



**PRESS STATEMENT ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE 12TH AFRICA
PUBLIC SERVICE DAY**

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Uganda to celebrate Public Service Day on 23rd June 2023

Uganda is set to commemorate the 12th annual African Public service day on 23rd June, 2023 to recognize and commemorate the contribution of Public Service in socio-economic development. The guest of honour is the Prime Minister of Uganda Rt.Hon.Nabbanja Robinah.

The day commemorated by the African Union member states continentally as the biennial event recognizes that democracy and good governance are built on a foundation of competent civil service.

It originated from the recommendations of the Inter-African Public Administration seminar that was held in 1970 in Botswana and Sierra Leon in 1971 which appreciated the need for development of competent administrators and managers.

The objectives of the Commemoration are:

- i. Reflecting on the functioning of the Public Service; its mission, objectives, programmes and projects, problems and challenges, successes and failures.
- ii. Raising the image of the Public Service and trust in government through the following:

- iii. Re-organizing and making known the importance of the Public Service, its contributions and benefits to Public Officers, Civil Society, Private Sector and Government generally.
- iv. Rewarding excellence and innovative practices in the Public Service, motivating Public Officers to further promote innovations and other initiatives.
- v. Preparing the Public Service for a better future through enhancing professionalism and proposing changes for the social well-being of society.
- vi. Providing for avenues for Public Officers to exchange experiences, innovations, ideas and good practices in Governance and Public Administration as a guide to reflect on the performance of the Public Service in Africa in general.
- vii. Collecting, documenting and sharing best practices and tools for possible replication within a country as well as across the African continent.

This year's commemoration theme is **'The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) will require a fit for purpose African Public Administration to succeed.'**

Uganda will join the rest of the continent to mark the African Public service day this time on 23rd June 2023 at Kololo Ceremonial grounds. Uganda ratified the AfCFTA Treaty in November 2018.

Among the week-long activities to be carried out to mark this day include a sport gala (Football, Netball, Volleyball, Athletics, Chess and fun games) at Makerere sports grounds starting **16th- 22nd June 2023** and Corporate Social Responsibility events by all MDAs across the country. MDAs shall provide their services to the public during the event.

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