



JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON THE OCCASION OF THE STATE VISIT TO THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA BY HIS EXCELLENCY DR. SAYYED EBRAHIM RAISI, PRESIDENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN FROM 12th - 13th JULY 2023

1. At the invitation of His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda, His Excellency Dr. Sayyed Ebrahim Raisi, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, undertook a two-day official Visit to the Republic of Uganda from 12th - 13th July, 2023.
2. His Excellency Dr. Sayyed Ebrahim Raisi, was received at State House, Entebbe by his host His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni with ceremonial honours. President Dr. Sayyed Ebrahim Raisi was accompanied by Ministers and other Senior Government Officials.
3. The Heads of State held a *tete-a-tete* in a cordial and friendly atmosphere and also discussed bilateral, *regional* and international matters of mutual interest with their delegations. Their Excellencies reaffirmed their commitment to the ideals and values of regional and international peace, security, and stability. They regretted the ongoing conflicts across the globe including in Africa, Middle East, Asia and Europe and reiterated their full support towards negotiated and peaceful settlement of conflicts and disputes.
4. The Heads of State hailed the excellent cordial relations between the Republic of Uganda and Islamic Republic of Iran as demonstrated through exchange of visits at the Heads of State Level and several Senior Government Officials and underscored the importance of

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utilizing the existing avenue to galvanize economic relations for the mutual benefit of the two peoples and sustainable relationship.

5. The Heads of State welcomed the progress on cooperation on health matters and education respectively, between the Republic of Uganda and the Islamic Republic of Iran, including the operationalization of the Iran-Uganda Hospital at Naguru through a joint venture arrangement between the Uganda Police Force and Muslim Physicians without Borders of Iran; and the establishment of the Al-Mustafa University College by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which is located in Kyengera.
6. The Heads of State noted the abundant unexploited potential between the two countries. Their Excellencies witnessed the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on Visa Waiver for holders of Diplomatic and Service passports; Memorandum of Understanding on Agricultural Cooperation; and Memorandum of Understanding on the establishment of a Joint Commission for Cooperation.
7. Their Excellencies welcomed the exchange of draft cooperation frameworks in the fields of: Business, Technical, Vocational Education and Training; Judicial Assistance in Criminal Matters; Transfer of Sentenced Persons; Health; Telecommunications and Information Technology; and Mutual Administrative Assistance in Custom Matters.
8. Their Excellencies underscored the importance of holding the Joint Commission for Cooperation between Uganda and Iran and directed the Ministers of Foreign Affairs to expedite the process of convening the first Joint Commission for Cooperation in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran preferably, in the fourth quarter of 2023 to explore and review opportunities to strengthen bilateral relations and to evaluate the progress made on their commitments.
9. The Heads of State reaffirmed their support to the private sector as an engine for economic growth and development and encourage cooperation between the Iran and Uganda Private Sector in exploring

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and utilizing available opportunities in trade, tourism and investment between the two countries.

10. During the talks, the two Presidents also exchanged views on the challenges surrounding the attainment of sustainable development goals, and notably, the associated impacts on climate change and forthcoming COP28. They reechoed the calls for accelerating sustainable solutions to all the World's challenges ranging from poverty and empowerment of women to climate change, inequality and closing the financing gap without leaving any one behind. They underscored the central role that multilateralism and multilateral solutions play in their achievement.
11. His Excellency Dr. Sayyed Ebrahim Raisi welcomed Uganda's assumption of the Chairmanship of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and hosting the Third South Summit in January 2024 respectively. His Excellency Dr. Sayyed Ebrahim Raisi pledged his support to work with his counterpart to achieve the objectives and aspirations of the Movement. President Museveni took this opportunity to invite his honorable guest to the NAM Summit and Third South Summit scheduled to take place back to back in Kampala from 15th – 20th January 2024 and 21st – 23rd January 2024 respectively.
12. His Excellency President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni expressed his gratitude to His Excellency President Dr. Sayyed Ebrahim Raisi for honoring his invitation and for the fruitful discussions they held.
13. His Excellency President Dr. Sayyed Ebrahim Raisi thanked his host, His Excellency President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, the Government and People of the Republic of Uganda for the warm reception and hospitality accorded to him and his delegation during their stay in Uganda.
14. His Excellency Dr. Sayyed Ebrahim Raisi extended an invitation to His Excellency President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni to visit the Islamic Republic of Iran. The invitation was gladly accepted and the date for the visit to be mutually agreed upon through diplomatic channels.

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Done at Entebbe, Uganda on this 12th day of July, 2023, corresponding to 21st Tir 1402 (S.H.).

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