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Statement to Aspiring Candidates on Final Preparations for Nomination of Candidates for Presidential Elections 2021

The Electoral Commission appointed **Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd November 2020** as the dates for nomination of candidates for Presidential Elections, 2021.

The nomination exercise will be conducted at Kyambogo University Sports Grounds, starting at 9:00am and ending at 5pm on each of the appointed dates.

The nomination of candidates for Presidential Elections marks a critical milestone on the electoral Roadmap, as this is the highest elective position in the political structures provided for under the Constitution of Uganda, 1995 (as amended). Hence this nomination attracts the attention of many stakeholders, who include national and international media and election observers.

In order to ensure that it meets the status of a national and presidential event, the Electoral Commission has constituted a National Organising Committee (NOC), comprising various partner government ministries, departments and agencies to ensure smooth, coordinated and successful organization.

The Electoral Commission calls on all aspiring candidates to carefully observe the following:

1. Requirements for Nomination

A person aspiring for nomination as Presidential Candidate shall be a citizen of Uganda by birth, a registered voter, of 18 years and above. He/she shall submit certified copies of educational qualifications confirming that he/she obtained a minimum formal education of Advanced (A) Level or its equivalent.

The candidate's nomination shall be supported by not less than one hundred (100) persons who are registered voters, from not less than ninety-eight (98) districts, which form two thirds (2/3) of all the districts of Uganda.

As at 29th October, 2020, the status of submission and verification of Presidential Supporter Forms is as follows:

No.	Name	Party/Independent	Status
1.	Yoweri Kaguta Museveni	National Resistance Movement (NRM)	Verified & cleared
2.	Tumukunde Henry Kakurugu	Independent	Verified & cleared
3.	Mwesigye Fred	Independent	Verified & cleared
4.	Mayambala Willy	Independent	Verified & cleared
5.	Kabuleta Kiiza Joseph	Independent	Verified & cleared
6.	Kyagulanyi Ssentamu Robert	National Unity Platform (NUP)	Verified & cleared
7.	Katumba John	Independent	Verified & cleared
8.	Kalembe Nancy Linda	Independent	Verified & cleared
9.	Amuriat Oboi Patrick	Forum for Democratic Change (FDC)	Verified & cleared
10.	Mugisha Muntu Gregg	Alliance for National Transformation (ANT)	Verified & cleared

Aspiring candidates must fulfill all other requirements as listed in the Guidelines and indicated on the Checklist attached, in order to be successfully nominated.

- a. Nomination Paper (In Triplicate);
- b. Declaration by Candidates (Consent to Nomination);
- c. Proof of minimum Formal Education of Advanced Level Standard or its equivalent;
- d. Proof of Registration as a voter for the candidate, the proposer and the seconder;
- e. Three (3) Recent Post Card Size Photographs of the Proposed candidate;
- f. Proof of compliance with Section 10(1) and (1) (B) and (3) of the Presidential Elections Act, 2005 (as amended);
- g. Certificate of Compliance issued by Electoral Commission);
- h. Proof of payment of a Non-refundable nomination fee of Ug. Shillings 20,000,000/=
- i. Selection of Symbol (for Independent candidates only);
- j. Appointment of Official Agent;

Aspirants are urged to bring along a proposed campaign schedule with the starting date of 9th November 2020, to facilitate smooth harmonization after the nomination exercise.

2. Access to the Nomination Venue

The Electoral Commission **is not inviting the general public** to the nomination venue, in compliance with Government/Ministry of Health Guidelines and EC Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for preventing the spread of COVID-19.

The nomination exercise will further feature limited physical attendance, that is, national and international dignitaries, government officials, national and international election observers

Accordingly, an aspiring candidate, shall be allowed into the nomination venue accompanied by not more than ten (10) persons (including the candidate).

The particulars of persons accompanying the aspirant shall be submitted to the Commission in advance, and all the persons accompanying the aspiring candidate must have 72-hr PCR negative test for COVID19, which will be taken at their cost.

An aspiring candidate will use only three (3) vehicles for purposes of his/her nominations; and each vehicle should not carry more than four (4) persons, driver inclusive. Each of the vehicles shall bear a police sticker.

The Commission strongly warns aspiring candidates from mobilizing supporters to accompany them to and from the nomination venue, as processions are not permitted during this exercise.

