



## MEDIA BRIEF

---

### **Background of the 7<sup>th</sup> National Youth Convention:**

Uganda Youth Forum (UYF) is an indigenous Ugandan Faith Based NGO founded by the First Lady of Uganda, Hon. Mama 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.

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, Judges and Law students. UCLF runs legal aid offices in Kampala, Kayunga, Kasese, Gulu, Masaka, Madi Okollo and Terego Districts

The 7<sup>th</sup> Youth Convention will build on the gains of the previous six Youth Conventions.

With support from the office of the First Lady, Uganda Youth Forum and Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity have successfully held the Inaugural, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Conventions.

The 7<sup>th</sup> National Youth Convention will be held under the theme: **“Cultivating a patriotic Heart for a prosperous nation”** It is designed to instill principles of loyalty, steadfastness, and commitment both to self and to the betterment of the nation. Over the course of 10 days, participants will engage in a variety of activities, workshops, and discussions aimed at developing their leadership skills, fostering a sense of loyalty, and understanding the importance of staying steadfast in their values and goals.

### **Proposed Venue**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Youth Convention is scheduled to take place at the **National Leadership Institute - Kyankwanzi (NALI)**



**Targeted Audience:**

The National Youth Convention is a hybrid targeting 350 physical participants while the rest of the youth will be joining via YouTube Live on the Uganda Youth Forum YouTube channel. The 350 participants will be youth leaders across the nation.

**Date & Time:**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Convention will be a 10-day residential boot camp. It will start on 17<sup>th</sup> and end on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

**Program outline:**

This 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Convention is proposed to have sessions that will include:

- A key note address to be delivered by H.E the president Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, and the First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Maama Hon. Janet K. Museveni.
- Sessions led by the NALI team on patriotism and love for country.
- Inspirational speeches on topical issues that relate to Christian values and patriotism.
- Praise and Worship led by gospel artists and testimonies from the previous conventions, which will be streamed.

**Notable Speakers:**

**The Convention will be facilitated by key speakers including:-** H

Rt Hon Thomas Tayebwa – Deputy Speaker of Parliament

Hon. Kiryowa Kiwanuka- Attorney General

Justice Mike Chibitta- Patron, UCLF

Mrs. Irene Kauma- PPS/ First Lady

Dr James Magara- Chairman Board of Directors, UYF

Mrs. Anne Muhairwe- President UCLF

### **Youth Convention Objectives**

The overall objective is to empower the youth to lead healthy, productive and transformed lives in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The specific objectives are to:-

- Enhance patriotism and positive mindset change and character development among the youth.
- Strengthen the capacity for youth participation in community service and national transformation.
- Enhance a sense of responsibility among the youth and tackle the adverse effects of corrosive culture of materialism, get rich quick and self-entitlement among the youth.