

Parliament Weekly Summary

19 August – 23 August 2019

Date	Mover	Subject	Brief about subject	Speaker's/House decision
20 August 2019	Hon. Amelia Kyambadde, Minister of Trade	Statement by Minister: the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement	Minister gives progress in negotiating the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement, which was signed on 21 March 2018; the Trade Area establishes a market of 1.2 billion people with several benefits to the African countries	Members comment on the statement
20 August 2019	Hon. Medard Lubega Sseggon (DP, Busiro East), Mover	Bills Committee Stage: the Law Revision (Penalties in Criminal Matters) Miscellaneous (Amendment) Bill, 2015	Bill seeks to amend laws to remove all references to the mandatory death penalty and to restrict the application of the death penalty to the most serious crimes by converting the maximum penalties prescribed in the laws into imprisonment for life; to remove the restriction on mitigation in the case of convictions that carry a death penalty; to define life	Bill passed at Third Reading

			imprisonment or imprisonment for life; the laws referred to include: the Penal Code, the Anti-Terrorism Act, Uganda Peoples Defence Forces Act and the Trial on Indictments Act	
20 August 2019	Hon. Mwesigwa Rukutana, Deputy Attorney General	Delay by Government to release the report on investigations into the death of the former Woman Representative for Butaleja District, Hon. Cerinah Nebanda	Says that work of the inquest was hampered by the DPP, who used all the required files during the prosecution; says there remains some procedural technicalities that have prevented the start of the inquest into the MPs' death; says that the time allocated to the inquest expired as prosecution took time in court	Attorney General given two weeks to provide Parliament with an update on the issue
21 August 2019	Hon. Amelia Kyambadde, Minister of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives	Statements by Ministers on: Uganda's preparedness to participate at the 2020 World Expo	Uganda will be participating in the Expo 2020 Dubai that will be taking place in Dubai United Arab Emirates from 20 Oct. – 10 April 2021; the theme of the Expo will be "Connecting minds, Creating the future"; Uganda's objectives in attending the expo include promotion of strategic exports to the UAE,	

			Middle East and other participating countries; attract FDIs from the UAE, Middle East and other participating countries; position Uganda as an attractive tourism destination; and others	
21 August 2019	Hon. Mary Kitutu, Minister of State for Environment	Statement by Ministers: on the alleged planned construction of a Hydro Electric Dam at Murchison Falls	Minister says that it had been agreed that no dam will be constructed at the falls; says this followed consultations by the Ministry, National Environmental Management Authority, Electricity Regulatory Authority, Uganda Wildlife Authority and Uganda Tourism Board	Minister Hon. David Bahati says that the position of government will be reaffirmed on Tuesday in a statement by Prime Minister
21 August 2019	Hon. Sam Bitangaro (NRM, Bufumbira County South)	Personal explanation/brief statement under Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure	Statement follows media reports claiming that he was being investigated by the State House anti corruption unit for his involvement in land transactions in Mubende district	
21 August 2019	Hon. Helen Kahunde Helen (NRM, Kiryandongo District)	Presentation of petition on the illegal, fraudulent sale and transfer of land comprised in Ranch 22, Block 8 former North Bunyoro Ranching Scheme	The petitioners are residents of Kikungulu, Nyamutende and Ndoyi villages in Kiryandongo District petitioning the House on the illegal, fraudulent sale and transfer of land comprised in	Speaker refers petition to the House Committee on Physical Infrastructure for consideration

			Ranch 22, Block 8, former North Bunyoro Ranching Scheme; the over 3,000 petitioners say their rights have been violated through sale and transfer of their land; ask Parliament to investigate the sale; and place moratorium on further sale pending investigation	
21 August 2019	Hon. Hellen Grace Asamo (NRM, PWDs), Chairperson – Committee on Equal Opportunities	Motion for adoption of the Report of the Committee on Equal Opportunities on the 4 th Annual Report of the state of the equal opportunities in Uganda for the Financial Year 2016/17	Report highlights emerging issues on state of equal opportunities on: Compliance to gender & equity requirements in planning & budgeting; equitable access to health service delivery for marginalised and vulnerable groups; Implementation of social development programmes targeting the older persons, youths, women and people with disabilities; and status of physical accessibility to built-up environment. It also presents key recommendations to address the gaps towards equitable service delivery for all persons	Speaker asks Prime Minister and Minister of Gender to respond to issues raised during the debate on Thursday

21 August 2019	Hon. Kenneth Ongalo Obote (NRM, Kalaki), Chairperson, Committee on Rules, Privileges and Discipline	Motion for adoption of the Report of the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Discipline on an inquiry into allegations against Gen. Elly Tumwine, MP UPDF and Minister of Security	Committee recommends that Hon. Gen. Elly Tumwine be reprimanded for breach of privilege of a Member of Parliament and for being disrespectful to Parliament; it also recommends that the CCTV Cameras in the precincts of Parliament be located in such a manner that they fully cover all public places	Parliament adopts Majority Report
22 August 2019	Hon. Michael Werikhe Kafabusa, Minister of State for Trade	Bills First Reading: The Accreditation for Conformity Assessment Bill, 2018	The Bill intends to provide for an internationally recognised and effective accreditation system in Uganda; to provide for the Uganda National Accreditation System; to provide for accreditation of conformity assessment and calibration; and for related matters	Speaker refers the Bill to the House Committee on Tourism, Trade and Industry
22 August 2019	Dr. Jane Aceng (ex-officio), Minister of Health	Bills First Reading: the National Health Insurance Scheme Bill, 2019	Bill seeks to establish the National Health Insurance Scheme and to provide the object and functions of the Scheme; to establish the Board of Directors of the Scheme and the staff of the Scheme; to provide	Speaker refers the Bill to the Committee on Health for consideration