For the avoidance of doubt, the incumbent President who is also a candidate shall use such facilities as are ordinarily attached to his office. This is in line with Section 27(2) of the Presidential Elections Act.

The Uganda Police Force, will in a subsequent notice, inform the public about the arrangements for traffic flow along the routes leading and from Kyambogo University, and the vicinity.

Upon successful nomination, candidates who may wish to meet with their supporters for purpose of launching their manifestos are advised to organise and hold such a meeting, in a regulated manner, preferably virtual, with limited attendance of at least seventy (70) persons, to enable the observance of the 2-meters social distancing rule for the persons attending the meeting.

The candidates and venue owners must ensure that the campaign/meeting venues are provided with hand washing facilities and sanitizers, and that the supporters attending the campaigns/meetings wear face masks at all time, while accessing and exiting the meeting venue.

The Commission will appoint the campaign period and polling date after the nomination of the candidates.

3. Nomination Programme

The Commission has designed a programme that will facilitate swift conduct of the nomination exercise, given that the bulk of the nomination documents (lists of supporters) have been verified in advance.

To ensure smooth conduct of the exercise, the Commission has advised aspiring candidates to book in advance their preferred time for nomination. To date, the following nomination schedule has been drawn with the following verified aspirants:

No.	Names	Party/Independent	Date	Time
1.	Yoweri Kaguta Museveni	NRM	2 nd Nov 2020	10:00 O'clock
2.	Tumukunde Henry Kakurugu	Independent	2 nd Nov 2020	01:00 O'clock
3.	Katumba John	Independent	2 nd Nov 2020	02:00 O'clock
4.	Mugisha Muntu Gregg	ANT	2 nd Nov 2020	03:00 O'clock
5.	Kalembe Nancy Linda	Independent	2 nd Nov 2020	04:00 O'clock
6.	Kyagulanyi Robert Sentamu	NUP	3 rd Nov 2020	10:00 O'clock
7.	Mayambala Willy	Independent	3 rd Nov 2020	11:00 O'clock
8.	Amuriat Oboi Patrick	FDC	3 rd Nov 2020	12:00 O'clock
9.	Mwesigye Fred	Independent	3 rd Nov 2020	02:00 O'clock
10.	Kabuleeta Kiiza Joseph	Independent	3 rd Nov 2020	03:00 O'clock

Please note that aspiring candidates will be required to be physically present, and to submit all additional requisite documents for verification. The Commission will, after scrutiny, and satisfaction that the requirements have been fulfilled, declare the aspiring candidate duly nominated.

The nominated candidate will briefly address the public through the media in the Media Center that is to be set up at the nomination venue.

4. Media Coverage of the Nomination Exercise

The Electoral Commission is desirous of ensuring that all stakeholders in the electoral process, particularly the supporters of various aspiring candidates, closely follow the proceedings of the nomination exercise and are kept informed, through the media, of the successfully nominated candidates, and the official announcement of the polling dates for the 2021 General Elections.

In order to achieve mass awareness, high publicity and visibility and extensive press coverage while limiting the number of stakeholders at the nomination venue, the Commission has hired the services of a media firm to produce and broadcast the nomination event in real time (live) to national and international audiences via various platforms, including television and radio broadcasts, and social media streaming, posts and updates.

All national and international television and radio broadcasters who are interested in broadcasting live the nomination exercise are advised to handover their Live Broadcasting Units to the Office of the Public Relations Officer, Electoral Commission,

not later than 31st October 2020, for further delivery to the nomination venue where they will be connected with a live clean feed.

Broadcasters that are interested in short videos and pictures of the nomination exercise are advised to provide their email addresses to the PR Office: pressaccreditation@ec.or.ug where content will be shared in real time.

The Commission has, made provision for limited access by media and the list of identified media national and international media personnel has been forwarded to the Accreditation Office for necessary clearance.

All media persons who have been cleared to physically attend and cover the nomination exercise will be required to present a 72-hr PCR negative test for COVID19, which will be taken at their own cost.

Conclusion

The Commission calls upon all aspiring candidates, their agents and supporters to follow the guidelines that have been issued for this nomination exercise. This will enable the Commission to conduct the exercise in an orderly, peaceful and safe manner.

I Thank you,

For God and My Country,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mugenyi Simon', is written over a faint, light blue circular watermark or stamp.

Justice Byabakama Mugenyi Simon
Chairperson, Electoral Commission