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Press Statement

Government of Uganda and Stakeholders assess decade-long progress of National Land Policy and discuss Future Pathways.

The Minister of Lands, Housing, and Urban Development Hon. Judith Nabakooba has today officially opened the National Land Policy Platform.

The three-day event, themed "Assessing the Contribution of the National Land Policy to the Optimal Use and Management of Uganda's Land Resources," will commence next week starting on Tuesday 31st to 2nd of Nov 2023 at Hotel Africana in Kampala.

The National Land Policy (NLP), approved by Cabinet in February, 2013, has been a cornerstone in shaping Uganda's land management and utilization strategies.

It seeks to ensure the efficient, equitable, and optimal utilization of Uganda's land and land-based resources to reduce poverty, create wealth, and promote overall socio-economic development.

From next week,, stakeholders including officials from the Land's ministry and other government agencies, civil society organizations, Development Partners, political leaders, and the academia among others will review and evaluate the decade-long implementation of the Land Policy with the view of weighing its success and shortfalls and charting the way forward in the next implementation phase.

Speaking at the launch of the platform, Minister Nabakooba, highlighted the significance of the National Land Policy and the need for its review after a decade

of implementation.

"The National Land Policy has played a pivotal role in guiding land-related decisions and actions in Uganda. This platform represents an opportunity to evaluate its impact and identify areas for improvement to better serve our nation's needs," said the minister.

On her part, the Lands Ministry Permanent Secretary, Dorcas Okalany, emphasized the purpose of this review, saying, "The review of the National Land Policy is essential to determine whether it has achieved its intended objectives. It also allows us to address any challenges that have emerged and ensure that we adapt to new developments and issues in land management."

Okalany listed the thematic areas that the Policy had addressed which included: the Constitutional and legal framework; the land tenure framework; the land rights administration framework; the land use and land management framework; the regional and international framework; and the Implementation framework.

She added that the platform will serve to present the results of the NLP Impact Evaluation Study and assessment of the implementation of the NLP by stakeholders, and sharing emerging issues and practices for inclusion.

The Policy review will take place from 31st October to 2nd November, 2023 at Hotel Africana.

Hon Nabakooba encouraged participants including experts, stakeholders, actors in land administration, management, and governance, and citizens to freely and openly engage in the platform's discussions.

"We want to hear from those who have worked on the ground and the beneficiaries of these land interventions in the National Land Policy, and learn from their experiences in order to chart a realistic way forward that will shape the future of land management in Uganda," she added.

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