



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

SPEECH OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SPORTS

AT

**THE RELEASE OF THE NOV-DEC 2020, END OF PROGRAMME
EXAMINATIONS' RESULTS**

AT UBTEB SECRETARIAT

3RD SEPTEMBER, 2021

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

The Chairperson ESC and PSC,

The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education and Sports,

The Secretary, Education Service Commission

Members of the MoES Technical Team,

The Chairperson and Members of the Board,

Executive Secretary and Secretariat Staff, UBTEB,

Representatives of other Examination Boards,

The Directors of other Agencies,

Representatives from the World of Work,

Heads of Institutions Present,

Members of the Press,

Distinguished invited Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen

It gives me joy to release the UBTEB Nov-Dec 2020 end of Programme Examination results although the candidates sat for examinations in March, 2021 due to the challenges of COVID-19 pandemic. I applaud the Board, candidates, parents and guardians on today's achievement.

As the Ministry of Education and Sports, we are proud to release another set of Skilled Artisans and Technicians in Technical and Business professions. This is in line with the aspirations of NRM Government on

having young persons equipped with employable skills that can boost productivity and address youth unemployment challenge.

In order to guarantee a secure future for the young persons, Government has prioritized the need for production of skilled labour force. Government has planned for modularized Technical, Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in the National Development Plan III. This will boost productivity and technological advancement for sustainable development. The efforts of Government towards TVET have been progressive in terms of the ever growing numbers of trainees graduating from TVET institutions. I would like to thank the parents for choosing Skills-oriented career growth as this is the sure way of enabling improved livelihood through production and innovation.

I wish to appeal to the Industry and other players to support the Government's call on embracing TVET Trainees at all levels and other skills development programmes. Parents and the general public are therefore called upon to encourage our youth to join Technical and Vocational Education enable each young person gain employable skill from such training. The Economy needs more middle cadre technicians and artisans.

I have noted the Board's intervention and efforts towards providing flexible assessment through modular assessment in line with the

TVET Policy 2019 that provides for reforms on flexibility in provision of TVET. This will enable smooth progression of TVET graduates.

I have taken note of the request by the Board chairperson to fast track the TVET Bill meant to streamline training and assessment in TVET. The Ministry will put in more efforts towards this goal in addition to reforms so far implemented including delineating TVET from Higher Education through the creation of a Separate Directorate of TVET with Departments of TVET Operations and Management; TVET Trainers Training, Research and Innovation; and Health Education and Training. I am optimistic that once TVET Bill is passed, TVET training delivery, assessment and regulation will be streamlined. I now therefore appeal to the Public to support the TVET training through increased enrollment of the youth in Community Polytechnics and Vocational institutions so as to provide the right skills demanded by the world of work.

I have noted that the Board has embarked on the construction of the Assessment Centre and that the Government has allocated 4Bn in FY 2021/2022 to kick start the project in a phased manner. I do appreciate that this will contain state of art Item testing workshops to serve as a centre of technology and innovation. I wish also to commend the offer of one acre of land given to you by Uganda Investment Authority. I am happy to note that the Board will

establish a warehouse on this land as well as business incubation and innovation centre. I therefore pledge the support of the ministry to complete these projects.

Our campaigns for the involvement of the world of work have taken off with the results reported by the Board chairperson. It gives encouragement to see the world of work is being brought at the fore front of skills training and assessments through signing the MOUs with local partners. Competence Based Education and Training (CBET), Competence Based Curriculum and Competence Based Assessment should be emphasized for supporting flexible learning and skilling.

Allow me also applaud the efforts of the Board for utilizing the online platforms using their Examination Information Management System to register students and upload continuous assessment marks, which minimized physical contacts that reduced the chances of COVID-19 spread.

I am happy to note that the Board is making preparations to be ready for the conduct of online assessment of TVET trainees at an appropriate time.

In the awake of the Covid-19 pandemic, the MOES has undertaken various steps to ensure continuity of learning and other processes.

The technical team of the Ministry is doing all it takes to ensure that training continues. I now take the opportunity to call upon the staff and trainees in TVET institutions to get vaccinated as Government undertakes measures to reopen education institutions. Once the institutions are open everyone is encouraged to adhere to the various Standard Operating Procedures as will be guided by the Ministry of Health.

I am grateful to the parents, guardians and sponsors who have continued to support trainees with Special Needs that attend TVET training and assessment. This is a true reflection of the commitment towards inclusive Education and Training. I am happy to learn that the Board has established a Special Needs Unit to attend to issues of Trainees with special needs.

I congratulate these trainees for their successful completion. I appeal to Ugandans to ensure that no child is left behind in TVET training and assessment.

I have taken note of the candidates whose results have been recommended by the Board for withholding and cancellation due to involvement in examination malpractices. The ministry does not tolerate any form of examination malpractice.

I once again, wish to congratulate all candidates, parents and guardians for their tireless and commendable work. I equally commend the Board

and Staff and the entire team at the Ministry and other Agencies of Government that ensured smooth conduct of the examinations.

I now appeal to the graduates to be proactive in showcasing and sharing their skills with the world of work in order to earn a living.

It is now my singular duty and honor to release results of November-December 2020 to the public.

For God and My Country.

HON. JANET KATAAHA MUSEVENI

FIRST LADY AND MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SPORTS