			for the contributors of the Scheme and the benefits of the Scheme; to provide for the accreditation and monitoring of health care providers; to provide for the establishment of regional health insurance offices and their functions; to provide for offences and penalties under the Act; to provide for the establishment of regional health insurance appeals tribunals and the composition, functions, powers, staff and finances; to provide for the appointment of authorised officers and for related matters	
22 August 2019	Hon. Betty Nambooze Bakireke (DP, Mukono Municipality)	Presentation of petition by former employees of the defunct Uganda Posts and Telecommunications Corporation (UPTC) over failure by the government to pay their terminal benefits, pensions packages and court's wards arising from High Court Civil Suit No 135 of 2003 and Civil Appeal No. 230 of 2013	Petitioners are former workers of Uganda Posts and Telecommunications Corporation (UPTC), who appeal to Parliament to investigate the conduct of UPTC, UCC, and establish why they (petitioners) have not been paid up to date	Speaker defers decision on the issue
22	Hon. David Bahati,	Presentation of Papers: Proposal	Government intends to borrow	Proposal referred to

August 2019	Minister of State for Finance (Planning)	to borrow upto Euros 101.88 Million from the UK Export Finance (UKEF) for the development of Solar Powered Irrigation and Water Supply System Project	upto Euros 101.88 Million from the UK Export Finance (UKEF) for the development of Solar Powered Irrigation and Water Supply System Project	the House Committee on National Economy for consideration
22 August 2019	Hon. David Bahati, Minister of State for Finance (Planning)	Presentation of Papers: Treasury Memorandum on the Report of the Public Accounts Committee (Central Government) on the Auditor General's Report on the Accountability Sector for Financial Year 2014/15	Government shows actions taken on recommendations of Parliament in the Report of the Public Accounts Committee (Central Government) on the Auditor General's Report on the Accountability Sector for Financial Year 2014/15	Treasury Memorandum referred to the House Committee on Public Accounts (Central Government)
22 August 2019	Hon. Ruhakana Rugunda (ex-officio), Prime Minister/Leader of Government Business	Prime Minister's Time	Prime Minister answers MPs' questions including one on having authorised Minister Aida Nantaba to travel for official work to Canada, dismissing a question that the Minister was there to seek asylum; he also said that MPs and ministers should not frustrate or delay the work of Parliament and committees by being absent	
22 August 2019	Hon. Hellen Grace Asamo (NRM, PWDs), Chairperson – Committee on Equal	Motion for adoption of the Report of the Committee on Equal Opportunities on the 4 th Annual Report of the state of the	Report highlights emerging issues on state of equal opportunities on: Compliance to gender & equity requirements in planning	Hon. Frank Tumwebaze, Minister of State for National Guidance;

	Opportunities	equal opportunities in Uganda for the Financial Year 2016/17	& budgeting; equitable access to health service delivery for marginalised and vulnerable groups; Implementation of social development programmes targeting the older persons, youths, women and people with disabilities; and status of physical accessibility to built-up environment. It also presents key recommendations to address the gaps towards equitable service delivery for all persons	and Prime Minister, Hon. Ruhakana Rugunda respond to issues raised in the Report
22 August 2019	Dr. Jane Aceng, Minister of Health	Statements by Ministers on: Government interventions to ensure constant water supply in health facilities	Ministry of Health is cognizant of the importance of providing clean water to all health facilities across the country as a key to the achievement of the strategic goal of accelerating movement towards Universal Health Coverage with essential health and related services needed for promotion of a healthy and productive life in Uganda; says the major challenge the Ministry	

			faces in ensuring constant water supply is inadequate resources to finance the utility bills (water, electricity) in the health facilities	
22 August 2019	Hon. Betty Amongi, Minister of Lands, Housing and Urban Development	Statement by Ministers: the findings of the verification team to the United Kingdom on the contested boundaries in Tororo District	Minister requests for more time to consult the President, who sent the verification team to London, and to whom the report was given before reporting to the House	
22 August 2019	Hon. Mary Kitutu, Minister of State for Environment/Leader of Government delegation	Presentation of Reports of Parliamentary Delegations Abroad: Country Report of the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development; United Nations Headquarters New York, 9 th – 19 th July 2019	This Forum is the UN central platform for follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals, and provides for the full and effective participation of all States Members of the United Nations and States members of specialized agencies; it was held under the theme: Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality	
22 August 2019	Hon. Nathan Nandala Mafabi (FDC, Budadiri West)	Presentation of Reports of Parliamentary Delegations Abroad: Global Parliamentary	Member also presents: Annual Meeting 2017 – Parliamentary Workshop; High-Level	

		Conference 2018; Parliamentary Field Visit, Hanoi Vietnam (March 2019)	Parliamentary Meeting at the World Bank and IMF Annual Meetings 2018 - Investing In Human Capital	
22 August 2019	Hon. Wilfred Niwagaba, MP/Shadow Attorney General	Motion for a Resolution of Parliament to urge government to work on impediments that are making Ugandans poor	Mover highlights areas that require government action to enable people work, earn and reduce poverty	Motion passed

Speaker adjourns plenary to Tuesday 27 August 2019

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