His exceptional leadership, strategic vision, and unwavering dedication continue to make a significant impact in Uganda's diplomatic efforts.</p>



33.	Ms. Laura Kahuga	Female 36 yrs	Kabalore	<p>She was born on 8<sup>th</sup> January, 1988 in Kabalole District.</p> <p>Ms. Kahuga is a distinguished diplomat whose exemplary service and dedication to Uganda’s Foreign Affairs have made a significant impact, particularly in the coordination of large international conferences and fostering cooperation with key partner countries.</p> <p>Her most notable achievements include her instrumental role in organizing and managing large-scale international conferences, notably those under the auspices of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and the Group of 77 (G77) held in January 2024. These conferences were pivotal in strengthening Uganda’s position on the global stage, advancing international cooperation, and supporting the country's diplomatic objectives.</p> <p>She spearheaded the coordination of accommodation arrangements for high-profile international delegations. She ensured the identification and securing of suitable hotels that met diplomatic standards and special requirements for heads of state, dignitaries, and delegates, ensured seamless delegate engagement and effective negotiations by reserving sufficient room blocks for participants. Her attention to detail and ability to manage logistical, political, and diplomatic challenges played a vital role in the success of the NAM and G77 conferences, introduced innovative methods to streamline conference operations, including the use of digital solutions for efficient delegate coordination.</p> <p>During the organization of the NAM/G77 conference, Ms. Kahuga demonstrated extraordinary resilience and leadership. When a major logistical crisis threatened the success of the event, she led a team that resolved the issue in record time. Her tireless efforts, often working long hours under extreme pressure, ensured the summit proceeded smoothly and upheld Uganda’s reputation as a reliable host.</p>
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34.	Mr. David Wamono	Male 48yrs	Sironko	<p>He was born on 21<sup>st</sup> September 1976 in Sironko District,</p> <p>He is a distinguished Foreign Service Officer whose exemplary leadership, dedication, and commitment have significantly contributed to Uganda's diplomatic success on the global stage. With over 13 years of service, he has consistently demonstrated outstanding performance, exceptional leadership skills, and a profound commitment to public service.</p> <p>A key highlight of Mr. Wamono's career is his instrumental role in the successful coordination of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and G77 Summits, as well as his pivotal efforts in the repatriation of Ugandans from Sudan following the outbreak of war in 2023. His strategic leadership and decisive action during these critical moments not only showcased his exceptional diplomatic acumen but also strengthened Uganda's bilateral relationships with the participating countries.</p> <p>Mr. Wamono's contributions extend beyond crisis management. He is a valued asset to the Foreign Service, known for his deep understanding of complex foreign policy issues and his ability to foster strong relationships with foreign counterparts. His cultural knowledge, diplomatic insight, and commitment to advancing Uganda's foreign policy objectives have made him an indispensable member of the diplomatic corps.</p> <p>Throughout his career, Mr. Wamono has exemplified the highest standards of excellence,</p>

				<p>integrity, and professionalism. His ability to thrive in fast-paced, dynamic environments and his unwavering dedication to public service have been crucial to the success of Uganda's diplomatic missions. His track record of achievements and personal qualities underscore his status as a model diplomat and a key contributor to Uganda's international presence.</p>
35.	Ms. Sarah Nakamya	Female 50 yrs	Luwero	<p>She was born on 11<sup>th</sup> April 1974 in Luwero District.</p> <p>She is a Foreign Service Officer Grade III (Counsellor) currently stationed at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kampala. With 18 years of dedicated service, she has established a stellar career in public administration, diplomacy, international relations, and community development.</p> <p>Her career has been defined by excellence, integrity, efficiency, and innovation. As a senior Foreign Service Officer and executor of Uganda's foreign policy, she embodies the highest standards of professionalism and leadership. Her service to Uganda is characterized by her ability to manage complex projects, foster international partnerships, and implement sustainable initiatives.</p> <p>She spearheaded the delivery of protocol services for key international events such as; The 19<sup>th</sup> Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit and the 3rd G77 South-South Summit and the 2024 Uganda National Census for the Diplomatic Corps among others.</p> <p>She coordinated the mobilization of Uganda's diaspora communities, fostering investment and strengthening community relations abroad, spearheaded the revitalization of the Ugandans in Kenya Association (UKEYA) in 2012, orchestrated the creation of the Confederation of the Ugandan Associations in Southern Africa (COUSA) in 2018, promoting unity and collaboration among Ugandans in the diaspora among others.</p>

				<p>She led the second major refurbishment of Uganda's Official Residence in Pretoria, ensuring it met the highest standards of diplomatic representation.</p> <p>Her career is grounded in a strategic vision to position Uganda as a key player on the global stage, driven by integrity, collaboration, and service excellence.</p>
36.	Mr. Ssejje Abdulmalik	Male 50 yrs	Masaka	<p>He was born on 28<sup>th</sup> December, 1974 in Masaka District.</p> <p>He joined service as a driver in 2005 serving for close to 20 years in various MDAs</p> <p>Abdul Malik is a dedicated and experienced driver currently employed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. With a strong commitment to his role, he has been instrumental in ensuring smooth transportation operations within the ministry.</p> <p>During the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) &amp; G77 summit, Malik played a crucial role in coordinating all drivers and vehicles.</p> <p>His responsibilities included: Fleet Management; Driver Scheduling; Route Planning; Emergency Response; Security Protocols</p> <p>Malik's dedication and professionalism contributed significantly to the successful execution of the NAM summit, ensuring seamless transportation services for all participants.</p>
37.	Ms. Aisha Naamala	Female 47 years	Mpigi	<p>She was born on 16<sup>th</sup> April 1977.</p> <p>She has dedicated her life to empowering communities, uplifting women and youth, and supporting the vulnerable through her roles in various public service and humanitarian initiatives.</p> <p>She currently serves as an Assistant Secretary in the Office of the President, specifically within the Cabinet Administrative Services department. Her role involves supporting high-level administrative functions, coordinating inter-agency meetings, and</p>

