

Uganda and the UN

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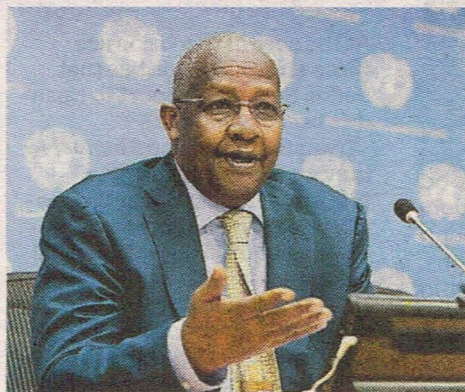
to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

AND FOR THESE ENDS

to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors, and to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, and to ensure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest, and to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,

HAVE RESOLVED TO COMBINE OUR EFFORTS TO ACCOMPLISH THESE AIMS.

Accordingly, our respective Governments, through representatives assembled in the city of San Francisco, who have exhibited their full powers found to be in good and due form, have agreed to the present Charter of the United Nations and do hereby establish an international organization to be known as the United Nations.



Mr Sam Kutesa, while President of the UN General Assembly in 2015

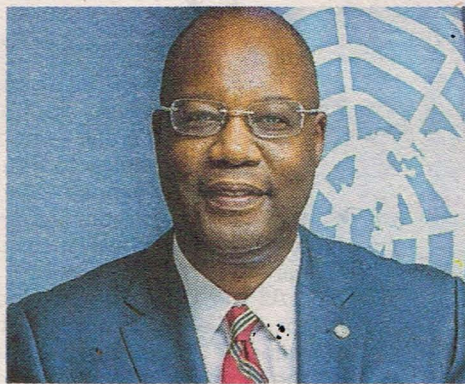
In terms of financing, the UN is working with the Government and partners to mobilise and blend public, private, and climate financing—unlocking investments that extend beyond aid towards long-term sustainability.

"We are reforming not for efficiency alone, but to ensure that every dollar, every partnership, and every action delivers real results for the people we serve," — Mr Zulu.

Tackling climate and humanitarian challenges

Uganda's growing vulnerability to climate change has placed environmental resilience at the heart of UN support. Working with districts, the UN has expanded early warning systems that translate climate data into actionable planning for watershed management, irrigation, and disaster preparedness. Communities are now better equipped to act early and effectively in the face of droughts or floods.

Humanitarian assistance remains a key



Mr Leonard Zulu, UN Resident Coordinator in Uganda.

pillar of the UN's work. Uganda hosts close to two million refugees, making it the largest refugee-hosting country in Africa. The UN, through UNHCR and other agencies, continues to support both refugees and host communities with food, protection, education, and livelihoods.

This humanitarian-development nexus has made Uganda a global example of how solidarity and inclusion can coexist, enabling displaced people to rebuild their lives with dignity.

Looking ahead

As the UN prepares for its next phase of cooperation (2026–2030), the focus will be sharper and more strategic. Programmes will prioritise transformative areas such as education and skills, food systems, green jobs, gender equality, digital governance, and climate resilience.

In other words, the UN will support the priorities of the fourth National Development Plan (NDPIV), in particular, the 10

fold growth strategy focusing on agro-industrialisation, tourism, minerals and science (ATMS).

Even more importantly, the UN in Uganda is redefining how development is delivered—moving from fragmented interventions to collective outcomes, from isolated projects to strategic partnerships, and from charity to shared investment.

Mr Zulu reaffirmed the UN's mission, "We are here to support Uganda to achieve its national ambitions while upholding the values of equality, human rights, and inclusion that define the United Nations."

UN @ 80: A renewed commitment

As the world marks 80 years of the United Nations, the story of the UN in Uganda is one of resilience, reform, and results. From supporting Uganda's independence and post-conflict recovery to driving today's complex development agenda, the UN's presence has evolved in tandem with Uganda's transformation.

The next 80 years will demand even greater innovation and unity. But the founding spirit of the UN—that humanity's greatest challenges are best solved together—continues to guide its work in Uganda.

Across every district, every programme, and every partnership, the UN's message remains clear: Delivering as One for People, for Planet, for Prosperity.

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