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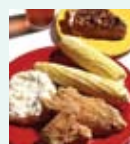
LOCKING HORNS AND SQUARING OFF OVER TERRITORIAL LAND

Like most Ugandan's who live in the Diaspora, UNAA convention is the nearest to "home sweet home". You never realize how home sick you are, until the Convention encroaches on you. The excitement is beyond words, hundreds congregate at the bar, hotel lobby and the conference halls 'til the wee hours of the night. You reconnect, network for business, socialize and entertain yourselves with all the new talent Uganda can offer. Countless opportunities of meeting "who is who" in the Ugandan government and in the business elite under the same roof. Sharing information of the current investments in Uganda, information you would not have in a one stop shopping; available financial services, real estate investments, to mention a few. A gathering of this magnitude brings together diasporans from different regions of Uganda with different but rich political views. On the socializing stage, a lot of relationships have been known to originate from the convention encounter. Have I mentioned how I love visiting different cities every year? Most of these cities offer a fresh learning experience so it's always a treat to kill 5 birds with one stone at a minimal fee — "This is why I will never miss the UNAA Convention" — HARRIET MPIIMA



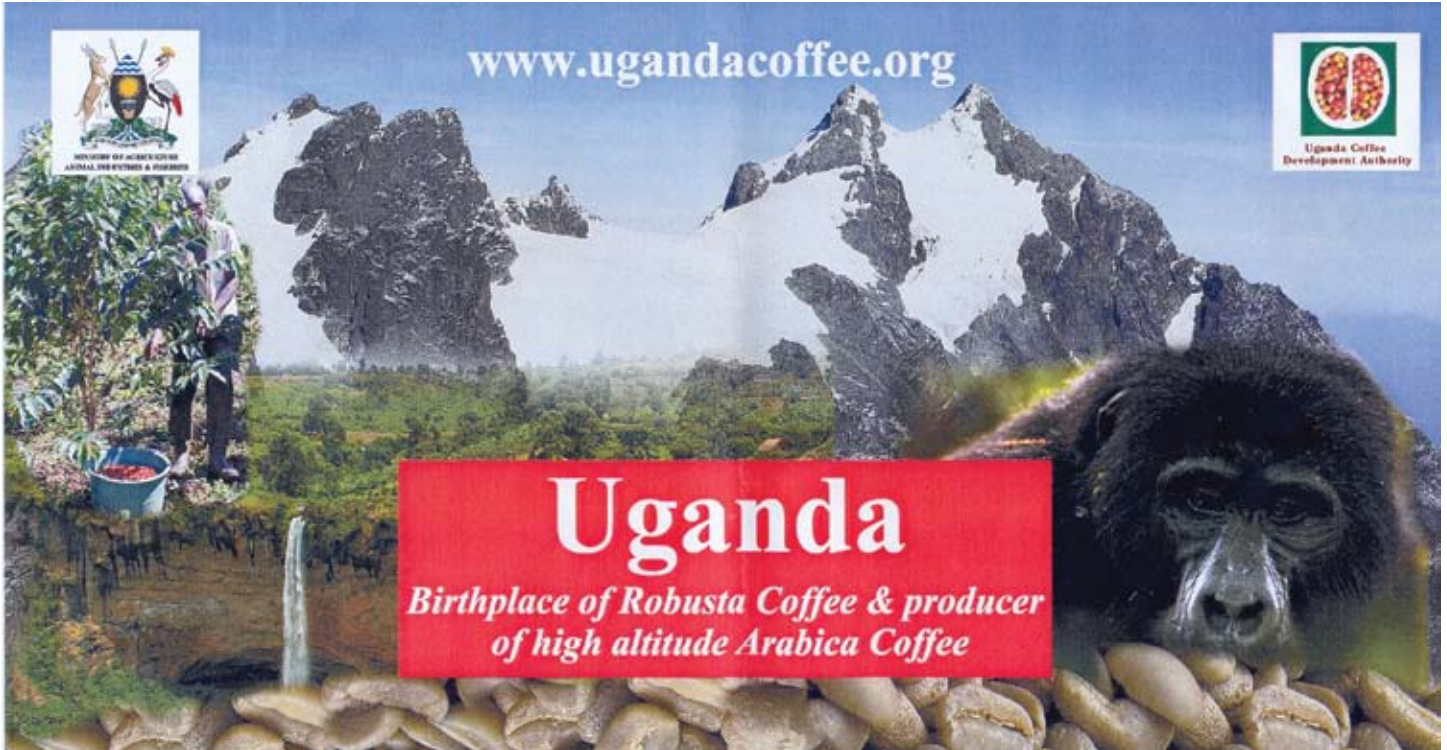
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* **Muwenda Mutebi II**, 1993-present (on 4th April 1971, Prince Ronald Mutebi II succeeded the Royal Throne of Buganda Kingdom after the burial of his late father Sir Edward Muteesa II in the Royal Tombs of Kasubi and attained the Kingdom's official title - Ssabataka. He was only 16 years old and therefore the Coronation did not take place. The political turmoil in the country during the years of Idi Amin that followed could not permit the Coronation to take place when the Prince came of age to be crowned Kabaka, as per the Constitution. He remained Ssabataka until 31st

