

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA
THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION



Press Release

Final Preparations for Parliamentary and Local Government Councils Elections in Newly-Created Districts

A. Introduction

Dear esteemed members of the press, it is my privilege and pleasure to welcome you to this press briefing, at the Electoral Commission.

Today, the Commission will update the country on final preparations for Parliamentary and Local Government Councils Elections in the newly created districts of Kagadi, Kakumiro, Kibaale, Omoro and Rubanda.

B. Nominated Candidates

Following the nomination exercise which commenced on 19th July 2016 and ended on 20th July 2016, **seventy nine (79) candidates** were successfully nominated to contest for Parliamentary and Local Government Councils Elections, including Councillors representing Special Interest Groups as indicated in the attached Schedule A.

C. Conclusion of Campaigns and Polling Date for Elections of Councillors Representing Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Campaigns for elections of Councillors representing Special Interest Groups (SIGs) namely, Female and Male Councillor for Youths, Persons with Disability and Older Persons, ended yesterday, Thursday 24th August 2016, and polling is scheduled to take place tomorrow, Friday 26th August 2016.

The polling kit has been dispatched this morning.

The elections of SIGs Councillors shall be by secret ballot, using the members of each respective Electoral College.

D. Conclusion of Campaigns and Polling Date for Parliamentary and Local Government Councils (LC 5) Elections

The campaign meetings for Parliamentary and Local Government Councils Elections (LC 5), which commenced on 1st August 2016, shall end on Saturday 27th August 2016, and polling will take place on Monday 29th August 2016.

Voting shall be by universal adult suffrage, and shall take place at all polling stations in the respective district, beginning at 7:00am till 4:00pm. Thereafter, counting of votes and announcing of results by the respective Presiding Officer shall take place.

Political parties and independent candidates are encouraged to appoint in writing and deploy their agents at polling stations in each respective district.

Please note that other than observing the exercise, candidates' agents shall not be expected to interfere with the polling process.

The tallying of final results shall be conducted at the following designated tally centers in each respective district, and shall start as soon as the results are received from the respective polling stations. After tallying, the Returning Officer shall declare the final results of the election.

No.	District	Tally Center
1.	Kagadi	Kagadi District Community Hall
2.	Kakumiro	Bwanswa Community Hall
3.	Kibaale	Office of the Returning Officer
4.	Omoro	Office of the Returning Officer
5.	Rubanda	Lukiiko Hall, Rubanda

E. Final Polling Register and Issuance of Voting Location Slips

The Electoral Commission has completed cleaning National Voters' Register for the respective districts.

During the update of the National Voters' Register, the Electoral Commission registered new voters in each of the above districts. The Commission will issue temporary Voting Location Slips (VLS) to these voters to help them conveniently locate their respective polling station on polling day.

The slips will be issued to the voters at issuing centers in each parish in the above districts, on Saturday 27 and Sunday 27th August 2016, starting at 8:00am until 5:00pm on each day. The Commission urges all new voters to collect their slips during the above period.

G. Dispatch of Polling Materials

The Commission will dispatch the polling kits to the above districts starting Saturday 27th August 2016. Thereafter, there will be internal distribution of materials to all sub counties for eventual distribution to polling stations, to ensure that polling commences on time.

Designated candidates' agents are advised to report to the Sub County offices before 6:00am on the morning of Monday 29th August 2016, and observe the dispatch of the polling kits to their respective polling stations.

H. Election Observers and Candidates' Agents

The Commission wishes to draw the attention of the political parties participating in this by-election to S.16 (1a) of the Electoral Commission (Amendment) Act, which provides for

accreditation of representatives of political parties, civil society organisations and any other duly registered institution, to observe electoral activities.

Accordingly, participating political parties and independent candidates have been permitted to deploy not more than five (5) observers per sub-county. These accredited observers will be required to limit their activity to the designated areas (sub county), and Police has been notified to enforce this regulation.

The participating political parties and independent candidates have also submitted names of two (2) observers, who have been accredited for purposes of accessing the tally center in each respective district, and observing the tallying process.

