

THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S SPEECH ON THE RELEASE OF THE NOV/DEC 2019 TECHNICAL NATIONAL CERTIFICATE AND BUSINESS PROGRAMMES EXAMINATIONS RESULTS OF THE UGANDA BUSINESS AND TECHNICAL EXAMINATIONS BOARD (UBTEB), 17TH JUNE, 2020 AT UBTEB SECRETARIAT

The First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports,

The Hon. Ministers of State for Education and Sports,

Chairperson and Members of the Parliamentary Committee on Education and Sports,

The Permanent Secretary and Staff, MoES,

The Members of the Board of UBTEB,

The UBTEB Executive Secretary and Staff,

The Executive Secretaries of other Examinations Boards,

Directors of other Agencies

Representatives of the Education Development Partners,

Representatives of the Training Institutions,

Representatives of the Private Sector,

Members of the Press,

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Hon. Minister, this is the Second batch of the 15th series of UBTEB Examination results. The examinations results to be released today include those of National Technical Certificate, Business Certificate and Business Diploma programmes. I thank

you on behalf of the Board for accepting to officiate at the release of these examinations results.

Hon. Minister, during the Nov/Dec, 2019 examinations series, the Board registered a total of 82,356 candidates for examinations including progression examinations for continuing students. On 7th February, 2020, you released results of **5,251** candidates for Uganda Community Polytechnic Certificate (UCPC) and Technical Advanced Craft programmes. Today, you are releasing results of the second batch of **21,190** candidates. The rest of the results of 55,915 candidates who are continuing students will be released in future. As the Executive Secretary stated, this year's completion rate is 79% for National Technical Certificates and 77% for Business programmes.

Hon. Minister, the Board has set strategies towards the attainment of the objectives of the TVET Policy focusing on the promotion and involvement of employers in the training and assessment of TVET programmes. The Board has had interface with all Sector Skills Councils and involved practitioners from world of work in the Assessors' training programme.

I would therefore like to request, through you, that special communication strategies are put in place to promote and sensitize the public on the good intentions and progress

of the implementation of the TVET policy. The Board is ready to accelerate and partner with the Ministry to popularize this Policy to the public and those in the industry as well as build the capacity of the members of the world of work to appreciate our call for their committed role in the curricula design, delivery and assessment.

I am happy to report Hon. Minister, that the Board has conducted the first modular curricula assessment for Agricultural certificate and Diploma programmes offered by the Centres of excellence at Bukalasa Agricultural College and the affiliate Technical institutes of Ssesse farm Institute, Kaberamaido Technical Institute and Rwentanga Farm Institute under the Uganda Skills Development Project (USDP). A total of 119 candidates were assessed and it is evidence that the Board is committed to implementing the key TVET reforms. We will continue building the capacity of the Board to harness the evolving TVET reforms.

Hon. Minister, as part of our next strategic plan, the Board will among other things aim at getting International Standards Organization (ISO) certification. I am glad to report that the Permanent Secretary has been so supportive in this strategy that will elevate TVET graduates to practice their competences world over. This will increase the graduate employability and adherence to standard operating procedures especially in the areas such as oil and gas sector where ISO certification is a requirement.

Hon. Minister, the Board would like to share its insight into the demands of the communities especially the quest for new training areas. The demand-driven courses in Irrigation Engineering (for Irrigation system maintenance), Locomotive Technology (for railways maintenance) and Mineral Extraction Technology (for minerals extraction) should be considered for assessment by the Board so that the country taps into these new subsectors for development.

Hon. Minister, the Board has embarked on total automation of the key examinations and assessment processes. Today, the Board conducts on line registration, and online access of examinations' results among others. I am glad to report that beginning with the conduct of the next examinations series, the Board will automate the process of receiving students' continuous assessment marks including industrial training marks from training institutions. The Board has shared all the training manuals online ahead of training of academic registrars once the training institutions are re-opened.

Hon. Minister, in view of the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact on learning training in Education Institutions, I implore the Ministry and the training Institutions to design

strategies and commit funds towards E-learning so that there is greater flexibility in training as well as self-paced learning.

Hon. Minister, at the recent release of UCPC and Advanced Craft examinations, the Board informed you about the plans for engaging industrial based stakeholders in assessment. I am glad to inform you that the Board has engaged Agencies such as National Water and Sewerage Corporation, Kakira Sugar works Ltd and Toyota Uganda Ltd who will continue to have a skills interface with the UBTEB Assessors and Staff and build their capacity and productivity following the trending Technological advancement.

Hon. Minister, as already reported by the Executive Secretary, we have enforced discipline in the conduct of examinations. The Board with your support has made it clear that we cannot handle examinations malpractice lightly. The Board is therefore recommending to you cancellation of results of the entire semester for 52 candidates that were engaged in examination malpractices. Trainees and parents therefore need to desist from the vice.

I wish to recognize and appreciate the Secretariat Staff, the Industry, Training Institutions, the Security and other Examination Managers at all levels for tirelessly working to ensure that these examination results were processed and released today.

Finally, I congratulate all the candidates whose results are being released today, their parents, guardians and sponsors for this great achievement.

I now take the pleasure to hand over the 15th series of the November/December, 2019 National Technical Certificates and Business Education examination results for release to the Public.

FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY

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