

POLICIES/BILLS AND PRINCIPLES APPROVED BY CABINET IN THE YEAR 2017.

S/N	NAME OF POLICY/PRINCIPLE	SPONSORING MINISTRY	DATE APPROVED	OBJECTIVES OF THE POLICY/PRINCIPLE
1	The Revised Principles for the Physical Planners' Registration.	Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development	8/2/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To establish a Physical Planners' Registration Board; • To regulate and monitor standards for Physical Planners; • To prescribe and regulate the conduct of Physical Planners in Uganda; • To discipline errant practicing Physical Planners; • To formulate a code of professional ethics; • To contribute to the development of a curriculum for training of Physical Planners in Uganda.
2	The Investment Code Bill, 2015.	Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development	22/2/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote, advocate, facilitate and monitor the development of all forms of investment and business activities in Uganda that will lead to value addition, employment, technology transfer, Foreign Direct Investment, exports, industrialization and regional integration.
3	Principles of the Uganda Human Organ Transplant Bill, 2017.	Ministry of Health	5/4/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To establish a legal framework for Human Organs, Cells and Tissues Transplant in Uganda by enacting the Uganda Human Organ Transplant Bill, 2017; • To regulate donations and trade in

				<p>Human Organs, Cells and Tissues;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reduce Government expenditures on referrals abroad for organ transplant procedures.
4	Policy for Agreement for the avoidance of Double Taxation and the prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to taxes on income.	Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development	12/4/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To protect taxpayers from double taxation and prevent discouragement which taxation may provide for the free flow of International Trade, Investment and transfer of technology; • To prevent discrimination between taxpayers in the International field; • To provide a reasonable element of legal and fiscal certainty as a framework within which International operations can be carried out.
5	The Uganda National Urban Policy	Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development	21/6/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote partially integrated urban development; • To facilitate balanced regional development; • To promote urban competitiveness and productivity for employment creation; • To promote urban environment conservation and protection, climate change mitigation and adaptation; • To promote good urban governance.
6	Civil Aviation Amendment Bill, 2017.	Ministry of Works and Transport	17/5/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To harmonize the Act with the Chicago Convention and its Annexes in order to comply with the International Standards and practices; • To enhance safety and the security of

				civil aviation operations in Uganda.
7	Principles for the Climate Change Bill, 2017.	Ministry of Water and Environment	7/6/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To spell out national climate change response measures and actions to address the threats of climate change; • To set out provisions that enable the Government to formulate planning frameworks; • To provide an overarching framework to guide adaptation action in a coordinated and effective manner in various sectors of the Ugandan economy.
8	The Constitutional Amendment Bill, 2017.	Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs	10/5/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To facilitate expeditious compulsory acquisition of land by the Government to avoid the delaying Central Government or Local government infrastructure and investment projects while allowing for persons dissatisfied with the compensation amount awarded to resolve the dispute in court; • To enable Central Government or a Local Government to deposit with court, compensation awarded by the Government for the property declared for compulsory acquisition; • To empower Government or a Local Government to take possession of the declared property upon depositing the compensation awarded for the property with court pending

				<p>determination by court of the disputed compensation awarded to the property owner or person having an interest in or right over the property;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To empower the property owner or person having an interest in or right over the property, to access the deposited compensation awarded at any time during the dispute resolution process; • To empower Parliament to prescribe, by law, the time within which dispute arising out of compensation shall be resolved.
9	The Road Tolling Policy	Ministry of Works and Transport	31/5/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide Principles for planning, prioritizing and funding of toll road projects; • To provide for road tolling as an alternative source of funding for development, rehabilitation and maintenance of roads; • To guide and encourage private sector investment in road infrastructure development, operation and maintenance; • To ensure effective governance, transparency fairness and sustainability in road toll collection; • To provide for an effective and efficient road tolling system as a way of decongesting urban centres.

10	Principles for the establishment of the Mulago National Specialized Hospital (MNSH) Bill, 2017	Ministry of Health	4/8/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide super-specialized services in the areas of advanced: surgical, specialized maternal & neonatal medical, pediatrics and diagnostic services; • To reduce referrals abroad, thus reducing loss of Foreign Exchange. • To establish Mulago as a centre of excellence for training Health workers in super-specialized services; • To establish the hospital as a Regional hub for research and innovation and help the hospital generate additional revenue to bridge the funding gap especially for better staff remuneration; • To improve the referral system leading to improved quality of health service delivery.
11	Principles for the amendment of the Traffic and Road Safety Act, 1998.	Ministry of Works and Transport	12/7/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To strengthen the management of road transport services and road safety in Uganda; • To enhance and strengthen the traffic and road safety regulatory and enforcement regimes; • To improve the provision and management of road transport services; • To harmonize the traffic and road safety law with Regional laws and International Protocols.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To improve the management and regulation of road transport services and road safety. • To provide for the continuous technology innovations including ICT in the country.
12	Principles for the Museums and Monuments Bill, 2017.	Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities	12/7/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide for the conservation and preservation of heritage; • To provide for domestication of the various UNESCO Conventions; • To provide for the active research, dissemination of Knowledge and education campaigns on Uganda's heritage; • To provide for development of heritage resources for economic and social cohesion; • To provide for Environmental Impact Assessment for developments likely to impact on the heritage resources; • To provide for the Government's regulatory function of private investment in Museums and Monuments; • To provide for gazettement and management of heritage areas and sites; • To provide for stakeholder participation in conservation and management of heritage resources; • To provide for the establishment of

