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Address Export promotion, import substitution strategy

Museveni says NRM manifesto

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President Yoweri Museveni who is also the National Chairman of the National Resistance Movement has unveiled the NRM Manifesto drafting committee urging it to address the export promotion and import substitution strategy in the real economy that deals with nine basic human needs of: Food, Clothing, Shelter, Medicine, Security, Physical Infrastructure (railways, Roads, Electricity, Telephones ETC), Health infrastructure, education infrastructure and spiritual work (Churches, Mosques, radios and televisions).

"In order to achieve the above, this manifesto shall be science driven and based on science, technology and innovation," he said.

The Manifesto drafting Committee comprises; Hon. Prof. Ephraim Kamuntu an economist as the Chairperson; Hon. Richard Todwong, the Deputy Secretary General, Vice Chairperson while members include Gen. Salim Saleh Akandwanaho, Freedom Fighter and Businessman (Operation Wealth Creation), Hon. Bernard Mulengani an Economist (NRM Secretariat), Eng. Dr. Lule Ivan, Industrial



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Chemist (National Planning Authority), Hon. Lugolobi Amos, Economist (Parliamnet), Dr. Goobi Ramathan, Economist (Operation Wealth Creation), Eng. Musasizi Paul (Kiira Motors), Mr. Magoola Mathias, Chemist (Private Sector), Eng. Nakazibwe Safina, Engineer, (State House), Ms. Joseline Kateba Economist (Crest Foam – UMA), Mr. Fred Kitaka Mutebi, Scientist (Quality Chemicals – UMA), Ms. Orishaba Joanita, Food Scientist, (Uganda Research Institute and Dr. Achaye Innocent (PhD) Lecturer, Gulu University.

Chairman Museveni said the committee will be supported by a small and competent Secretarial staff comprised of; Dr. Guloba Asuman, Economist (National Planning Authority), Dr. Odoch Pascal (PhD) Lecture and Consultant; Mr. Ossiya Solomon Lawyer and Mr. Moses Byaruhanga, Secretary (President's Office).

Chairman Museveni said like in the manifestoes, the present one will further push forward the implementation of the four NRM principles of Patriotism, Pan-Africanism, Socio-economic transformation and democracy, plus other policy measures.

"The Prevailing Peace and security ushered in by the NRM has laid a strong foundation for the private sector to thrieve. This enabling environment has led in accelerated and sustained growth. However, there are still bottlenecks to achieving an integrated and self sustaining economy," he said.



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These he said include the cost of money for agriculture, industry and some of the growing energy giving services sectors like tourism. Others include transport costs (railway, Water and Roads), cost of electricity, cost and availability of water for production and the cost of ICT to tap into the services sector.

"The Private sector is a critical player in the economic growth and development of an economy and is the engine for job creation, increased production, productivity, value addition and a national revenue base of the economy," he said.

He urged the committee to be mindful of the current phase of development, as we transit from backwardness to modernity and take-off to, eventually, first class status.

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