				<p>ensuring the smooth operation of government activities.</p> <p>In 2012, under the Norwegian Refugee Council, she played a significant role in implementing the Recovery for the Acholi Youth Program. Through this initiative, she empowered over 3,500 youth in vocational skills across areas such as Pabbo, Namukorwa, and Kitgum Matidi. This effort enabled the youth to gain sustainable livelihoods and foster community resilience.</p> <p>Under Community Action Fund for Women in Africa (2013), she contributed to empowering women in Gulu District by providing vocational skills training. This program helped women achieve self-sufficiency and improve their livelihoods, advancing gender equity and economic empowerment in the region.</p> <p>She is the head of Women's League at Masjid Mabobwe and Islamic Centre in Wakiso District, where she provides counseling and guidance services to women and youth. Additionally, she facilitates training in tailoring skills, promoting self-reliance and economic empowerment for women in the community.</p> <p>She is also a member of Swadaqatul Jariya an association focused on supporting the needy, she actively contributes to initiatives aimed at improving the welfare of vulnerable populations.</p> <p>During the NAM and G77+China Summit (2023-2024), she was a signed the role of Minute Secretary for NAM Preparations meetings held at Entebbe International Airport under the guidance of the Head of Public Service and the Secretary to Cabinet. Her duties involved recording and producing minutes for critical meetings, ensuring accurate documentation of key decisions, she also facilitated guest handling ensuring guests' luggage was tagged, lost baggage was promptly reported, and all visitors were given proper guidance.</p>
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38.	Ms. Olivia Namukose	Female 39 years	Iganga	<p>She was born on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1985.</p> <p>Her public service journey began in 2017 when she joined the Office of the President as an Assistant Secretary. Through dedication and excellence, she rose to the position of Senior Assistant Secretary in the Department of Finance and Administration.</p> <p>During the NAM &amp; G77+China summits, she played a vital role in ensuring seamless administrative support, coordination, and effective execution of the summit preparations. Her contributions were instrumental in keeping all departments aligned with the overall objectives and timelines. Her specific roles included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drafting and reviewing reports, position papers, and other official documents to be used during the summit.</li> <li>• Preparing minutes and action points from preparatory meetings, tracking progress, and following up on pending tasks.</li> <li>• Providing solutions for issues related to venue readiness, participant needs, and unforeseen delays.</li> <li>• Offering direct support to higher-level officials, including the Under Secretary, Head of Public Service, and other senior leaders, to ensure they had the necessary information and resources to fulfill their roles.</li> </ul>
39.	Mr. Rauben Mwebemb ezi	Male 51 yrs	Masaka	<p>He was born on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 1973 in Masaka District.</p> <p>He is currently the Principal Assistant Secretary Office of the President February 2024 to date.</p> <p>He served as Senior Assistant Secretary Office of the President from 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 to 2024 February.</p> <p>He was the overall Secretary for the preparatory meetings for the NAM &amp; G77 + China summits.</p>

40.	Mr. Frank Kasajja	Male 39 years	Kaliro	<p>He was born on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1985 in Kaliro District, Kasajja Frank Paul Wilson Tenywa is an accomplished Computer Scientist with over 13 years of experience in the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) sector.</p> <p>Throughout his career, Frank has made significant contributions to various projects, including the development of the Office of the President’s website, redesigning the Local Area Network, and upgrading the Public Address System in the Conference Hall. He also played a key role in the computerization of Cabinet Records and provided essential IT support to both the Cabinet Secretariat and the Office of the President during major events, including the Non-Aligned Movement and Third South Summits held in January 2024.</p>
41.	Mr. Alfred Malinga	Male 59 yrs	Pallisa	<p>He was born on 5th August 1965 in Pallisa District, Uganda.</p> <p>Over the course of a 35-year career, he is a loyal, dedicated, and selfless public servant with a distinguished record of service to the nation.</p> <p>Mr. Malinga began his career as a Secondary School Teacher in 1988. He later transitioned to a role as a Personnel Officer in 1995 and steadily rose through the ranks, becoming a Principal Personnel Officer in 2008 in the greater Pallisa region. His journey has been marked by significant milestones in human resources management and public administration.</p> <p>Since his appointment as Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Malinga has discharged his duties with excellence. He is widely known for upholding the principles of accountability and transparency. Working closely with anti-corruption organizations, he has played a pivotal role in combating corruption and ensuring efficient service delivery.</p> <p>On secondment by the Ministry of Local Government, Mr. Malinga supported the newly established Kaabong District. He played a key role</p>

