

POLICIES/PRINCIPLES APPROVED BY CABINET IN THE YEAR 2015.

S/N	NAME OF POLICY/PRINCIPLE	SPONSORING MINISTRY	DATE APPROVED	OBJECTIVES OF THE POLICY/PRINCIPLE
1	The National Grain Trade Policy, 2015	Ministry of Trade, Industry & Cooperatives	16/2/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To improve Institutional, Policy and regulatory framework that enhances the competitiveness of the Sub-sector. • To promote value addition and innovation. • To promote research, product development and technology transfer. • To promote development, harmonization and enforcement of standards. • To promote farmers and traders bulk handling and marketing of grains through improved storage facilities and enhanced market infrastructure. • To enhance skilled human capacity development including women and youth • To improve access to affordable credit.
2	The Uganda National Climate change Policy and its costed implementation Strategy.	Ministry of Water and Environment	1/4/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify and promote common priorities to address climate change in Uganda. • To identify and promote mitigation actions for Uganda. • To identify and promote monitoring, detection, attribution and prediction

				<p>Policy responses for Uganda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support the integration of climate change issues into planning, decision making and investments in all sectors and trans-sectoral themes through appropriate Institutional arrangements and legal frame works. • To facilitate the mobilization of financial resources to address climate change in Uganda.
3	THE Biofuels Bill, 2014	Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development	6/5/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To create conducive environment for the development and management of biofuels for both power production and for the transport sector. • To promote the sustainable production of biofuels resulting in social, economic and environmental benefits and increased rural incomes. • To ensure the availability of alternative and renewable clean energy with due regard to natural ecosystems, biodiversity and food security in the country. • To increase the reserve base of Uganda's indigenous oil and gas resources through fuel substitution.
4	The Non-Governmental Bill, 2015	Ministry of Internal Affairs	11/3/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To repeal the NGO registration Act, Cap 113 • To define and create the different types of NGOs (indigenous, Regional Foreign and International).

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make the NGO Board more autonomous and body Corporate, self-accounting with its Vote and budget. • To enhance the operations of the NGO board from the National level right down to sub county level through establishment of regional offices, district NGO monitoring committees and sub county NGO committees. • To make the composition of the Board of Directors leaner for purposes of quick decision making, monitoring and regulation of the NGOs by the Board • To prescribe enumeration for the Board. • To prescribe additional functions and powers for the NGO Board • To promote increased revenue collection by the NGO Board. • To provide for a single legal regime for registration, regulation and monitoring of the NGOs by the Board. • To facilitate increase in manpower levels of the NGO Board as may be required. • To make provisions for inspection, investigation and prosecution of NGOs and its Directors or its officers as
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				<p>may be necessary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide for penalties and disciplinary action for NGOs contravening the provisions of the Act, • To ensure NGOs declare resources and amounts of funds they receive.
5	The Uganda Cancer Institute Bill, 2014.	Ministry of Health	11/3/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To establish a modern Uganda Cancer Institute as a National Cancer Center of excellence of International Standard offering comprehensive cancer services. • To reduce referrals abroad of Ugandans for treatment of cancers by increasing local capacity to handle super specialized cancer services and develop the infrastructures at the Institute. • To establish Uganda Cancer Institute as an autonomous body by an Act of Parliament.
6	The Principles to amend the KCC Act 2010	Office of the President	22/7/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To strengthen the governance of the Capital City thus improving service delivery in the City. • To redefine the roles of the Lord Mayor and the Deputy Lord Mayor and the mode of their election into office. • To clarify the mandate, functions and the structure of the metropolitan Physical Planning Authority. • To provide for the Physical Planning

				<p>Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To establish the Kampala Capital City Land Board. • To correct the latent errors and ambiguity in composition of the Authority/Council and nomenclature of Institution and offices.
7	The Uganda's Ratification of the East African agreement for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion and agreement for transparency and exchange of information for tax purposes	Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development.	6/5/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To strengthen African tax administration to improve domestic tax mobilization. • To enhance professionalism of African tax administration through capacity development, dialogue and interaction. • To combat tax evasion and avoidance through cooperation between African revenue administrations. • To provide a mechanism which allows African perspective on tax issues to influence the global dialogue on tax issues.
8	The Anti-Counterfeiting Goods Bill, 2015	Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives.	17/6/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To prohibit trade in counterfeit goods that infringe upon protected intellectual property rights. • To prohibit release of counterfeit goods into the channels of commerce. • To create offences relating to trade in counterfeit goods. • To empower the police to seize and

