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CABINET DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE 40TH CABINET MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 2021 AT STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE

- 1. Appointed the following members to the National Physical Planning Board.
 - a) Mrs. Amanda Ngabirano of Makerere University as the Chair and,
 - b) Ms. Naigaga Sarah as a member representing the National Environment Management Authority.
- 2. Noted that the 36th NRM/A Victory Day Anniversary Celebrations will be held on Wednesday 26th January, 2022 at Kololo Ceremonial Grounds, under the theme "Celebrating the 36th NRM/A Victory Day: A call to duty for all compatriots to contribute towards Uganda's Socio economic transformation journey". The Celebrations to be held in a scientific manner shall be presided over by President Yoweri Museveni at Kololo Ceremonial grounds.
- 3. Approved the ratification of the East African Community protocol to operationalize the extended jurisdiction of East African Court of Justice. The major objective of the protocol is the extension of the jurisdiction of the East African Court of Justice to cover matters of trade and investment. Particularly, the Protocol embodies the extension of jurisdiction of the East African Court of Justice to handle disputes on trade and investment arising out of the implementation of protocols for establishment of the customs Union and the common market.
- 4. Considered and approved the National Budget Framework paper presented by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development. The BFP proposes a total resource envelope of 43.0832 trillion shillings and highlights the key priorities to be supported.
- 5. Considered a report on the status of the implementation of the Parish Development Model. PDM is a government strategy or approach for organizing and delivering public and private sector interventions for wealth

creation and employment generation at the parish level as the lowest economic planning unit. Its major objective is to increase production, processing, storage and marketing, infrastructure and service delivery at grassroots level with the parish as an epi-centre, through increased interaction and feedback between government and citizens. The programme will be launched in January 2022.

- Informed by the Minister of Defence and Veteran Affairs about the impending field exercise for verification of military pension payroll including the residual backlog. A head count of all military veterans shall be carried out early next year.
- 7. Considered a paper by the Minister of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries on the use of Ammonium Nitrate fertilisers in Agriculture. Cabinet approved the proposal to ban the importation and use of Ammonium Nitrate in Uganda. It was further decided that the importations and use of Calcium Ammonium Nitrate (CAN) fertiliser be restricted.
- 8. Received an update on the national COVID- 19 response. It was observed that as of December 17, 2021 the positivity rate has slightly increased to 4.4% in the 7 days preceding that date because of the increased number of positive cases coming through the airport. To date the country has receive d a total of 32,096,440 doses of different vaccines.

As of 16th December, a total of 8,982,966 had been administered (1st dose – 7,619,301, 2nd dose 1,363,665). Of the targeted 22 million individuals above 18 years, 35% have received at least one dose, 11% (2,436,988) have been fully vaccinated.

Cabinet approved the recommendation to extend vaccination mandate to different categories of workers. A vaccine mandate just means that if you are not vaccinated, businesses, schools and others can legally stop you from entering the building or using their services if they choose to.

It's a requirement that says you must be vaccinated to do certain things like working, travelling, or even attending mass gatherings like wedding, concerts etc.

Cabinet further noted the need for booster doses for the various vulnerable populations and further urges the population to continue observing the SOPs.

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