July 1993, when conditions became favourable to crown him Kabaka of the Kingdom of Buganda. Unlike his predecessors who became Kabakas at an early age and thus, had Regents appointed to run the affairs of the Kingdom, Kabaka Mutebi II did not have any Regents because the Kingdom was dysfunctional with no Lukiiko to appoint the Regents.)





The *Kabaka* is the title of the King of Buganda. As per traditions of the Baganda, they are ruled by two kings: one spiritual and the other—a human being prince. The spiritual (supernatural being) king is represented by the Royal Drums called *Mujaguzo* and always exists, thus Buganda at any single time will always have a king. *Mujaguzo*, like any other king in the world, has his own palace, officials, servants and guards assigned to his palace. The human being prince has to perform special cultural rites on the Royal Drums before he can be declared King of the Kingdom of Buganda. Upon the birth of a royal prince or princess, the Royal Drums are sound by specially nominated drummers (by birth) from a specified clan, as a means of informing the subjects of the Kingdom, of the birth of new member of the royal family.

The same Royal Drums are sound upon the death of a reigning king in the same way, to officially announce the death of the human being king. By tradition, Baganda children take on the clan of their biological fathers. However, princes and princesses take on the clan of their biological mothers. This is to ensure that each of the 52 clans of Baganda gets a chance of producing a future king of Buganda, since a reigning king can marry from any of the 52 clans except that of his biological mother. The first born prince, by tradition called *Kiweewa* is not allowed to become king. This was carefully planned to protect him against any attempted assassinations in a bid to fight for the crown. Instead he is given special roles to play in the matters of the Royal family and kingdom. Thus, the name of the possible successor to the throne remains anonymous.

Kings of Buganda

- * Kintu, late fourteenth century
- * Chwa I, early fifteenth century
- * Kimera, c.1420-c.1447
- * Ttembo, c.1447-c.1474
- * Kiggala, c.1474-c.1501
- * Kiyimba, c.1501-c.1501
- * Kayima, c.1528-c.1528
- * Nakibinge, c.1555-c.1582
- * Mulondo, c.1582-late 16th century
- * Jjemba, late 16th century
- * Ssuuna I, late sixteenth century-c.1609
- * Ssekamanya, c.1609-early 17th century
- * Kimbugwe, early 17th century

- * Kateregga, c.1636-c.1663
- * Mutebi I, Jjuuko, and Kayemba c.1663-c.1690
- * Tebandeke and Ndawula, c.1690-c.1717
- * Kagulu, Kikulwe and Mawanda, c.1717-c.1744
- * Mwanga, Namugala, and Kyabaggu, c.1771
- * Jjunju and Ssemakokiro, c.1771-1797
- * Ssemakokiro (alone), c.1797-1814
- * Kamanya, 1814-1836
- * Ssuuna II, 1836-1856
- * Mutesa I, 1856-1884
- * Mwanga II, 1884-1888
- * Kiweewa Mutebi II, 1888—pretender to the throne during exile times of Mwanga II

