



**THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA**

**CELEBRATING 25 YEARS NORWEGIAN- UGANDA COOPERATION  
IN THE ENERGY SECTOR**

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**Speech**

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Government Officials

Development Partners

Private Sector Representatives

Ladies and Gentlemen

### Introduction

1. I am very happy to be here today celebrating 25 years of Energy Cooperation between Uganda and Norway.
2. Thank you for inviting me to give these few remarks on the impact of cooperation and the future needs of Uganda.
3. In the Energy Sector, we have 3 priorities.
  - Increasing Generation Capacity and Transmission Infrastructure
  - Increasing Energy Access and Renewable Energy Development
  - Energy Efficiency Promotion and power loss reduction
4. We are glad to note that the support from Norway has greatly contributed in helping us implement these priorities of Government.

### What is the impact of the support in the last 25 years?

5. In the area of increasing Generation Capacity, the support was in the following area;
  - Initial studies of Karuma HPP which was 250MW and later upgraded to 600 MW.
  - Feasibility studies for Isimba HPP
  - Support to Private Sector in Development of Bugoye HPP.
  - Co-financing of the Kira Power Station
  - Support to the Get fit program
  - Support to 50MW Thermal Project at Namanve
6. The resulting impact is that we were able to reduce the level of load shedding when there was power shortage caused by drought.

- We now have adequate generation capacity and a surplus of 100MW thermal power on standing.
- As a result of increased power generation, we have reliable electricity supply to schools, hospitals, industries which has created many jobs.

### **Institutional and legal framework**

7. With the support of the Electricity Act 1999 was put in place which introduced Private Sector participation in the Energy Sector. As a result power stations including Bujagali HPP 250, small hydro- Bagasse cogeneration, have been developed. The reforms have attracted Private Capital which reduced on the burden of Government to use its own resources. This is over US\$1.5 billion
8. The support further enabled the development of the technical capacity of the ERA, UETCL and MEMD.

### **Transmission Infrastructre**

9. In the area of transmission network. A number of studies have been undertaken and Transmission infrastructure constructed.
10. The support has enabled us expand the Transmission Network which has reduced on the losses and improved power reliability.

### **Rural Electrification**

11. In Rural Electrification, we have been able to construct over 12,000 km of power lines and at least 60,000 users connected. This includes: construction of 33kv Arua- Nebbi line.
12. This has contributed to increased national coverage that now stands at 10%.
13. With increased rural electrification, we have improved services in households, hospitals, health centres, schools, small and medium enterprises, industries and district headquarters among others.

14. In summary, we can say with the cooperation, we managed to provide reliable clean energy which has contributed to the growth of the economy and provision of jobs and promotion of investment.

#### Areas Future Cooperation

15. We still have energy as a priority area for funding because as the economy grows more energy will be required. The following areas should be considered in the future cooperation.
- Support to Private Sector involved in generation of Renewable Energy.
  - Grid expansion both Transmission and Rural Electrification.
  - Off Grid Electrification Programme. This will help meet the power demand in place far from the main grid.
16. Capacity development to the Government Agencies (UETCL, REA, ERA, UEGCL and UEDCL)
17. With those few remarks, I wish to thank you for your attention.