

PERMANENT SECRETARY'S REMARKS ON THE RELEASE OF THE UBTEB MAY/JUNE 2018 END OF PROGRAMME EXAMINATION RESULTS

Hon. Minister

The Chairperson and members of the UBTEB

The Executive Secretary and Staff of UBTEB

The Ministry Officials

The Representatives of Training Institutions and Examination Centres

Ladies and Gentlemen

I am honoured to witness the 12th release of UBTEB examinations results. The Ministry recognizes a diversity of efforts geared towards Skilling Uganda as the sustainable way of Human Capital Development if the young generation will be empowered to earn income out of their Education and Training.

Therefore, UBTEB has a great task of building the confidence in everybody that the assessments delivered are molding a Ugandan to potentially and in reality, earn out of the skills, competencies and values imparted and assessed.

Stakeholders should also note the transition that the sector is undergoing, ranging from curriculum reviews, to legal and institutional reforms in order to fix the contemporary challenges of the Ugandan population within the wider EAC bloc. The Ministry phased out the Skills development Authority and it has proposed the TVET council under the TVET Policy which if approved by Cabinet will bring tangible and meaningful changes in regulating the teaching, assessing and certification of skills.

You could have also observed Government commitment in streamlining institutions responsible for the delivery of quality education within cost-effective means.

Perhaps all institutions and stakeholders involved in Skilling should ponder about the following;

1. How do we increase the stake of the industry in skills Development agenda especially the involvement of the private sector in accommodating trainees in practical industrial trainings, apprenticeship and attachments; and in absorbing more of our graduates in employment?
2. How do we attract more young people, those who have not completed the primary cycle, those in formal education and those who have graduated but in theoretical studies into skilling institutions to make them more handy and self-reliant?
3. How do we raise the interest of those undergoing skills training, that it is yielding? How do we make it more interesting, more enterprising, and instilling more ambition among the trainees?

In the process of answering these questions, you would realize the need for strong collaboration between the private sector, the industry, and the training institutions, the NCDC, the UBTEB and the Ministry. We need consultative approaches that involve employers in the world of work and the industries that are ever promoting changing technologies.

The ministry appreciates the work of UBTEB and we pledge our commitment to support the assessment conducted by UBTEB. The Ministry has already shown good gesture in giving out to UBTEB land which will enable you to address office space issues and high operational costs. We also have given you additional funding to enable you execute your mandate under the reviewed curriculum. I am pleased to receive UBTEB's report that the circular I issued in November, 2017 to streamline the assessment and accreditation of Post O'level Certificate in Business Education and Training has increased the interest and number of students in the UBTEB exams. We will also continue dialoguing with the heads of BTVET

institutions to ensure more time and energies are invested in the teaching and learning of the trainees.

I congratulated you all for this day and look forward to more support, more linkages and collaborations. I thank you.

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