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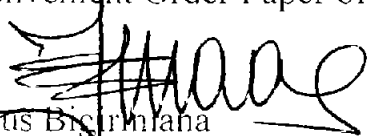
**STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT ON THE COMMEMORATION OF
INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY 2018 AND LAUNCH OF THE
UGANDA GREEN INCUBATION PROGRAMME – SONGHAI MODEL
PILOT PROJECT; SUNDAY 12TH AUGUST 2018 AT KAMPIRINGISA
NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTRE – MPIGI DISTRICT**

Uganda will join the rest of the world to mark and commemorate the International Youth Day (IYD) 2018. The national celebrations will be held on 12th August 2018, at Kampiringisa National Rehabilitation Centre in Mpigi District, under the theme: **“Safe Spaces for Youth”**.

During the commemorations, the Government of Uganda through the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development will launch the Uganda Green Incubation Program (UGIP) - Songhai Model pilot project at Kampiringisa National Rehabilitation Center in Mpigi District.

The Statement to Parliament seeks to inform Parliament about this Year's International Youth Day Celebrations and the Launch of the Songhai Agricultural Model.

The purpose of this letter therefore, is to request you to receive copies of the Statement for distribution and to include the Statement on the next most convenient Order Paper of Parliament.


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PARLIAMENTARY STATEMENT

COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY, THURSDAY 12TH AUGUST 2018, KAMPIRINGISA NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTRE, MPIGI DISTRICT

Right Honourable Speaker,

Colleagues Hon. Members of Parliament

I rise to brief you about the forthcoming commemoration of International Youth Day.

Rt. Hon Speaker, the purpose of this Parliamentary Statement is to provide information to Parliament regarding this year's International Youth Day (IYD) celebrations scheduled to take place on 12th August at Kampiringisa National Rehabilitation Centre.

1. Rt. Hon Speaker and Colleagues will recall that every year on 12th August we join the rest of the world in marking and celebrating International Youth Day in conformity with the UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/54/120 of the 54th UN Session adopted on 17th December 1999.

2. International Youth Day provides an opportunity to all State Parties to evaluate various policies, programmes and strategic interventions aimed at empowering young people. Specifically, on this Day, we take stock of what has been done, what remains to be done and how we can position the youth to play critical roles in the social, economic and political transformation of their respective countries.

3. The celebration of the International Youth Day is in line with the World Programme of Action for Youth (WPAY), which is the UN framework for youth development, mindset change and empowerment. It is also in tandem with The African Youth Charter and the Commonwealth Plan of Action for Youth Empowerment.

4. The theme for this year's celebrations is "**Safe Spaces for Youth.**" The theme was adopted by the UN to inter alia focus on ensuring safety of youth in all settings. The theme provides an opportunity for State Parties to re-examine policies, programmes and interventions that enable young people to meaningfully

communicate their experiences, expectations and contributions towards transformation of the country.

5. Rt. Hon. Speaker and dear Colleagues, you will agree with me that in a technologically connected world, the aspirations of young people to engage in political, civic and social matters are ever growing. They will need safe spaces to effectively contribute to development, including peace and social cohesion for positive youth development.

6. As has been the case in previous years, the International Youth Day Celebrations will take place at various local government levels; but the National Venue will be at Kampiringisa National Rehabilitation Centre, Sports Ground, in Mpigi District. His Excellency the President of the Republic of Uganda is expected to preside over the function.

7. Prior to the actual day; during the Youth Week (5th – 11th August), various activities will take place to mark the day. The activities include Community dialogue, Tree-planting, Community work (cleanliness campaigns), Sports activities (community football and

netball tournaments), HIV testing and counselling, Information on Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (ASRHR).

8. As part of the activities on the International Youth Day, the Chief Guest, H.E the President of the Republic of Uganda will launch Uganda Green Incubation Programme – the Songhai Pilot Project located at Kampiringisa.

Songhai Model is an integrated agriculture production system that seeks to address problems of poverty, unemployment and food insecurity by strengthening the technical and organisational capacities of communities to produce efficiently and sustainably. The Model uses ecosystem approach that draws nature's contribution to crop and animal growth such as soil organic matter and soil micro-organisms, bio-control and integrated pest management. Under this model there no chemicals, wastes and pollution. It enables farmers to produce **better and more, with less**. The Songhai Pilot was approved by Cabinet in December 2016 and is being implemented on

government land in Kampiringisa as directed the H.E. the President.

9. I would like to take this opportunity to invite colleagues to come to the National celebrations at Kampiringisa National Rehabilitation Centre in Mpigi District on Friday 12th August 2018. I also request you to support the Day's celebrations at the various levels.

10. **Action required of Parliament**

At the next convenient Meeting of Parliament, I will request my colleagues to:

- (i) Appreciate the importance of engaging young people to exercise their basic civil rights, to enable them to undertake free and voluntary action in order to advance their social, cultural, economic and political goals.;
- (ii) Note that the theme for this year's International Youth Day is "**Safe Spaces for youth**" and the National Venue is

Kampiringisa National Rehabilitation Centre
Sports Ground in Mpigi District;

- (iii) Note that H.E the President will on this Day 12th August Launch the Unique Uganda Green Incubation Programme – The Songhai Model Project.
- (iv) Note that H.E. the President of Uganda has been invited and is expected to preside over the Day;
- (v) Accept my invitation to the National Celebrations at Kampiringisa National Rehabilitation Centre Sports Ground in Mpigi District on 12th August 2018 at 9:30 a.m. and my appeal for your usual support to your districts/constituencies' International Youth Day Celebrations.

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