				<p>detain suspected counterfeit goods and to provide for incidental matters.</p>
9	<p>The International conference on Great Lakes Region (Implementation of the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region region) Bill, 2015</p>	<p>Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs.</p>	<p>9/9/2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To give the force of law in Uganda to the Pact on security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region. • To provide for related matters.
10	<p>The proposed Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMES) Policy, 2015.</p>	<p>Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives</p>	<p>9/9/2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide enabling environment through Policy, legal and institutional coordination framework. • To promote research, product/process development, innovation, value addition and appropriate technology including ICT • To promote product and service standards for quality assurance. • To support access to market and business information. • To increase access to credit and financial services. • To enhance capacity building for entrepreneurship, vocational, business and industrial development skills. • To enhance gender equity, inclusiveness and environmentally friendly businesses for sustainable

				development.
11	The Ratification of the agreement on the establishment of the Eastern Africa Standby Force (EASF).	Ministry of Defence	1/4/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To carry out in a timely manner, the functions maintenance of peace, security and stability, as authorized by the EASF Assembly and mandated by the peace and security Council of the African Union.
12	The Principles for the Common Market Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)	Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives.	15/4/2015.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To give the force of law in Uganda to the Treaty establishing the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) which was adopted in Kampala on 5th day of October, 1993 and in respect of which Uganda on that day became a member State upon the signing by His Excellency the President, of the Treaty together with the other High Contracting Parties.
13	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2015	Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs	1/4/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To amend article 60 (1) of the Constitution to change the name of the Electoral Commission to Independent Electoral Commission • To amend article 60 (8) of the Constitution to prescribe the procedure for removal of members of Commission, similar to the procedure for removal of Judicial Officers under article 144. • To amend article 72 of the Constitution by substituting for the headnote, a new headnote to include both Political Parties and

				<p>Political Organizations and to require a person intending to stand for election as a candidate independent of a political party or organization to be supported by the signatures of at least one thousand registered voters in the Constituency in order to avoid disorganization of Political Parties or Organizations by members of the Party or Organizations; to create discipline within the parties and organizations and to promote the development of political parties and organizations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To amend article 81 of the Constitution to require that bye election shall be held within sixty days after the Independent Electoral Commission has received notification of the occurrence of a vacancy from the Clerk to Parliament and not from the date the vacancy occurs as it is currently provided. This is to give EC reasonable time within which to organize a bye election. • To amend article 83 (1) (g) of the Constitution to provide that a Member of Parliament shall vacate his or her seat <i>where the member otherwise ceases to be a member of a Political Party or Organization for which he or</i>
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				<p><i>she stood as a candidate for election to Parliament.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To introduce a new clause 83 (2) (a) to specifically exempt the application of article 83 (1) (g) and (h) to an independent member joining a political party or organization or a member leaving a political party or organization within twelve months before general election to participate in activities or programmes of a political party or organization relating to a general election. • To amend article 131 (2) of the Constitution to require that when hearing appeals from the decision of the court of Appeal sitting as a Constitutional Court, the Supreme Court shall consist of seven members of the Supreme Court. • To amend article 144 of the Constitution to increase the retirement age of Judges from seventy to seventy five years in case of Justices of the Supreme Court and the Court of appeal and from sixty five to seventy five years in the case of Judges of the High Court. • To introduce a new article 148 A to provide for the Judicial Service Commission to appoint Judicial staff
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				<p>to be prescribed by Parliament.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To introduce a new article 241 A to provide for the establishment of a City Land Board whose membership, procedure and terms of service shall be prescribed by Parliament. • To introduce a new article 247 A and 247 B to provide for a Salaries and Remuneration Board and its composition and functions.
14	The National Community Development Policy 2015.	Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development.	24/6/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure effective coordination of community mobilization and empowerment efforts for increased community appreciation, demand and uptake of Government services. • To strengthen community resilience to withstand and cope with socio-economic risks and shocks. • To ensure sustainable development and improvement of community facilities and services. • To enhance and strengthen public sector capacity to implement the National Community Development Policy.
15	The Capital Markets Authority Act (amendment) Bill, 2015	Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development	15/7/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To address corporate governance and administrative shortcomings in the current regulatory regime. • To improve operational procedures to enable CMA execute its functions. • To prohibit trading actions not