The Commission has provided all those accredited with written clearance, relevant information and identification for the purpose of observing the by-elections.

Please note that media personnel will be required to present valid identification in order to access polling stations and the tally center.

Any individual found to be doing the duties of an observer or agent without due accreditation, will be prosecuted in accordance with the law.

I. Query/Complaints Desk

The Electoral Commission has established a Query/Complaints Desk at each district headquarters for the purpose of receiving and handling any complaints that may arise during this election.

The Commission encourages each political party/independent candidate to appoint an official agent to sit with the (Commission) officials at this desk, to ease handling of any query and/or complaint that may arise.

Voters are also encouraged to use the following telephone numbers on the polling day, 29th August 2016, from 7:00am until 4:00pm, for any queries or complaint relating to the election in their respective district.

No.	District	Telephone Number
1.	Kagadi	0392000854*
2.	Kakumiro	0392000853*
3.	Kibaale	0392745219*
4.	Omoro	0393280435*
5.	Rubanda	0393280446*
<i>* Standard call charges will apply</i>		

The Commission has also established the following toll free lines at the Electoral Commission headquarters for use by members of the public to raise any matter relating to the polling day for necessary assistance: 0800110023/0800110022/0800778778/0800776776.

J. Security arrangements

In accordance with the enabling electoral laws, it is the duty of the Uganda Police, to provide security during the electoral process, and they (Police) have provided assurance to that effect.

The Commission, therefore, urges candidates, their agents and supporters to desist from forming and deploying vigilante groups, also known as youth brigades or 'kanyamas' to protect their interests (votes and results) at the polling stations.

K. Conclusion

The Commission would like to extend its appreciation to the candidates, their supporters and agents, and the Uganda Police, for the peaceful manner in which the campaigns have been conducted. We wish to call upon all stakeholders to maintain this good conduct so that there is smooth conclusion to this electoral programme.

Thank You

For God and my country,



Eng. Dr. Badru M. Kiggundu
Chairperson, Electoral Commission

Schedule A: Nominated Candidates for Elections in Newly Created Districts, 1st August 2016

A.	Omoro District	
	District Woman Representative to Parliament Omoro District	
	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Akello Alice Latigo	Independent (Clock)
2.	Alanyo Prossy Owiny	FDC
3.	Aneno Alice Oroma	Independent (Chair)
4.	<i>Atim Grace</i>	<i>Independent (Radio) Withdrawn</i>
5.	Atimango Christine Odongo	Independent (Ball)
6.	Lalam Betty Kilama	Independent (Saucepan)
7.	Lamwaka Catherine	NRM
8.	Lanyero Grace Pamella	DP
9.	Lapolo Mariea Shaka	UPC
10.	Nyapolo Rose	Independent (Bicycle)
11.	Okot Santa	Independent (Pot)
	District Chairperson Omoro District	
	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Mugabe Robert	PPP
2.	Odong Latek Stephen	NRM
3.	Okello Peter Douglas	Independent (Chair)
4.	Oryem Godfrey	Independent (Pot)
5.	Toolit Simon Akecha	FDC
	District Male Older Persons, Omoro District	
	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Alobo Martin Ongom	NRM
2.	Okello Sebastian Willy	FDC
3.	Olam Sisto Yairo	Independent (Ball)
4.	Onencan Jackson	Independent (Chair)
	District Female Older Persons, Omoro District	
	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Ajok Veronica	Independent (Clock)
2.	Akello Florence	FDC
3.	Langol Margaret	NRM
	District Male Youth, Omoro District	