- * Kalema, 1888-1889 - pretender to the throne during exile times of Mwanga II
- * Mwanga II (2nd time) 1889-1897 - on return from exile after the murder of Kiweewa Mutebi and Kalema by loyalists
- * Daudi Cwa II, 1897-1939
- * Mutesa II, 1939-1969
- * Interregnum 1969-1993





Hon. Lukyamuzi prostrates before His Majesty The King



Hon. MP Ssebuliba Mutumba kneels.



Betty Namboze gets up after prostrating



Erias Lukwago on his knees greets Kabaka.

Ugandans who hold dual nationality or those who intend to adopt a new one while retaining their Ugandan identity can finally sigh with relief after the government yesterday tabled the long awaited Bill that will provide for dual citizenship. Holding fort for Internal Affairs Minister Ruhakana Rugunda, who was curiously absent, the Government Chief Whip, Ms Kabakumba Matsiko, yesterday tabled for the first reading, the Uganda Citizenship and Immigration Control (Amendment) Bill 2008. The development ends a three-year wait for this critical piece of legislation, which was one of the key highlights of the 2005 constitutional amendment process, and finally answers incessant demands by a host of MPs for the Bill's tabling.

Dual citizenship remains a sticking point in many countries and in Uganda, the Bill has been largely pushed by **Ugandans in the Diaspora.**

The Bill defines dual citizenship as the simultaneous possession of two citizenships, one of which is Ugandan. Following the 2005 constitutional amendment, Uganda now permits dual citizenship, as spelt out in Article 15 and recognises that a person who is not a citizen of Uganda may acquire the citizenship of another country, while retaining the Ugandan identity,

Dr Rugunda wrote in the Bill's memorandum.

The new law, that seeks to amend the Uganda Citizenship and Immigration Control Act, also outlines government offices which a person holding dual citizenship is not qualified to hold.

For Health Minister Steven Malinga, who holds both Ugandan and American citizenship, the Bill is unwelcome news because it names Cabinet positions as one of those dual citizens should not hold.

According to a draft copy of the Bill seen by Daily Monitor, dual citizens will be barred from holding the office of the President, Vice President, Prime Minister; Cabinet Ministers, the Inspectorate of Government and deputy, technical head of armed forces, technical heads of branches of armed forces and commanding officers of armed forces units of at least battalion strength.

Other blacklisted positions are officers responsible for heading departments responsible for records, personnel and logistics in all branches of the armed forces, the inspector general of Police and deputy and heads of national security and intelligence organisations like CMI, ESO, and ISO.

The Bill proposes that a citizen of Uganda or another country can be recognised as holding dual citizenship after "making a declaration in writing...renouncing one of the nationalities or citizenships he or she may possess".

It lays down the circumstances under which a person who is a citizen of Uganda and who holds the citizenship of another country may cease to be a Ugandan citizen.

They include voluntary service in the armed forces or security forces of a country hostile to or at war with Uganda, acquisition of a Uganda citizenship by fraud, deceit, bribery, or having made intentional and deliberate false statements in his or her application for citizenship and espionage against Uganda.

Bill on land ownership

Emmanuel Gyezaah
Parliament





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LIVESPEAKER

Owekitiibwa, Ssemwogerere, Joseph Godfrey Mulwanyammuli will be present and will deliver a message congratulating UNAA's 20th Anniversary.

A management and development economist, a banker, a management trainer, a business and public administrator and a manager. His experience spans over a period of 35 years.

His working experience has been at middle and top decision making levels. He has a unique opportunity to deeply interact with grass root people, multidisciplinary professionals, international experts, politicians, culture groups, business society and all shades of nationalities. From the University of East Africa (Dar Es Salaam) he holds a B.A. (Hons) Economics and Business Administration & Management.