				<p>in planning, human resource management, and general administration. He guided the recruitment of staff, established the district payroll, and set up functional administrative systems that continue to benefit the district.</p> <p>In 2018 to 2021, he was posted to Nabilatuk District to establish its administrative structures. Working under a hostile environment marked by security threats and frequent ambushes, he demonstrated courage and resilience. He secured 25 acres of land for the district, obtained a title deed, and facilitated the construction of new district headquarters within two years. The facility now houses over 90% of the district's administrative staff.</p> <p>As a key figure in implementing the Parish Development Model in Wakiso, a district with a population of 3.3 million people and 100 largely urban parishes, Mr. Malinga's role was crucial. Under his guidance, all PDM funds were disbursed to beneficiaries through the system, achieving a 100% disbursement rate over two years. His strategic approach ensured transparency and minimized complaints, a remarkable achievement given the complexity of the district's demographic and urban challenges.</p> <p>As a member of the National Organizing Committee for the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and G77+China summits, Mr. Malinga played an instrumental role in coordinating activities across four key jurisdictions: Makindye Ssabagabo, Kajjansi Town Council, Katabi Town Council, and Entebbe Municipal Council.</p> <p>His leadership ensured optimal utilization of resources from both central government and local revenue. The results were evident in the beautification of public spaces, the creation of trade order, and the maintenance of access roads to support the smooth running of the summits. His work in this capacity demonstrated exceptional resourcefulness and leadership, as all financial</p>
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				resources were fully accounted for within record time.
42.	Mr. Emmanuel Mugisha G	Male 50 years	Rubanda District	<p>He was born on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1974.</p> <p>Mr. Mugisha is a highly skilled Urban Manager with over 20 years of dedicated service. He is known for his expertise in leading multidisciplinary teams, managing large-scale projects, and facilitating sustainable urban development. His key competencies include leadership, accountability, project formulation, and infrastructure mobilization.</p> <p>Currently serves as Town Clerk, Entebbe Municipal Council (March 2023 – Present), Caretaker Deputy Town Clerk, Masaka City (June 2021 – February 2023) among others.</p> <p>He spearheaded projects such as the procurement of land and construction of Nyendo Ssenyange Division Offices, and the completion of the Kitaabazi Health Centre.</p> <p>He led the greening of Hobart Street in Katwe Butego Division, which was recognized as a national benchmark.</p> <p>He supervised the completion of Kitaabazi Health Centre in Katwe Butego Division.</p> <p>He also facilitated the procurement of land for a dumping site, which was later repurposed for a stadium in Masaka City.</p> <p>During NAM, he played the role of beautification and greening of Entebbe town and ensured that Street lights along the roads in Entebbe were procured and installed in time</p>
43.	Mr. Richard Monday	Male 58 yrs	Kabarole	<p>He was born on 30<sup>th</sup> December, 1966 in Kabarole District.</p> <p>Richard K. Monday is a male Ugandan with over 25 years of working experience in government holding various posts.</p> <p>He holds a Masters in Economic Policy and Planning, a post graduate diploma in Governance</p>

				<p>and Urban management, a certificate in Administrative Law and Risk Analysis, Compliance and Management.</p> <p>Has work experience having been with various Local governments plus the national level where I worked with the National Assembly/Parliament. Currently the Town Clerk of Makindye Ssabagabo Municipality, before then was the Town Clerk for Mukono, Entebbe and Soroti Municipalities and Fort-portal municipality. While heading these municipalities.</p> <p>He facilitated the above municipalities to attain the status of model municipalities which earned them bonuses as part of the annual Local government assessment processes, moreover, while working with Entebbe Municipal Council, Entebbe Municipality received a national recognition award confirming Entebbe the cleanest town in the Country.</p> <p>As the CEO, he was responsible for coordinating the planning and implementation of the medium term and annual planning processes. This process involves bottom-up planning right from the ward level, division up to the municipal council level. He has worked with Donor projects such as the Peri-Urban Pilot project which was funded by the World Bank and had it successfully implemented which was scaled up to LGDP, a program which witnessed improved service delivery in Local Governments through systems and infrastructure improvement. Another example is the AfDB market project – both of these were implemented in Fort-portal municipality. Currently, he is participating in another World Bank financed project which will entail infrastructure development inclusive of roads, markets, drainage systems, street lighting etc.</p> <p>He was a member of NAM National Organizing Committee (NOC) where he was responsible for ensuring that all the communities living along the Entebbe express Munyonyo Spur Kajansi-Zana section and the whole of Makindye Ssabagabu</p>
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				<p>municipality participated in maintaining cleanliness, high level trade order and ensured that all roads were maintained in passable conditions a situation that contributed to the success of NAM.</p> <p>He has also served as the chair person board of directors of Virika Catholic hospital and together with his colleague directors they were able to transit the hospital into a legal entity of a limited company by guarantee which position enables her to mobilize resources from both within and outside hence enabling her to run on a sustainable basis.</p>
44.	Mr. Wilberforce Mugoda	Male 57 years	Butebo District	<p>He was born on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1967</p> <p>He currently works as a Principal Catering Officer, Household Section in State House.</p> <p>He holds a diploma in Hotel &amp; Institutional Catering and A bachelor's of Commerce from Makerere University.</p> <p>He has worked with various hotels since 1992, namely; Nile hotel complex, Nile Hotel International, Makerere University Guest House and the State House of the Republic of Uganda.</p> <p>Mr. Mugoda Wilberforce, as the Principal Catering Officer at State House, played an essential role in the logistical coordination during the NAM and G77+China summits, particularly regarding catering and food services for the high-profile delegates. The summit hosted thousands of international leaders, including heads of state, and involved meticulous planning for hospitality needs.</p> <p>His responsibilities included organizing the provision of high-quality meals, managing the dining facilities at key venues, and ensuring the seamless delivery of catering services to meet the dietary and cultural requirements of the international attendees. Given the scope of the summits and the presence of numerous VIPs, the catering arrangements was crucial for ensuring a positive experience for the delegates.</p>