				<p>covered in the current Act; provide for offences and penalties; and provide for dispute resolution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To comply with International Organization of Securities Commission (IOSCO) to preserve and strengthen Uganda's Capital Markets and its International reputation. • To comply with the provisions of the East African Common Market Protocol.
16	The Finance Institution (amendment) Bill, 2015.	Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives	20/5/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide for Islamic banking. • To provide for bank assurance • To provide for Agent banking. • To provide for additional prohibition of shareholding in a financial institution. • To provide for special access to the Credit Reference Bureau by other credit and service providers. • To reform the Deposit Protection Fund.
17	Principles to be embodied in the Electricity Act 1999 amendment Bill, 2015.	Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development	16/6/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To strengthen the legal and institutional framework so that the Electricity Sub-sector improves efficiency in the delivery of its services to facilitate the economic and social development of Uganda. • To remove inconsistencies in the law and harmonize it with other laws. • To improve the enforcement and compliance of the regulatory framework.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To stimulate and increase power trading in the country by allowing embedded generators to sell power directly to distribution companies or large customers. • To increase the level of electricity access and improve service delivery. • To reduce power losses by providing stringent penalties for power theft and damage to electrical installations caused by vandalism.
18	Principles of the National Competition Bill, 2015	Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives	16/9/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote fair competition as an incentive for innovations and efficient utilization of resources in production and product improvement. • To enhance legal and institutional complementarities through an established mechanism for harnessing cross sectorial linkages on competition issues. • To establish a Commission to coordinate, administer, and enforce competition laws and regulations in Uganda. • To domesticate legal commitments Uganda has assumed at the EAC, COMESA and other regional and international organizations on fair competition issues. • To promote collaboration with Regional and International Institutions

				<p>on issues of fair competition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To prohibit anticompetitive practices, abuse of dominance by monopolists and regulate mergers/ acquisitions which limit entry and competition in the market. • To expose enterprises to international competition standards and thus enhance their competitiveness in the Regional and International markets. • To create an environment that is conducive for investment in the sectors with greatest impact in the country. • To contribute to efforts on reduction of poverty and generally enhance the welfare of the people of Uganda.
19	Principles of the National Consumer Protection Bill, 2015	Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives	16/9/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To establish an environment that enhances consumer welfare through enabled access to a variety of better quality products and services supplied at reasonable prices. • To promote a fair, accessible and sustainable market place devoid of misinformation and misrepresentation of the products and services by business entities to the detriment of the customers. • To establish National norms and standards for business practices to ensure effective consumer protection.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To guarantee customer rights and obligation. • To complement existing institutional and regulatory framework in order to harness cross sectorial linkages on Consumer Protection issues. • To extend the mandate and powers of the competition commission to include enforcement of the consumer protection Act as approved by Cabinet. • To domesticate Uganda's legal obligations at the EAC and COMESA on consumer protection. • To promote collaboration with Regional and International institutions on issues of consumer protection. • To effectively manage trade liberalization, leading to improved consumer welfare and poverty eradication.
20	The operational procedures of handling cancellation of land titles in wetlands.	Ministry of Water and Environment	15/7/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To secure physical and legal boundaries. • To restore and maintain the wetland and ecosystem coverage for sustainable agricultural enterprises, fisheries industries, water for production, hydroelectric power generation, infrastructural maintenance, tourism promotion leading to economic growth and

				development.
21	The National leather and leather products Policy.	Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives	1/7/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To maximize value addition and improve quality of products along the value chain while ensuring competitiveness and sustainability of the industry. • To promote the production of quality finished leather and leather goods for local and export markets. • To promote more efficient, environmentally friendly production technique along the value chain. • To create an enabling business environment.
22	The draft Leadership Code (amendment) Bill, 2015.	Office of the President-Directorate of Ethics and Integrity.	1/7/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To amend the Leadership Code Act, 2002, Act No. 17 of 2002 to give effect to Article 235A of the Constitution. • To make provisions for establishment, composition and functions of the Leadership Code Tribunal. • To strengthen the enforcement of the Leadership Code Act. • To provide for other related matters.
23	The National Coordination Policy	Office of the Prime Minister	23/9/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To eliminate duplication and maximize institutional synergies among MDAs, Civil society development partners and the private sector so as to ensure efficient and effective delivery of public services. • To harmonize the process of setting priorities in MDAs so as to achieve the