1993: British Council (U.K.)—

Multinational Corporations & Financing

1993: Irish Management Institute (Dublin)—

Corporate Chairmen's Programme

1978: Development Banking Centre of India

(Bangalore)—Certificate in Industrial Development Banking

1973: Economic Development Institute of the World Bank

(USA)—Certificate in Project Analysis and Management

1972: University of Bradford (UK)—

Post Graduate Diploma in Banking and Finance
in Development Economics

1971: University of Strathclyde (UK)— Certificate in
Management Systems Analysis Work Study and O & M.

Among a multitude of posts and positions, He served as Buganda's Premier (1994 - 2005) and CEO—Buganda Kingdom Government.

During the entire period of his stay in Buganda Kingdom, He was responsible for Political and

- Administrative Head of the Kingdom Government.
- Chief Executive and Advisor to the Kabaka (King)
- Re-established the Kingdom Government after about 30 years of abolition
- Re-established economic and financial measures to sustain the King and the Kingdom Government.
- Set up a Radio Station and Development Agencies.



Ssemwogerere
Joseph Godfrey Mulwanyammuli

USAID: DEVELOPING DEEPER ROOTS IN UGANDA



PATRICIA FLANAGAN is positioned in USAID/Washington's Bureau for Economic Growth and Trade, Infrastructure & Engineering Office (EGAT/I&E), leading up Information Communication Technologies (ICT) applications in the education and health sectors in USAID-assisted countries. Prior to this position, she was Team Leader for rural and renewable energy services activities globally and a key personnel of the Global Village Energy Partnership (GVEP), and provided technical expertise to the Asia-Pacific Partnership, two U.S. Presidential Signature Initiatives. She joined USAID 11 years ago. Her combined U.S./field-based experience in sustainable development, community capacity building, economic growth, renewable energy and ICT technologies, and environmental issues spans over two decades. Before coming to USAID, she headed up environment and development activities in multilateral development organizations such as the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), foundations such as the W. Alton Jones Foundation, environmental consulting firms, and various U.S. and in-country NGOs such as Winrock International and the International Institute for Rural Reconstruction. Ms. Flanagan holds Masters Degree from Columbia University in Economic and Political Development and in Environmental Policy Studies.

Patricia has been providing technical assistance to the USAID/Uganda Mission in ICT applications in Education programs, such as assisting in coordinating an MOU Partnership with an ICT company and conceptualizing expansion of an NGO schools activity currently receiving matching grant funds from USAID. The Mission has requested her to make a presentation of these programs at the **20th Annual Ugandan North America Association (UNAA) National Convention in Orlando, Florida August 28-31, 2008** (UNAA, a membership of Ugandan Diaspora, looks to encourage business relationships and interaction, and promote and foster social, cultural, economic and philanthropic activities between its members and the larger global community). In developing these two activities for the Mission, she determined that other offices in USAID, most prominently the Office of Development partners (ODP), as well as others (i.e. PR/MD, AFR/Edu, DCHA/VfP) who are also focusing on partnerships on some scale, were working on these same issues at a larger, Agency-wide level.

Patricia brought USAID/Uganda leadership and key players of these AID/W offices together for a series of coordination meetings. All agreed that this was an excellent opportunity to begin the dialogue with diaspora communities about coordinated investment. She will speak on a variety of innovative ways in which USAID partners with the private sector and other 'non-traditional' investors/donors in development programs, including interest in collaboration with diaspora networks on remittances activities. She will also highlight the **Academy of Hope (AAH)**, a VA-based NGO dedicated to increasing quality of life in rural Uganda by providing access to quality education and basic healthcare for children. AAH built a school and two clinics in Mbale districts, as well as other work in the area, and presented their success to USAID/Uganda, who later awarded a matching grant. She will also present the ICT Global Frameworks and their partnership work in development areas such as education, health and economic growth.