				The National Organizing Committee (NOC), overseeing all aspects of the summits, involved in coordinating various logistical teams, with Mr. Mugoda's team focusing specifically on food and hospitality aspects
45.	Arch. Edward Ssimbwa	Male 49 yrs	Wakiso	<p>Arch. Dr. Ssimbwa was born on 15<sup>th</sup> June 1975 in Kyankima Village, Kasangati, Wakiso District.</p> <p>He is a highly accomplished architect and currently serves as the Commissioner for Public Structures.</p> <p>Arch. Dr. Ssimbwa has served in the Ministry of Works and Transport for over 13 years, where he has demonstrated exceptional leadership in the architectural field.</p> <p><b>Policy and Legislative Contributions</b></p> <p>He played a critical role in the development and formulation of the Building Control Act, along with its corresponding Building Code and Regulations.</p> <p><b>Compliance and Oversight</b></p> <p>He actively monitors construction sites to ensure compliance with building standards and regulations.</p> <p>He provides technical advisory services to all Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) regarding construction-related aspects of works and consultancy service contracts.</p> <p>Chairperson of the Works Sub-Committee for the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and G77 + China Summit, overseeing the preparation of critical infrastructure and ensuring smooth operations.</p> <p>Arch. Dr. Ssimbwa's career reflects a dedication to excellence in architecture, public service, and infrastructure development. His leadership in key national projects has contributed significantly to Uganda's architectural landscape and construction regulatory framework. His role in the NAM and G77 + China Summit as Chairperson of the Works Sub-Committee underscores his capacity to lead large-scale, high-stakes projects on the international stage.</p>

46.	Eng. Tonny Kavuma	Male 60 yrs	Rakai	<p>He was born on 16<sup>th</sup> May 1964.</p> <p>He is an accomplished engineer and retired civil servant who concluded his career as the Commissioner for Mechanical Engineering Services/Chief Mechanical Engineer.</p> <p>Eng. Kavuma Tony’s career spans more than <b>35 years</b> in the mechanical and civil engineering sector. His professional journey reflects a steady rise through the ranks in various engineering roles</p> <p>Over the course of his career, Eng. Kavuma Tony demonstrated exceptional technical, strategic, and leadership skills.</p> <p><b>Infrastructure Protection and Maintenance</b></p> <p><b>Removal of Floating Island:</b> Spearheaded the successful removal of a floating island that was threatening the Nalubaale and Kiira Electricity Dams.</p> <p>Played a key role in supplier maintenance collaboration, which led to a grant from the Japanese Government for the Mechanical Training and Advisory Center (METRAC).</p> <p>Acted as a Board Member of the Uganda Road Fund, where he supported the maintenance of the DUCAR network (District, Urban, and Community Access Roads), enabling enhanced inter-district and intra-district trade, thereby fostering economic transformation.</p> <p>Supervised and provided oversight on designs for the Kabale International Airport and the Entebbe International Airport Expansion.</p> <p>Played a pivotal role in the development of the Plant, Machinery, and Vehicles Management Bill, aimed at creating a regulatory framework for managing PMVs in Uganda.</p>
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47.	Eng. Isaac Wani UNRA	Male 54 years	Koboko	<p>He was born on 25<sup>th</sup> January 1970.</p> <p>He is a registered Civil Engineer and Infrastructure Planner with over 24 years of experience. Over the years, he has risen to the position of Director of Network Planning and Engineering, where he is responsible for planning and managing complex road and bridge projects across the country.</p> <p>As a member of the Top Management Team of the Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA), he plays a critical role in setting the strategic direction and development of Uganda's national roads network.</p> <p>His extensive experience includes leading and coordinating a team of engineers and economists in supervising engineering design consultants for major infrastructure projects. These projects include the feasibility study and detailed engineering design of the Kampala Flyover Project, VVIP (Nakasero - Northern Bypass) Expressway, Kampala - Jinja</p>

