

Press Statement for Immediate Release

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A STATEMENT ON THE FORTHCOMING VIRTUAL YOUTH CONVENTION ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INTRAPRENEURSHIP

Background

Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity (UCLF) is an association of Christian legal professionals which was started in 1987 as a fellowship of Christian law students. UCLF was registered in 2005 as a Non-Governmental Organization and has since grown to over 500 members working in all facets of Justice, Law and Order Sector. We are a legal aid service provider with a Vision for *"a world where justice and human dignity is a reality for all."* Our Mission is *"to share our faith in Christ Jesus, promote access to justice and respect for human dignity, through speaking up, fellowship, mentorship and defending the rights of the vulnerable."* UCLF is the only organization in Uganda that brings together Lawyers, Judicial officers and Law students.

Uganda Youth Forum (UYF) is an indigenous Ugandan Faith Based NGO founded by the First Lady of Uganda, Hon. Maama Janet Kataaha Museveni, in 1992. The UYF mandate is *to provide a platform for open dialogue for the young people of Uganda on issues and challenges of growing up, such as sexuality and relationships, adolescence, friendship and career choices.* Faith, hope and purpose are cardinal messages underlying all UYF messages that accompany young people on their way to adulthood.

UCLF entered into a partnership with the Office of the First Lady and the Uganda Youth Forum in March 2021. As a result of the said partnership, the three (3) stakeholders, held the first Inaugural Virtual Youth Leadership Conference on Ethics and Integrity which took place on **Thursday, 5th August, 2021 at Kololo Independence Grounds, under the theme: 'Values and Skills for the 21st**

Century youth'. The said Convention drew over 1500 youth participants both physically and virtually. The Convention provided an opportunity for distinguished and model speakers in the field of Christian leadership, integrity and ethics to share their wealth of knowledge and experiences with the youth. The lessons drawn from the knowledge and experiences of the speakers will go a long way in shaping the youth of the 21st century into responsible, ethical and productive citizens and leaders with the right set of skills and dispositions to participate in the development of Uganda.

Following the success of the inaugural convention, the Parties therein will be holding the said conventions quarterly hosted by the First Lady, the next being scheduled for tomorrow, **Thursday, 2nd December, 2021 from 12:00pm** under theme: *Entrepreneurship and Intrapreneurship: Emerging Critical Skills for the 21st Century Youth*. Due to the current COVID 19 situation, the Conference will be a hybrid involving both physical and online participation. A smaller team of student and youth leaders will be hosted at State House Entebbe, and the other youth are encouraged to join the meeting online through zoom and YouTube platforms.

The objectives of this Convention are to;

1. To provide a linkage between the soft skills handled in the 1st virtual youth convention and the practical skills to be handled in the second one.
2. To sensitize and equip the youth in the areas of Entrepreneurship and Intrapreneurship.
3. To expose the participants to role models in areas of Entrepreneurship and Intrapreneurship for purposes of benchmarking.
4. To further use the platform to mentor youth towards Godly values.


The conference will bring together distinguished speakers to mentor and equip youth on entrepreneurship and intrapreneurship, some of whom will include Maama Janet Kataaha Museveni, Odrek and Patience Rwabwogo (entrepreneurs), Mr. Paul Wafula (Inspire Synergy), Ms. Noah Walakira (Namirembe Sweaters), Mr. Mpindi Abbas (Media Challenge Initiative), Mr. Charles Ocici (Enterprise Uganda), Prof. Patrick Ogwang (COVIDEX), Mr. Paul Muyinda Bilevu (Makerere University), Mrs. Jennifer Mwijukye (CEO-UNIFREIGHT), Otim Gerald (Ensibuko Agricultural and ICT Initiative), Douglas Balikudembe (Kibo Foundation) not forgetting Pastor Bugembe who will minister in music, among other speakers.

Uganda has one of the youngest populations in the world with about 78% under the age of 30, something that poses a challenge in terms of unemployment, high dependency, violence and crime. However, we can leverage on this potential for development. This can be done through being intentional in human capital development through skilling, re-tooling, attitude and mindset change and promoting education that touches the head, the heart and the hands. This convention therefore presents us with the opportunity to harness but also channel the abilities of our youth for economic development.

Therefore, as Non-Governmental Organizations, we call upon the youth from every part of the country to attend this Convention online. We are certain that as youth, we shall be mentored and inspired to pursue our dreams, and life aspirations through this event. We implore parents and caregivers to encourage their children to attend this online event. Together we can build the Nation we desire to have.

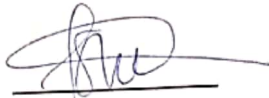
FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY!

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WE THANK YOU!