UGANDA INVESTMENT AUTHORITY: INVEST IN EDUCATION

Dr. MAGGIE KIGOZI—Executive Director
Uganda Investment Authority
(www.ugandainvest.com)

She oversees twenty professionals in charge of attracting and facilitating investment from specific countries in priority sectors. To date UIA has licensed a total of 2351 companies, with a total planned investment of about US\$5.87 billion and a total of 192,684 planned employment. Uganda Investment Authority won the Corporate Location Prize for the best investment promotion agency in Africa and the Middle East.

Maggie believes that it is her curiosity and desire to try new things that have most contributed towards her success, combined with the education she received. "Education is one of the best bases for success," Maggie states.

Of all her achievements, Maggie is most proud of the investors she has personally contributed towards attracting to Uganda. "I feel lucky and proud to have been given this opportunity to steer Uganda Investment Authority at a time like this. The Authority's work is very crucial in the economic development of Uganda.

"I am also very proud of my family. I consider my children and late husband a great accomplishment in my life. During the time I practiced human medicine I loved treating children. Seeing them get well always brought a great sense of accomplishment".

Loosing her husband, Eng Daniel Sserwano Kigozi was Maggie's greatest challenge. "Facing your challenges and working hard at what you believe in enables one to overcome," she says.

The fact that Nelson Mandela remained humane in spite of the difficulties he encountered in his life makes him the person that Maggie most admires. "He was able to guide South Africa through the difficult period when there were many changes taking place".

Maggie urges young entrepreneurs to have a vision for the people in their countries, as well as the continent as a whole. "Africa's leaders, both present and future, should strive to ensure good governance and democracy," she says.



THE LAND TACKLE UNFAIRNESS OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE LAND ACT



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Prior to 1998, land belonged to citizens of Uganda. The proposed amendment to the 1998 Land Act (1998LA), first amended in 2004, will further disenfranchise landowners in Uganda by effectively making the government the owner of all land in Uganda. At present there are four types of land tenure system in Uganda: (1) Mailo land, (2) Freehold, (3) Leasehold and (4) Customary. In essence, there is little difference between (1) and (2). The 1998LA disenfranchised registered landowners by fixing land rent at 1,000/- (about U.S. 65 cents) annually, regardless of the quality, size, location or land use of the land, and by awarding their land to squatters — the so-called “Bona fide” occupants, without compensating the registered landowner.

Our Challenge is leaving land for our children and Grand-kids

little or nothing has been done to return land originally grabbed from the Kabaka (Buganda) as “Crown Land”, in the 1900 Agreement. Other land of the Kabaka has been occupied by government agencies for decades without a penny ever being paid in rent. Squatters heavily occupied even the little land returned to the Kabaka. However, the day of reckoning is not far off for other parts of Uganda.

Another problem is corruption at all levels of government, e.g. recently a high government official was reported in the press as literally forcing a government body (NSSF) to buy land from him at an extremely exorbitant price. No explanation of how, when and at what cost he acquired the land in the first place or where and how he got the money to do it, or whether the land parcel in question was among his declared wealth.

MINERALS AFFIRM UGANDA AS “THE PEARL OF AFRICA”

The proposed amendment introduces a 5th type, namely: Certificate of Occupancy – at the expense of registered landowners. It increases confusion in land transactions by setting up parallel land registration systems without explicitly stating which one has precedence should problems arise. Further, it seeks to effectively make the Minister of Land, not the courts or the District Land Boards, the final arbiter of all land disputes in the country. Even here, in some circumstances, the Minister has no choice but to grant a Certificate of Occupancy, and the courts are relegated to issuing eviction court orders.



The 1998LA was rammed down our throats over protests from all walks of life, under the guise of “commoditizing” land to enable legal land occupants access to bank loans—using their land as security with which to develop their lands. This failed spectacularly: peasants did not get the promised loans as banks refused to risk losing their money by getting entangled in land wrangles. Now the government is peddling the proposed amendment under the guise of granting peasants security of land tenure. A major problem is lack of uniformity of the law: presently the law is squarely targeted at landowners in Buganda. Whereas the government has bent over backwards to restore lost properties to Asians,



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