				<p>Expressway, Kampala - Bombo Expressway, and Kampala Outer Beltway Expressway. He also played a key role in the transport master plan for Namugongo, the Kibuye - Busega - Mpigi Expressway, and the capacity improvement of the Zana - Kajjansi section.</p> <p>Eng. Isaac Wani represented the Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA) on the National Organizing Committee and coordinated the implementation of national road projects that facilitated the 19th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and the Group of 77 (G77) Summit in January 2024.</p> <p>As part of UNRA's key activities for the summit, he oversaw projects that included the beautification of the Old Entebbe Road and the Kampala-Entebbe Expressway, traffic management for the Kampala-Entebbe Expressway, and the installation of street lighting on major road links, among other initiatives.</p>
48.	Eng. Dan Iga UNRA	Male 36 years	Kassanda	<p>He was born on 9<sup>th</sup> August 1988.</p> <p>He joined public service in 2016 as an Engineer for Road Development and was promoted to Manager of Road Development in 2021.</p> <p>Throughout his career, he has overseen major road upgrading projects, including the Najjanankumbi-Busabala Road and Munyonyo Spur Improvements, Kyenjojo – Kabwoya Road (100km), Kashenyi – Mitooma (11.53Km), Kitabi Seminary Road Project (0.8Km), Kamwenge – Fort Portal Road (66.2Km), Gulu – Acholibur – Musingo Road (77.7Km and 86.4Km), Namanve Industrial Park Access Roads (4km), and the Rehabilitation of Kawempe - Luwero - Kafu Road (166 Km).</p> <p>He has played a significant role in World Bank-funded projects such as the Uganda Transport Sector Development Project (TSDP), the Albertine Region Sustainable Development Project, and the Uganda Roads and Bridges in Refugee Hosting Districts Project.</p>

				<p>Beyond his technical responsibilities, he serves as the Chairperson of the Uganda Institution of Professional Engineers (UIPE) Kampala Branch and as the Vice Chairperson of the Constitutional Review Committee for UIPE, promoting engineering excellence and professional development among engineers in the central region.</p> <p>During the NAM and G77+China Summit, Eng. Dan Iga served as the coordinator of UNRA activities for the event. In this capacity, he was entrusted with overseeing a comprehensive portfolio of tasks essential for enhancing Uganda's infrastructure and image, with support from management and project implementation teams.</p> <p>His key responsibilities included monitoring the progress of beautification, traffic management, street lighting, road maintenance, and drainage improvement works. His hands-on approach ensured timely completion of these critical projects through effective progress monitoring and implementation oversight.</p> <p>He also coordinated with contractors, UNRA field teams, security teams, and town councils to streamline operations. His efforts in stakeholder engagement fostered cooperation across various entities, enabling smooth task execution, particularly in enforcement and road reserve management.</p>
49.	Ms. Olive Birungi Lumonya	Female 55 yrs	Mayuge	<p>She was born on 28<sup>th</sup> May, in Mayuge District.</p> <p>She has experience and Board engagement spans over 20 years where she has excelled in the different roles, provided guidance on strategy and managed to lead teams effectively. She has experience in developing and implementing strategic and business plans, managing a high level of customer expectations, dealing with complex managerial problems. She was recently awarded the Africa Women's Leadership Award 2022 by the World Women's Congress.</p> <p>Over the years she has gained significant experience in corporate governance through serving on the</p>



				<p>different boards which include financial, insurance, aviation, and the NGO sectors, chairing the various board committees including the Board Chairperson position at FINCA Uganda. This financial, technical, and human resource exposure gave her an opportunity to support any organization that needs to become competitive, profitable while at the same time achieving the Countries strategic goals and objectives.</p> <p>As the Chairperson of FINCA Uganda since 2018, we have noted significant improvement in the performance with a good rating among the FINCA subsidiaries. Successfully established good relationships with the Regulator (Bank of Uganda) and provided leadership.</p> <p><u>Accolades</u></p> <p>Africa Women’s Leadership Award 2022</p> <p>Africa Board Fellow 2019</p> <p>At Uganda Civil Aviation Authority: Deputy Director General she works as the regulator for the Aviation Industry, plays a leading role in providing leadership, governance, financial management, and the overall focus on safety, security of the Aviation Industry in Uganda and in the region.</p>
50.	Mr. Emmanuel Barungi	Male 58 yrs	Kiruhura	<p>He was born on 18<sup>th</sup> December 1966.</p> <p>He is the General Manager, Entebbe International airport.</p> <p>He was the aviation security manager.</p> <p>He holds a master of science in Security Sector Management (MSC.SSM) from Cranfield University, UK.</p> <p>Holds a Master of Arts in International Relations and Diplomatic Studies M.A (RIDS) from Makerere University, Kampala.</p> <p>He also holds a Bachelor of Education (B.ED) from Makerere University, Kampala.</p>

				He served also as Chief Intelligence Officer and Director in President's Office under Internal Security Organization.
51.	Ms. Hope Barahire	Female 54 years	Kiruhura	<p>She was born on 30<sup>th</sup> May, 1970</p> <p>She is a competent and efficient Administrator, Sociable, highly motivated, hardworking, punctual, reliable, effective communicator and result oriented person with impeccable moral and professional integrity.</p> <p>She possesses good interpersonal skills, computer literate and very fluent in English. Having worked with Civil Aviation Authority- a reputable organization for over 20 years and grown through the ranks to head a very crucial operational section.</p> <p>Coordinates activities of the VIP facilities with other operational offices.</p> <p>Oversees facilitation of Very Important Persons (National and International) through the Airport among others.</p> <p>During NAM, she was responsible for facilitation of VIPs who traveled through Entebbe- Airport, this included representing the VIPs through the Airport procedures such as airlines (check-in), immigration and customs.</p>
52.	RO 08849 Col. Eng. Tukamwak ira	Male 48 yrs	Kabale	<p>Col Godfrey Tukamwakira was born on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 1976 from Nyakashararavillage, Kasheregyenyi parish, Kamuganguzi S/Cty, Ndorwa Cty, Kabale district.</p> <p>He holds a Master of Science Civil Engineering of Makerere University, Master of Arts Defence and Security Studies Aug 2018 May 2021 Makerere University, Bachelor of Engineering Civil and Building Aug, 2009 Nov 2013 Kyambogo University and Certificate of Project Management.</p> <p>He has successfully supervised and managed a number of projects up to conclusion including: Completion of Ground Floor and Associated works of Modification to the passenger terminal building</p>