				<p>highest return per unit of investment and sequence government programmes in a manner that achieves the highest socio-economic impact.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To standardize reporting across government so as to optimize resources spent on planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of government programmes. • To achieve economies of scale and capitalize on institutional memories. • To enhance the quality of performance in the public service. • To establish mechanism that ensures government honors its regional and international obligation in a consistent and timely manner.
24	Establishment of Lira University as a Public University	Ministry of Education, Science and Sports.	24/6/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be a standard of excellence and innovation for social transformation. • To be a leader in integrating scholarship and practice. • To serve societal needs and to foster socio economic development. • To be global in perspective, organization and action. • To engage staff and students in creative and rewarding learning so as to enhance economic and societal development in Uganda and beyond.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To assist local communities and to build their capacity for socio economic enhancement.
25	Establishment of Soroti University as a Public University	Ministry of Education, Science and Sports.	24/6/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be a standard of excellence and innovation for social transformation. • To be a leader in integrating scholarship and practice. • To serve societal needs and to foster socio economic development. • To be global in perspective, organization and action. • To engage staff and students in creative and rewarding learning so as to enhance economic and societal development in Uganda and beyond. • To assist local communities and to build their capacity for socio economic enhancement.
26	Establishment of Kabale University as a Public University	Ministry of Education, Science and Sports.	24/6/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be a standard of excellence and innovation for social transformation. • To be a leader in integrating scholarship and practice. • To serve societal needs and to foster socio economic development. • To be global in perspective, organization and action. • To engage staff and students in creative and rewarding learning so as to enhance economic and societal development in Uganda and beyond. • To assist local communities to build

				their capacity for socio-economic enhancement.
27	The Universities and other Tertiary Institution (amendment) Bill, 2015.	Ministry of Education and sports.	19/8/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To establish Makerere University Business school as an independent degree awarding Institution and remove its affiliation status from Makerere University. • To rename Makerere University school as Metropolitan Universal Business School.
28	Data Protection and Privacy Bill, 2015	Ministry of Information, Communication Technology and National Guidance.	30/9/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To protect the privacy of individuals and of personal data by relating the collection and processing of personal information. • To provide for the rights of the persons whose data is collected and the obligations of the data collectors, data processors and data controllers. • To relate the use and disclosure of personal information; and for related matters.
29	Approval of the Peace, Recovery and Development Plan	Office of the Prime Minister	12/8/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To bridge the poverty gap between the Northern Sub-regions and the rest of the Country • To reduce income poverty and improve socio-economic indicators of the affected Sub-regions in Northern Uganda. • To pacify and develop formerly war ravaged areas of Northern Uganda. • To improve the resilience and

				<p>productive capacity of the vulnerable communities and persons of inclusive growth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enhance good governance through effective participation of communities in the development process.
30	Creation of new Municipalities.	Ministry of Local Government	5/8/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To streamline administration. • To address urbanization challenges. • To attract investment and raise revenue. • To control development. • To ensure proper planning.
31	Principles for amending the Public Finance Management Act, 2015.	Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development.	26/8/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To address gaps, inconsistencies and weaknesses encountered and envisaged to be encountered during implementation of the Public Finance Management Act, 2015.
32	Principles for reform of the Insurance law in Uganda	Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development.	14/10/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To repeal the insurance Act, 2011 and formulate a new, modern and comprehensive legal framework for the effective regulation and supervision of the insurance industry. • To have a framework law which will allow changes (as and when the need arises) to be made to the regulations. • To empower the Authority to more effectively implement and enforce the Act. • To provide the Authority with efficient

				<p>powers to set standards on a wide range of issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To bring the Act in line with International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS)'s Insurance Core Principles. • Bring the Act in line with the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) requirements which includes providing for Anti-money Laundering and countering financing of Terrorism. • To provide for harmonization with other EAC country laws and International laws. • To provide for trending corporate governance principles and practice.
33	Tier 4 Microfinance Institutions Bill, 2015.	Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development.	4/11/2015.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure that the microfinance industry promotes social and economic development. • To ensure legitimacy and confidence building of members, customers and investors in the Microfinance industry. • To apply prudential standards to microfinance institution in order to safeguard the depositors' funds and ensuring stability of the financial system. • To apply non prudential standards to Tier 4 Microfinance Institution. • To ensure customer protection.
34	The National Social	Ministry of	4/11/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase access to social security.

	Protection Policy.	Gender, Labour and Social Development.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enhance care, protection and support for vulnerable people. • To strengthen the institutional framework for social protection service delivery.
35	The Kampala Capital City Authority amendment Bill, 2015.	Office of the President	30/9/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To streamline and strengthen the governance of the Capital City in accordance with Article 5 (4) of the Constitution. • To rationalize the provisions relating to the establishment of the structures of the Metropolitan Physical Planning Authority. • To provide for related matters.
36	The Insurance Bill, 2015	Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development.	9/12/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure that there is a comprehensive legal framework for the effective regulation and supervision of the insurance industry in the country. • To empower the Authority to more effectively implement and enforce the Act in addition to setting standards on a wide range of issues. • To provide for additional intermediaries and other service providers coming into the market. • To bring the Act in line with International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS)'s Insurance core Principles and other international requirements.

