



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

PARLIAMENTARY STATEMENT

**COMMEMORATION OF INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY MONDAY
12TH AUGUST 2019 IN JINJA DISTRICT.**

RT Honourable Speaker

Colleagues Honourable members of Parliament

I rise to brief you about the forth coming commemoration of International Youth Day 2019.

Rt.Hon. Speaker, the purpose of this statement to parliament is to provide information to parliament regarding this year's International Youth Day (IYD) celebrations scheduled to take place on 12th August, 2019 in Jinja District at St. Gonza Gonzaga Primary School Kagoma.

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 UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/54/20 of the 54th UN session adopted on 17th December, 1999.

International Youth Day provides an opportunity to all state parties to evaluate the various policies, programmes and strategic interventions aimed at empowering young people. Additionally, the Day provides an excellent opportunity to take stock of what has been done and what remains undone

in positioning the young people to play a critical role in the social economic and political transformation of the country.

Commemorating International Youth Day is consistent with the World programme of Action for Youth (WPAY) which is the UN framework for Youth development, mindset change and empowerment. It is also consistent with provisions of the African Youth Charter and the commonwealth plan of Action for Youth Empowerment.

Rt Honourable Speaker and Honourable members, whereas the global theme for this year's celebration is "**Transforming education**", at the National level, we chose to customize it to be "**Transforming Education for responsible citizenship and employment creation**" to suit our unique circumstances. The theme enjoins us to focus on the importance of education in nurturing citizens that are productive and responsible for socio-economic transformation of their communities. It is important to emphasize that the quality of citizens is dependant upon the quality of their education. A transformative education is therefore a step in the right direction.

Rt Hon Speaker and Honourable members, transforming education must, therefore, highlight efforts to make education more inclusive and accessible for all youth. Rooted in goal 4 for the 2030 agenda for sustainable Development to "**ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting long life learning opportunities for all**"

Inclusive and accessible education is a crucial to achieving Sustainable Development and can play a role in the prevention of conflict. Indeed, education is a development multiplier as it plays a pivotal role in accelerating progress across all the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

As has been the case in previous years, celebrations will take place at various Local Government levels across the Country but National celebrations will be at St.Gonza Gonzaga Primary School Kagoma playground, Jinja District from 9:00am on Monday 12th August, 2019.

H.E the President of the Republic of Uganda is expected to preside over the function.

Prior to the D- Day, during the Youth week (5-11th August) various activities will take place. These activities will include community dialogue, tree planting, community work, sports activities i.e. bicycle riding, football and netball, HIV testing and counselling to mention but a few. This is in line with duties of a citizen provided under Article 17 of the Ugandan constitution.

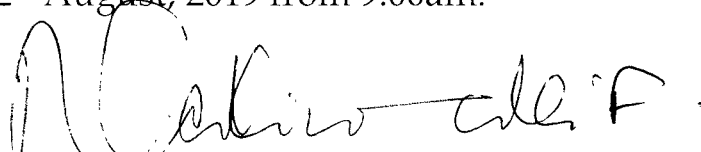
Rt Hon Speaker and Honourable colleagues, normally the National Youth Council Annual conference takes place before the IYD but this time round due to Eid Adhuha celebrations on 11th /08/2019 the conference will be held on 14th /08/2019 after the IYD celebrations in Jinja District.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite colleagues to attend the National celebrations at St. Gonza Gonzaga Primary School Kagoma, Buwenge sub-county in Jinja District on Monday 12th August 2019. I also request you to support the Day's celebrations at various Local Government levels.

ACTION REQUIRED OF PARLIAMENT

I take this opportunity to request my colleagues through you Rt Honourable Speaker to;

- i. Appreciate the importance of the power of education in moulding the young people into responsible and development oriented citizens;
- ii. Note that the theme for this year's International Youth Day is **"Transforming education for responsible citizenship and employment creation"** and the National venue is St.Gonza Gonzaga Primary School Kagoma play grounds in Jinja District;
- iii. Note that HE, the President of the Republic of Uganda has been invited to preside over the Celebrations;
- iv. Accept my invitation to the National celebrations at St.Gonza Gonzaga Primary School Kagoma play ground in Jinja District on Monday 12th August, 2019 from 9:00am.



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