				<p>at Entebbe International Airport (EIA), from 21 May 2022 – 03 Jan 2024. Infrastructure Development at National Leadership Institute (NALI) Kyankwanzi from Feb 2020 – Mar 2021. Special Missions Training School Wantembo Barracks in Butiaba from July 2022 – Jan 2023. Refurbishment 16 Unit Staff Houses at Gombe General Hospital from Mar 2022 – Dec 2023. Remodeling of ICU Block at Jinja Regional Referral Hospital from Mar 2022 – Dec 2023. Construction and refurbishment of 20 Oxygen plants from May 2021 – Nov 2023.</p> <p>The colonel belongs to a Graduate Member (GM 2116) with Uganda Institution of Professional Engineers (UIPE). He applied and fulfilled all the requirements awaiting admission to Class of member of Uganda Institution of Professional Engineers (UIPE) and registration with the Engineers Registration Board (ERB). He has also applied for membership with Project Management Institute. He was the Chairman Contract Management Team (CMT) for construction of UPDF National Referral Hospital at Lower Mbuya from July 2023 to July 2024.</p>
53.	Eng. Nassuna Mirembe	Female 44 years	Masaka	<p>She was born on 04<sup>th</sup> October 1980.</p> <p>Nassuna Mirembe is a Civil Engineer by profession, a passionate worker with experience in working with diverse teams to set and achieve goals. Her management studies have propelled her to leadership positions and she is driven by the need to bless others.</p> <p>She was the Team Leader of the Contract Management team for the road and drainage works executed in Kampala City in preparation for the hosting of the NAM and G77+China Summits in Uganda in January 2024.</p> <p>Mirembe is also an advocate for raising awareness about Menstrual Hygiene Management to reduce the stigmatization and normalize periods with a vision</p>

				to make sanitary pads affordable and accessible to young girls and women especially in rural areas.
54.	Mr. Bernard Bakaye Lubega	Male 55 years	Masaka	<p>He was born on 5<sup>th</sup> October, 1969.</p> <p>He is a Social Development Worker, with over 30 years of experience in cultural and sports policy administration and community development, he holds a Master of Arts in Philosophy from Makerere University, a Bachelor of Philosophy from the Pontifical Urbanian University of Rome, and a Postgraduate Diploma in Rural Development from Galilee College in Israel. He is also a Research Fellow at the Smithsonian Institution for Folklife and Cultural Heritage in Washington, D.C., USA.</p> <p>Currently serving as the Assistant Commissioner for Culture in the Ministry of Gender, Labour, and Social Development, Bakaye has contributed significantly at both national and regional levels, including a decade of leadership as the Head of the Culture and Sports Department of the East African Community (EAC). His career began in 1994 as a Culture Officer in charge of performing arts promotion and development, where he progressively rose to the rank of Assistant Commissioner for Culture in 2020.</p> <p>Key Contributions include;</p> <p>Spearheaded the evolution of Uganda's Culture and Creative Industries into a significant economic sector contributing to non-tax revenue, direct taxes, and employment, especially for youth and women, coordinated the revitalization of the Community Development Function in Uganda to support the Plan for Modernization of Agriculture (PMA), introduced graduate Community Development Workers at Sub- County levels and establishing conditional grants to facilitate their operations.</p> <p>He led a 14-member Entertainment Sub-Committee that coordinated cultural entertainment during the NAM and Third South Summits in Kampala. This included hosting performances for visiting</p>

				<p>dignitaries, such as Presidents, Prime Ministers, and special guests, at various venues.</p> <p>Organized a cultural dinner gala and facilitated captivating entertainment for events hosted by the First Lady of Uganda for visiting Heads of State spouses.</p> <p>Mr. Bakaye Lubega Bernard's career is a testament to his passion for cultural development, regional integration, and community empowerment, consistently delivering impactful programs and fostering unity through culture and sports.</p>
55.	Mr. Cleopas K. Ndorere	Male 54 years	Kabale	<p>He was born on 10<sup>th</sup> August 1970.</p> <p>He joined the Ministry of Trade, Industry, and Cooperatives in 2008 as a Senior Commercial Officer and has risen through the ranks to become Commissioner for External Trade in 2023.</p> <p>Over his career, he has been an integral member of the National Trade Negotiations Team (NTNT) for 17 years, playing a pivotal role in concluding negotiations for key agreements, including the East African Community (EAC) Common Market, the COMESA Free Trade Area, the Tripartite EAC-COMESA-SADC Free Trade Area Agreement, and the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement. Notably, he served as Secretary to the National Organizing Committee for Uganda's hosting of the COMESA Summit in 2012.</p> <p>From 2015 to 2021, Mr. Ndorere contributed as a member of the inaugural Board of the Uganda Free Zones Authority, which successfully established the first Free Zones in Uganda. One of his most outstanding achievements was his leadership in organizing the Business Forum and Trade Exhibition held alongside the 19th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and G77+China Conference in January 2024. His efforts were instrumental in facilitating the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between Uganda and Cuba on Counter-Trade, and he continues to work tirelessly toward its implementation.</p>

