**BRIEFING TO THE MEDIA ON CABINET DECISIONS TAKEN DURING THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER, 2019 AT STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE.**

Cabinet sat on Monday September 9th 2019 at State House, Entebbe, and;

1. Approved the Principles for the Establishment of the Uganda National Kiswahili Council. The main objectives of the Council are;
2. To guide the planning process, implementation of interventions and allocation of recourses to the usage and development of Kiswahili as a Lingua franca;
3. To ensure that the policy, legal and institutional framework are in place through setting standards for effective promotion, development and usage of Kiswahili at all levels;
4. To provide a framework for assessing the responsiveness of plans, policies, and interventions through systematic implementation of Kiswahili;
5. Provide harmonization, coordination and collaboration among MDAs and stakeholders in the promotion, use and development in Uganda through registration of all the stakeholders in Kiswahili;
6. To enhance the capacity of duty-bearers to provide Kiswahili services and resources.
7. Noted that the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of the Republic of Kenya (Turkana/West Pokot) and the Government of the Republic of Uganda (Karamoja) in support of cross boarder program for sustainable peace and development is scheduled to be signed on 12th September 2019 in Moroto, and that the programme will officially be launched by their Excellences the Presidents of Uganda and Kenya.

The main objective of the MoU is to accord communities on the Uganda and Kenya sides of the boarder, opportunities for better co-operation, close coordination and peaceful co-existence as well as bridging isolation gaps to improve their livelihoods and social economic conditions for sustainable peace and development.

1. Approved the proposed programmatic approach to planning so as to bring planning in line with the already rolled out programmatic approach to budgeting (PBBS) and synergize all government activities.

The National Development Plan III strategies are summarized as follows;

1. Maintaining Peace, Security and Good governance;
2. Maintaining stable macro-economic environment as an anchor for economic growth and development;
3. Reducing the cost of doing business to attract direct foreign investment, enhance competitiveness of domestically produced goods and services both at local and international markets; and branding and marketing Uganda;
4. Import Replacement and Export Promotion;
5. Value addition and commercialization of agriculture with a focus on small holder farmers;
6. Harnessing the Tourism potential;
7. Promotion of Science, Technology, Engineering and Innovation;
8. Mineral Beneficiation and Oil refining;
9. Revisiting the role of the Government in strategic areas of the economy;
10. Promotion of Private Sector Investment (foreign Direct Investment and Domestic Investment);
11. Community mobilization and mindset change to promote focus on development;
12. Exploiting opportunities of urbanization to drive growth;
13. Increasing domestic Revenue Mobilization;
14. Improving wellbeing and productivity of the population;
15. Promotion of Social Services based on the Parish model;
16. Climate change adaptation and environmental management.