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Press Release

**Conclusion of Presidential and Parliamentary Elections and Preparations for
Local Government Councils Elections, 2021**

A. Conclusion of Presidential and Parliamentary Elections

The Electoral Commission congratulates the people of Uganda on the exercise of their constitutional rights by participating in the Presidential and Parliamentary Elections held on Thursday 14th January 2021.

The Electoral Commission has declared the winning candidate for the Presidential Elections as well as winning candidates at Parliamentary level.

As you are aware, by law, the results for Presidential Elections must be declared within 48 hours from the closure of polls. The polls closed at 4:00pm on Thursday 14th January and the forty-eight hours expired at 4:00pm on Saturday 16th January 2021.

The provisional results of the Presidential Elections were announced cumulatively in the order in which they were received, leading to a declaration by the Electoral Commission, based on the total number of 33,461 polling stations, which had been duly received and verified before the expiry of the 48 hours, which comprises 96.47% of the total number of polling stations (34,684) across the country.

The declaration met the legal requirement of Section 57(4) of the Presidential Elections Act, which provides that a candidate shall be declared as President if he/she has obtained more than fifty percent (50%) of the valid votes cast at the election.

The candidate who was declared as winner obtained more than 50% of the total votes cast at the election. The Commission considered the fact that the difference between votes obtained by the leading candidate and first runner up would not have a significant effect on the final results even if all the voters from the remaining 1,223 polling stations, who are 694,229 voted for the first runner up.

The Commission will account for all polling stations in due course. A copy of the final tally sheet, with details of district and constituency performance, will be provided to all (former) Presidential candidates, and uploaded on the Electoral Commission website: www.ec.or.ug and published in the Gazette.

The Commission is further finalizing compiling the results of Parliamentary Elections and will publish the results in the Gazette as per the law.

B. Final Preparations for City/District Local Government Councils Elections,

The Electoral Commission appointed Wednesday 20th January 2021 as the polling date for Chairpersons, Directly Elected Councilors and Women Councilors for District Local Government Councils (LC V).

The elections for the Lord Mayor, Directly Elected Councilors and Women Councilors for Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) and the other ten (10) cities across the country will also be held on the same day.

Voting shall be by universal adult suffrage, and shall take place at all polling stations in the country, beginning at 7:00am till 4:00pm.

Thereafter, counting of votes and declaration of results shall take place.

Political parties and independent candidates are encouraged to have a maximum of two agents at each polling station.

Other than observing the exercise, candidates' agents shall not be expected to interfere with the polling process.

The Commission would like to assure all stakeholders that materials for these elections have been dispatched to the respective districts, and internal distribution is ongoing, to ensure that polling starts on time at all stations across the country.

Voters are urged to turn up in high numbers and exercise their right to vote for leaders of their choice.

All persons participating in the elections shall be required to comply with guidelines issued by the Electoral Commission in accordance with the Government of Uganda and Ministry of Health measures against the spread of COVID-19.

This includes observing social distancing, hand washing, and wearing of masks.

C. Elections of Representatives of Special Interest Groups in Parliament

On Monday 18th January 2021, the Electoral Commission conducted the election of Representatives of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) to Parliament, and the following candidates were elected:

No.	Names	Political Party/Organisation
1.	Bumaali Mpindi	Independent
2.	Kanusu Laura	NRM
3.	Asamo Hellen Grace	NRM
4.	Ndeezi Alex	NRM
5.	Achan Joyce Okeny	NRM

The Commission further conducted the elections of Representatives of Workers in Parliament, and returned the following elected candidates:

No.	Names	Political Party/Organisation
1.	Bakkabulindi Charles	NRM
2.	Arinaitwe Rwakajara	NRM
3.	Byakatonda Abdul	Independent
4.	Rwabushaija Namubiru Margaret	Independent
5.	Kunihira Agnes Abwooli	NRM

The Commission further conducted the elections of Representatives of Older Persons in Parliament, and returned the following elected candidates:

No.	Names	Political Party/Organisation	Region
1.	Akumu Catherine Mavengina	NRM	North
2.	Busingye Peninah Kabingani	NRM	Central
3.	Gidudu Mafwabi Dominic	NRM	Eastern
4.	Tibasiimwa Joram Ruranga	NRM	Western

The election of the National Female Older Person will be held on 21st – 22nd January 2021 at Islamic University in Uganda, Kabojja Campus, Kampala City.

D. Elections of Youth Representatives to Parliament

The elections of Youth Representatives to Parliament will be held on the dates and venues indicated below:

No	Category of Election	Dates	Venue
1.	National Conference for Election of National Female Youth Representatives to Parliament	21 st – 22 nd January '21	Mvara Secondary School, Arua City
2.	Elections of Uganda Peoples Defence Forces (UPDF) Representatives to Parliament	29 th January 2021	Headquarters of Land Forces (UPDF) Bombo,
3.	Regional Conference for Election of Youth Representative to Parliament (Eastern)	31 st Jan – 1 st Feb 2021	Mbale Secondary School, Mbale City
4.	Regional Conference for Election of Youth Representative to Parliament (Central)	31 st Jan – 1 st Feb 2021	Masaka Social Centre, Bwala, Masaka City
5.	Regional Conference for Election of Youth Representative to Parliament (Western)	31 st Jan – 1 st Feb 2021	Ntare School, Mbarara City
6.	Regional Conference for Election of Youth Representative to Parliament (Northern)	31 st Jan – 1 st Feb 2021	Pece Stadium, Gulu City

The Commission calls on members of the respective electoral colleges to turn up as per the above programme and exercise their constitutional right to elect their leaders.

E. Appointment of Date for Mwenge County North, Kyenjojo District

The Electoral Commission has appointed Monday 25th January 2021 as the date for polling in Mwenge County North, Kyenjojo District, where Parliamentary Elections were suspended.

F. Conclusion

The Electoral Commission urges all stakeholders to conduct themselves in a tolerant and peaceful manner, and participate in the Local Government Elections, in accordance with the guidelines and the law, to ensure that we achieve a free and fair exercise.

We further appeal for calm and tolerance during the polling, and through the counting and announcing of results at all levels.

Once again, on behalf of the Electoral Commission, and on my own behalf, I wish the people of Uganda a peaceful election day.

I thank you, and wish you peaceful elections,

For God and my Country,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mugenyi Simon', is written over a faint, light blue circular stamp or watermark.

Justice Byabakama Mugenyi Simon
Chairperson, Electoral Commission