



Today is a big day for all of us! It is a historic and momentous occasion for Uganda Printing and Publishing Corporation (UPPC) and USPC and indeed the government as it heralds the beginning of a new era of modern state-of-the-art, high-tech security printing in our beloved country, Uganda.

It is fitting that we are all here to witness the breaking-ground for a landmark event which will immensely contribute to the development of security printing services in our country. As the majority shareholder in this joint venture, we pledge to fulfill our obligations to ensure success of this project and other future projects.

Today's project, is the fruit of a joint venture between the Government of Uganda, represented by UPPC and the German Consortium Veridos GmbH to support and enhance security printing with the result that Uganda shall conform to internationally accepted security printing standards, ISO 14298.

UPPC as a government printer has great potential that has not been tapped in some areas, but once this project is completed, we will be one giant step closer to fulfilling our economic development potential. I, for one, am looking forward to seeing the Corporation thrive and prosper in the years ahead.

It is double-happiness for the UPPC family this year because it is also the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Corporation. We are planning a series of activities that will climax in September, to showcase our works over the last century. You are all most welcome to celebrate with us.



Today we shall lose a portion of the historic buildings but we must be forward looking to the benefits from this project. This milestone is the result of this country's leadership that has envisioned the potential for infrastructure partnerships that support economic development of our country, Uganda.

As forerunners of the printing industry, we are optimistic that our combined efforts towards this venture will create a vibrant printing industry that will meet the vast and ever changing client demands, as well as thrive in this digital age.

We are aware that the nature of our work both as UPPC and USPC is rapidly evolving. The digital transformation has presented us challenges which we will have to overcome and opportunities which we will exploit effectively, through this venture. I am confident that with this security printing factory, UPPC and USPC will not only rise but live to the expectations and security printing needs of our country and beyond, especially in the East African community regional bloc.

I thank His Excellency the President of Uganda, General Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, for the vision, political will, support and guidance he has bestowed on our Corporation in this project, that is enabling us unleash our potential as a print power-house.

To the Honourable Minister for the Presidency, we are grateful for your support and guidance as we work towards revamping and rebranding our Corporation.