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UPDATES ON THE 19TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE AFRO ARAB YOUTH COUNCIL

I am here to update the public on the progress of the AAYC 19th Anniversary celebrations.

The Afro-Arab Youth Council is housed under the office of the president since 2019. H.E Y.K. Museveni is the Patron of the organisation and is offering strategic leadership to assist this organisation stabilise, having suffered immense setbacks as a result of the 2010-2012 civil uprisings that swept through many of its member states.

The last time we addressed you the press, we gave detailed background of the Organisational and its unique relationship with the office of the President of Uganda, but for clarity, I will request My brother; Hon. Abbas Agaba to shortly recap for the benefit of those who may have not been around.

The 19th Anniversary week is in high gear with the theme; **Healthy Youths**, **Wealthy Nations**.

The week began on 1st March and stretches through to 9th March, with the Dialogue at Kampala International University.

The international delegates are here with us; We have representatives from;

- a. Libya
- b. Morocco
- c. Egypt
- d. Nigeria.
- e. Sudan

With local partnerships, of the Makerere University Red-cross Association, whom we have worked closely with at the Health Run,



which attracted masses of participants, and prizes were won; Kampala International University with whom we are partnering for the dialogue, scheduled for 9th march at the university, ministry of Health and Ministry of Gender as the Youth line ministry.

The rest of the delegates from; Iraq, Tunisia, UAE, Bahrain, South Africa, Cameroon, DRC, France, and Germany, had earlier been tagged on to the Health/Medical Camp, which was called off; until further Notice, to allow us time to satisfy all government protocols in relation to; certification of foreign medical workers, URA Medical equipment clearances, National Drug Authority verifications, etc.

As we speak today, the AAYC team Returned from Tooro Subregion yesterday Monday 6th/03/023, we conducted a health run at Ntuntu play-ground, which was so successful.

Tomorrow on the International Women's day, the Afro-Arab Team shall be at Mpoma Girls' School along Kayunga road, where they will conduct inspirational/mentorship talks with the Girls on the need for education in order to achieve Women emancipation; distribute re-usable sanitary pads to promote menstrual hygiene among young girls, and shall have a tree planting exercise around the school in promotion of environmental protection, food and nutrition, since environment cannot be divorced from Health and wealth of a nation.

On 9th march, we crown the anniversary celebrations with a diologue at KIU, and are all welcome.

AAYC is committed to Peace, Unity and Development among the Youths of the Afro-Arab region, and appeals to everyone to join in this cause.

I thank you.

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