				<p>Mr. Ndorere’s career is a testament to his dedication, resilience, and commitment to excellence. His exceptional leadership and innovation in trade and private sector development have created meaningful impacts, benefiting not only his professional sphere but also his community. Combining technical expertise with a profound sense of social responsibility, Mr. Ndorere has consistently gone above and beyond to drive sustainable growth and foster positive change.</p>
56.	Mr. Basil Ajer	Male 50 years	Amolatar	<p>He was born on 31<sup>st</sup> October 1974 in Amolatar</p> <p>Dr. Ajer Basil, an accomplished agricultural scientist, was born with a remarkable passion for advancing agriculture and sustainable development.</p> <p>He holds a PhD in Agribusiness Management from Kenyatta University, Nairobi — Kenya, a Master’s in Business Administration from UTAMU, an MSc in Agribusiness Management from Makerere University (MUK), a BSc in Agriculture from MUK, and a Postgraduate Diploma in Monitoring and Evaluation from UMI. Known for his unwavering moral and ethical standards, Dr. Ajer’s values extend beyond his professional roles, deeply influencing his contributions to church and charity.</p> <p>Currently serving as a Director at the Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife, and Antiquities (MTWA), Dr. Ajer oversees the formulation, implementation, and evaluation of government policies aimed at sustainable growth in the tourism, wildlife, and antiquities sector. His leadership ensures effective coordination between the Ministry, development partners, and private sector stakeholders. Among his notable contributions is his work with the World Bank-funded Competitiveness and Enterprise Development Project (CEDP-AF), which aims to transform the Uganda Hotel and Tourism Training Institute into a globally recognized center of excellence.</p> <p>Previously, as Director of Technopreneurship at the Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation, Dr. Ajer spearheaded critical initiatives, including the National Research and Innovation Programme</p>

				<p>Framework and the Shea Industrial Development Project. His extensive career has equipped him with expertise in public sector management, policy formulation, agribusiness, SME nurturing, technology transfer, and agricultural value chain analysis.</p> <p>As Chairperson of the Board of Busitema University Fund, he has championed transformative projects, such as establishing a solar plant with the capacity to supply 4 MW to the national grid. This project not only generates income for the university but also provides practical training opportunities for Ugandan engineers in solar technologies.</p> <p>Dr. Ajer's impact extends to his work on various national technical committees, where he contributed to the development of strategic documents, including the National Development Plan, National Investment Policy, and Agricultural Extension Policy. He is currently leading the review of the National Tourism Policy and Tourism Act.</p> <p>Dr. Ajer's career is a testament to his dedication to sustainable development, innovative leadership, and transformative impact across multiple sectors in Uganda.</p>
57.	Ms. Harriet Kiiza	Female 48 years	Buliisa	<p>She was born on 17<sup>th</sup> July 1976 from Buliisa District.</p> <p>Ms. Kiiza Harriet is a seasoned tourism professional who has served as the Principal Tourism Officer at the Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife, and Antiquities since 2018. In her current role, she is responsible for developing and reviewing regulations and standards for quality assurance of tourism products and services, as well as implementing international and regional agreements.</p> <p>Ms. Kiiza holds a Master's in Business Administration from Victoria University, a Bachelor's Degree in Tourism from Makerere University, and a Diploma in Hospitality Management from the Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management Klessheim in Salzburg, Austria.</p>

				<p>She is also a Certified EAC Hotel Assessor from the East African Community (EAC).</p> <p>Her leadership extends to serving on various boards, including the second Board of Directors of the Uganda Hotel and Tourism Training Institute (UHTTI), the Rewards and Sanction Committee, and the Tourism and Hospitality Sector Skills Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2018-Present:</b> Principal Tourism Officer, Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife, and Antiquities.</li> <li>• <b>2010-2018:</b> Senior Tourism Officer, Ministry of Tourism.</li> <li>• <b>2007-2010:</b> Front Desk Officer, Kabira Country Club.</li> <li>• <b>2002-2004:</b> Front Office Supervisor, Mweya Safari Lodge.</li> <li>• <b>2000-2002:</b> Front Office Shift Leader/Receptionist, Paraa Safari Lodge, Murchison Falls National Park.</li> </ul> <p>She coordinated the development, printing, and dissemination of Tourism Regulations (2012-2013), and review of tourism regulations and guidelines, ensuring adherence to evolving standards (2024).</p> <p>As chairperson of the Accommodation Subcommittee for major events, including: Commonwealth Local Government Conference (2013), Papal Visit Preparations (2015), Presidential Swearing-In Ceremony (2016) and the Solidarity Refugee Summit (2017) among others.</p> <p>Ms. Kiiza Harriet’s exemplary leadership and commitment have significantly contributed to Uganda’s tourism sector growth, ensuring both local and international standards are met while promoting sustainable tourism development.</p>
58.	Ms. Brandy Azeirwe Valentine MICT/NG	Female 26 years	Rubanda	<p>She was born on 14<sup>th</sup> February 1998.</p> <p>Brandy has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to public service and has made significant contributions in various fields, particularly in the realm of communication and digital transformation.</p>



