*Ministry of ICT & National Guidance*

**UGANDA MEDIA CENTRE**

**BRIEFING TO THE MEDIA ON CABINET DECISIONS TAKEN DURING THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2020, AT OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, KAMPALA**

Cabinet sat on Monday February 3rd 2020 at Office of the President, Apollo Kaggwa Road, Kampala, and;

1. Noted the status of preparedness and response of 2019 Novel Corona virus in Uganda. In order to strengthen 2019 – Novel Corona Virus outbreak preparedness leveraging on the existing Public Health Infrastructure that has previously controlled Ebola, yellow fever among others, the Ministry of Health recommends that;
2. All planned International and National Conferences and Workshops continue
3. as planned but with consultations from Ministry of Health;
4. All schools should continue with their academic program;
5. The Public should be on alert and exercise preventive precautionary measures;
6. All alerts should be reported to Ministry of Health Tollfree 0800203033, 0800100066 or send free text to 6767 beginning with the ‘alert’ key word;
7. Traders and business community should exercise limited travel to and from China.
8. Noted the commemoration of the International Women’s Day, that will be held on 8th March, 2020, at Maluku Grounds Mbale District under the Theme “ ***Celebrating 25 years of the 1995 Constitution: Milestones on Promoting Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment in Uganda***”
9. Noted the status update on Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) situation in the Country and proposed Policy actions for its control. The Objectives include:
10. To improve FMD control with the aim of accessing lucrative Regional and International markets;
11. To increase access to safe and effective vaccines;
12. To improve awareness about FMD, surveillance, information management and extension services in the Country;
13. To strengthen capacity of farmers, traders and other stakeholders in the control and prevention of FMD and other diseases that are retarding growth and economic contribution of livestock to the GDP of Uganda.

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