



PRESS STATEMENT ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE 13TH AFRICA PUBLIC SERVICE DAY

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Uganda to celebrate Public Service Day on 27th June 2024

Africa Public Service Day is celebrated annually on 23rd June by all UN member states in recognition of the United Nations International Day of Public Service. Uganda is set to commemorate the 13th annual Africa Public Service Day on 27th June, 2024 to recognize and commemorate the contribution of Public Service in socio-economic development. The Guest of Honour is expected to be the President of Uganda H.E Yoweri Kaguta Museveni.

This day is commemorated by the African Union member states continentally as a biennial event recognizing that democracy and good governance are built on a foundation of a competent civil service.

It originated from the recommendations of the Inter-African Public Administration seminar that was held in Botswana and Sierra Leon in 1970 and 1971 which appreciated the need for development of competent administrators and managers.

The objectives of the Commemoration are to;

- i. Reflect on the functioning of the Public Service; its mission, objectives, programmes and projects, problems and challenges, successes and failures.
- ii. Raise the image of the Public Service and build trust in Government through the following:
- iii. Re-organizing and making known the importance of the Public Service, its contributions and benefits to Public Officers, Civil Society, Private Sector and Government generally.



- iv. Rewarding excellence and innovative practices in the Public Service, motivating Public Officers to further promote innovation and other initiatives.
- v. Preparing the Public Service for a better future through enhancing professionalism and proposing changes for the social well-being of society.
- vi. Providing avenues for Public Officers to exchange experiences, innovation, ideas and good practices in Governance and Public Administration as a guide to reflect on the performance of the Public Service in Africa in general.
- vii. Collecting, documenting and sharing best practice and tools for possible replication within a country as well as across the African continent.

This year's commemoration theme is 'Empowering a Citizen-Centric Public Service for an Inclusive and Thriving 21st Century Africa: A journey of Lifelong Learning and Transformation.'

Uganda will join the rest of the continent to mark the African Public service day on 27th June 2024 at Kololo Ceremonial grounds.

Prior to this day, there will be week-long activities to be carried out to mark the day including a sports gala (Football, Netball, Volleyball, Athletics, Chess and other fun games) at Makerere University Sports grounds starting on 21st June 2024 as well as Corporate Social Responsibility events by all MDAs across the country.

On the 27th June 2024, MDAs shall show-case their services to the public during the event.

Some MDAs are expected to provide on-site services to the Public at Kololo.

We invite the Public to join us at Kololo ceremonial grounds for the celebrations.

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PERMANENT SECRETARY