				standards and their enforcement in the development and enforcement and the development of museums and monuments.
13	The National Policy on Services Trade.	Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives	19/7/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote domestic capacity development in services trade and enhance firm level competitiveness; • To strengthen human and institutional capacities to enhance quality service delivery; • To increase market access opportunities for Uganda's services and services suppliers; • To strengthen the regulatory and institutional framework to support the development of investment and trade in services sector; • To mainstream services trade in the national planning framework to exploit synergies.
14	Principles for the amendment of the Physical Planning Act, 2010.	Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development	26/7/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To define the composition of the Board; • To clearly define the functions of the Board; • To define the powers of the Board. • To strengthen the Secretariat to the Board; • To operationalize the Body Corporate Status of the Board; • To clearly define the mechanism for financing the Board and the Physical

				<p>Planning activities;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To compel all territories or Local Governments to prepare Physical development plans; • To define the mechanisms for public participation in Physical Planning matters; • To define the rewards and offenses by developers, land owners, public servants, politicians and other key players in the field of Physical Planning.
15	Accreditation for Conformity Assessment Bill, 2017.	Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives	4/8/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To establish a National Accreditation system; • To provide cost effective, affordable and sustainable accreditation of testing laboratories, inspection and certification services that will enable Uganda's goods and services and recognition in the international markets.
16	The National Packaged Water Policy.	Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives	22/9/2017.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote establishment and sustainability of the industry; • To enhance the safety and security of the public; • To promote value addition to local materials especially in the oil and gas sector; • To address climate change concerns including environment protection and efficient energy utilization through appropriate technologies;

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote marketing and fair trade of the industry through deliberate plans, programs and strategies; • To provide a framework for Public Private Partnership (PPP) in the regulation, monitoring and the surveillance of bottled water sector.
17	The Law Revision Bill, 2017.	Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs	16/10/2017.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide for the revision of laws in Uganda by the Uganda Law Reform Commission; • To empower the Attorney General to cut off dates for the enactment to be contained in the law revision and to appoint a date for the coming into force of the Revised Edition; • To prescribe the validity of the revised laws and to make consequential amendments to the Acts of Parliament and other related matters.
18	Principles for the amendment of the Microfinance Deposit-Taking Institutions Act, 2003.	Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development	30/10/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase access to microfinance services countrywide; • To improve safety of savings through effective regulation and supervision; • To enhance microfinance institution stability; • To improve consumer demand for cost effective financial service delivery; • To develop institutional product range in the Microfinance industry.
19	The National Environment Bill, 2017.	Ministry of Water and Environment	13/11/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To strengthen NEMA to coordinate, supervise, regulate and manage all

				<p>activities related to the environment;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote the responsibility of persons to sustain and enhance good environmental management practices and behaviours; • To provide a legal framework for sustainable development goals and their targets; • To establish an effective disaster response mechanism for handling acute pollution and other undesirable environmental impacts and their causes; • To establish environmental standards and regulations on a range of environmental and natural resources, pollution, air quality affluent, noxious smells, vibration and noise pollution, soil quality, ozone, mercury, climate change, radiation, waste and oil spills. • To establish a harmonized, comprehensive, life cycle approach to sound chemical management in Uganda, including managing products containing hazardous chemicals; • To streamline the institutional framework of NEMA in terms of composition and size of the Board and the functions of the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director in order to ensure effective environmental
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20	Additional Principles for the amendment of the Persons with disabilities Act, 2006.	Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development	20/11/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To operationalize Articles 32 and 35 of the 1995 Constitution of Uganda; • To give effect to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRDP) and its Optional Protocols; • To ensure that all Organs and Agencies of Governments and all persons, natural and legal, respect, uphold, promote and protect the fundamental and other human rights and freedoms of persons with disabilities; • To eliminate all forms of discrimination against persons with disabilities;

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote dignity and equal opportunities to persons with disabilities.
21	The Security Interest in Movable Property Bill, 2017.	Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs.	4/11/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide for a wider scope of movable properties that can be used as collateral for credit; • Provide for simplified requirements for creating and registering security interest in movable property; • To provide for the establishment of an electronic Notice Registry; • To provide for perfection of security interests in movable property; • To provide for the determination of the sequence in which competing claims to movable collateral will be satisfied if the debtor defaults; • To provide for electronic registration of movable interest in movable property by notices; • To provide for search of security interests in movable property; • To provide for quick and cost-effective enforcement of security interests.
22	Pay Policy for the Public Service, Government Departments, Agencies, UPDF and the Security Organizations of Uganda.	Ministry of Public Service	9/12/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To pay competitive salaries in the Public Service in order to attract, motivate and retain high caliber staff; • To enable Government pay a remuneration package that is transparent, consolidated and simple to administer and which shall provide

				<p>mechanisms for adjustments against inflation in order to maintain its purchasing power;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To provide for a consistent, harmonized and equitable salary structure for the Public Service aimed at gradual elimination of selective awards;• To pay a wage that is sufficient to sustain an adequate standard of living;• To promote performance and productivity in Public Service;• To alleviate staffing shortages in least developed areas by implementing incentives that will facilitate fair distribution of staff across the country.
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