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Press Release

Demarcation of Electoral Areas and Re-organisation of Polling Stations in Newly-created Municipalities, Town Councils and Sub Counties, 2018

The Electoral Commission has appointed Tuesday 20th February to Saturday 24th February 2018 as the period for Demarcation of Electoral Areas for Local Government Councils and Re-organisation of Polling Stations in newly-created Municipalities, Municipal Divisions, Town Councils and Sub Counties, Wards and Parishes which became effective on 1st July 2016 and 1st July 2017.

The newly-created Municipalities, Municipal Divisions, Town Councils and Sub Counties, Wards and Parishes in eighty three districts are indicated in the attached list.

Please carefully note the following:

1. The purpose of demarcation of electoral areas is to determine the size of the respective Councils, the numbers and names of the electoral areas for each category of representation;
2. The purpose of the reorganization exercise is to ensure that each electoral area has adequate number of polling stations, and enable voters conveniently cast their votes by ensuring adequate space at polling stations, as well as manageable number of voters per polling station.
3. During the exercise of re-organisation of polling stations, the Commission will undertake the following:
 - a. Merge polling stations that have a small number of voters without justification, taking into consideration proximity of the villages and distances to be traveled by voters to the polling station;
 - b. Split polling stations with voter population which is more than the optimum number of voters into more than one polling station;
 - c. Relocate polling stations that are congested or located in contestable areas, e.g. near bars and private premises like people's compounds, and stations where new

infrastructure developments have taken place, e.g. new buildings, roads and factories;

- d. Rename polling stations whose names have changed due to re-location and those polling stations that do not portray the area name where they are situated;
- e. Harmonise parish and village names with the corresponding polling stations; and,
- f. Create a polling station for any electoral area or new Parish/Ward with no polling station, or where a new polling station is legitimately required.

The Commission appeals to all members of the public in the respective electoral areas to cooperate with the election officials in this matter and participate effectively to ensure a successful electoral process.



Justice Byabakama Mugenyi Simon
Chairperson, Electoral Commission