				<p>She is an active member of the Government Communication Officers Forum and the Uganda Child Cancer Foundation, demonstrating her dedication to public service and social responsibility.</p> <p>Ms. Azeirwe was a crucial member of the National Digital Transformation Roadmap Development Team, playing a vital role in shaping the country's digital future. She is also the producer and host of the Ugandan Podcast effectively utilizing a modern communication platform to disseminate information and engage with the public.</p> <p>Her involvement in the NAM/G77 ICT, Media, and Publicity Committee and the Dubai Expo team showcases her commitment to promoting Uganda's interests on the international stage. She was part and parcel of coordinating the outdoor, digital and creative branding of the two twin summits (NAM/G77) held in January 2024.</p> <p>Brandy's dedication, professionalism, and impactful contributions to Uganda make her a worthy recipient of the Presidential Award of Service Honor.</p>
59.	Mr. Patrick Okoth NITA-U	Male 41 years	Tororo	<p>He was born on 19<sup>th</sup> August 1983.</p> <p>Patrick Okoth, a seasoned technology leader with over 14 years of experience in digital transformation and telecommunications.</p> <p>His exceptional academic foundation, strategic acumen, and dedication to Uganda's progress have driven impactful initiatives in ICT development, infrastructure expansion, and innovative service delivery.</p> <p>In 2018, he represented Uganda as the technical lead in negotiations with Google, fostering global partnerships through strategic negotiation.</p> <p>Between 2018 and 2022, as a technical head, he has expanded the Last Mile Project, connecting over 700</p>

			<p>sites across Uganda, exceeding targets by 9% and advancing digital inclusion.</p> <p>During the outbreak of Covid-19 in 2020, he coordinated network deployment for the automation of the Mandatory Covid-19 Testing Centre at Entebbe Airport, demonstrating adaptability during a global crisis.</p> <p>Between 2020–2022 he Played a pivotal role in integrating Phase Two of the Safe City Project into the NBI, enhancing public safety through advanced digital systems.</p> <p>In 2022, he mobilized over \$150,000 through strategic partnerships for the RCIP campaign, culminating in a grand commissioning event officiated by the President.</p> <p>During NAM/G77+China Summit in 2023) as an in charge communications, he designed and implemented secure communications for one of Uganda’s largest diplomatic events, ensuring seamless operations.</p> <p>He oversaw phase 4 commissioning in 2020 and Phase 5 launch 2024 in Karamoja, broadening digital service accessibility and demonstrating exceptional management skills.</p>
60.	Mr. Suubi Kiwanuka	Male 52 years	<p>He was born on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1972.</p> <p>He is the Public Affairs Officer- International Relations at Uganda Media Center since 2008 to date.</p> <p>He also worked with Ministry of Foreign Affairs as the Content Manager/Media relations from 2007 to 2008.</p> <p>During the NAM (Non-Aligned Movement) and G77+China Summit in Kampala, he played the following roles;</p> <p>He facilitated effective communication between Uganda, NAM, and G77+China member states. The officer coordinated the participation of Heads of</p>

				<p>State, diplomats, and international delegations, ensuring smooth interactions and alignment with Uganda's diplomatic agenda.</p> <p>The officer actively promoted Uganda's tourism, trade, and investment opportunities to the international community by highlighting Uganda's unique cultural and economic potential, which aligns with the strategy to showcase Uganda as a destination for tourism and investment</p> <p>As part of the National Organizing Committee, the officer coordinated logistical arrangements for summit activities, ensuring that all aspects of protocol, security, and event planning are in place</p>
61.	Mr. Lutalo Umar	Male 48 yrs	Luwero	<p>He was born on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 1976.</p> <p>He was appointed in Service in 2007 and has diligently up to date raising through different position to the current position of a Town clerk.</p> <p>Among his key achievements include;</p> <p>He has opened up to 60 Kilometers of Community Access roads successfully for Kyengera Town Council in FY 2017/18.</p> <p>Phased construction of Kasangati Town Council headquarters completed and commissioned by the Permanent Secretary – Ministry of Local Government in FY 2021/22.</p> <p>Construction of Kitende Church of Uganda Primary School Class Room Block (2 classes) and now in use in FY 2022/23 under Kajjansi Town Council.</p> <p>Securing the Land Titles for Kajjansi Town Council Administrative Block Land measuring approximately 1 Acre in FY 2022/23.</p> <p>Grant of a 50-Seater Tent &amp; 50 plastic chairs to the office of the DRDC – Kasangati during the Covid 19 Pandemic bought by the Nominee personally.</p>

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<b>SUMMARY OF NAMES TO BE AWARDED MEDALS ON THE 39<sup>TH</sup> NRM/A VICTORY DAY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2025</b>				
<b>NO</b>	<b>TYPE OF MEDAL</b>	<b>MEDALIST NUMBER</b>	<b>GENDER</b>	
			<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>
1.	THE DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF THE CRESTED CRANE (GRAND COMMANDER)	3	3	
2.	THE DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF THE NILE (GRAND COMMANDER)	4		4
3.	THE DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF THE CRESTED CRANE (GRAND OFFICER)	1		1
4.	THE DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF THE CRESTED CRANE (COMMANDER)	2		2
5.	THE DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF THE NILE (COMMANDER)	2	1	1
6.	60 <sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL	42	13	29
7.	RWENZORI STAR MEDAL	5	1	4
8.	DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL – POLICE	2		2
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>43</b>