	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Bongowat Richard Luganya	NRM
2.	Ojok Tonny	FDC
3.	Okello Robinson	Independent (Radio)
4.	Okello Vincent	Independent (Chair)
	District Female Youth, Omoro District	
	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Acibo Ketty	Independent (Ball)
2.	Alarokuma Caroline	Independent (Chair)
3.	Oroma Gift	NRM
	District Male PWD Councillor, Omoro District	
	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Mao Robert Morris	DP
2.	Okot Thomas	NRM
3.	Opwonya Stephen Wilobowarach	Independent (Chair)
	District Female PWD Councillor, Omoro District	
	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Adong Caroline Rose	Independent (Radio)
2.	Akena Lucy	NRM
B.	Kakumiro District	
	District Chairperson, Kakumiro	
	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Sentayi Senkusu Joseph	NRM
2.	Ssemanda Apuuli Gerald	Independent (Chair)
	District Male Older Persons, Kakumiro	
	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Kamanyire Karoli Abwooli	NRM (Unopposed)
	District Female Older Persons, Kakumiro	
	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Nalubega Florence Kagwa	NRM (Unopposed)
	District Male Youth, Kakumiro	
	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Byaruhanga Kenneth	Independent (Clock)
2.	Murungi Justus	NRM

3.	Mwesige John Mary	Independent (Radio)
	District Female Youth, Kakumiro	
	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Natukunda Lestine	NRM (Unopposed)
	District Male PWD, Kakumiro	
	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Byarugaba Joseph Ajuna	NRM (Unopposed)
	District Female PWD, Kakumiro	
	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Nakyanzi Beth	NRM (Unopposed)
C.	Kagadi District	
	District Woman Representative to Parliament, Kagadi District	
	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Mbabazi Janepher Kyomuhendo	NRM
2.	Naziiwa Margret	FDC
	District Chairperson, Kagadi District	
	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Byahangirwe Peter	FDC
2.	Byaruhanga Stephen Mfashingabo	NRM
3.	Ndibwami B. Yosia	Independent (Bicycle)
	District Male Older Person, Kagadi	
	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Wamala Stephenson Swizen Kagoro	NRM (Unopposed)
	District Female Older Persons, Kagadi	
	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Nakate Josephine	NRM (Unopposed)
	District Male Youth, Kagadi District	
	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Aliganyira Rogers	NRM (Unopposed)
	District Female Youth, Kagadi District	
	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Ainembabazi Anishier	NRM
2.	Kobusingye Sarah	Independent (Radio)
	District Male PWD, Kagadi District	

	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Aligonzawenka Vincent .K	NRM (Unopposed)
	District Female PWD, Kagadi District	
	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Mugizi Mary Kusemererwa	NRM (Unopposed)
D.	Kibaale District	
	District Woman Representative to Parliament, Kibaale District	
	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	<i>Kabaliisa Lilian</i>	<i>Independent (Clock) Withdrawn</i>
2.	Kisembo Basemera Noeline	NRM
3.	Kunihira Proscovia	FDC
E.	Rubanda District	
	District Woman Representative to Parliament, Rubanda District	
	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Akampulira Prossy Mbabazi	NRM
2.	Kabarungi Hildah	Independent (Clock)
3.	Katushabe Vastine	FDC
	District Chairperson, Rubanda District	
	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Ampeire Stephen Kasyaba	Independent (Clock)
2.	Habasa Nelson	Independent (Pot)
3.	Jogo Keneth Biryabarema	NRM
4.	Ruhangariyo Joseph	FDC
	District Male Older Persons, Rubanda	
	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Mwesigye Japhlet	NRM (Unopposed)
	District Female Older Persons Rubanda	
	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Babunkiza Bertha	FDC
2.	Tibeyahura Tereza	Independent (Clock)
3.	Tukamuhebwa Barisigara Regis	NRM
	District Male Youth, Rubanda District	
	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Bandebaho Aggrey	NRM

2.	Owakubariho Amos	FDC
	District Female Youth, Rubanda	
	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Arineitwe Oliva	NRM
2.	Nyakeishiki Dorothy	UPC
3.	Tushabomwe Jacenta	Independent (Chair)
	District Male PWD, Rubanda District	
	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Muhumuza Isaah	Independent (Radio)
2.	Zimbehire Fabiano	NRM
	District Female PWD, Rubanda District	
	Candidates Name	Party/Organisation Symbol
1.	Busingye Plaxeda	NRM (Unopposed)