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The Rt Hon Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda Robinah Nabbanja receives an award at the Global Power Women Conference in New York



Uganda will host the 11th Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD-11) in April 2025. The Deputy Executive Secretary Mr. Antonio Pedro of the United Nations Economic Commission on Africa at the launch of the ARFSD-11 Preparatory Activities on 4th September 2024.

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Uganda presents her Third Voluntary National Review Report at the High Level Political Forum in New York (15th July 2024).

Read full VNR Report via:

<https://sdgs.opm.go.ug/2024/07/19/ugandas-third-voluntary-national-review-vnr-report-2024/>

This year, Uganda was among the 37 Countries that presented their Voluntary National Review (VNR) reports. Uganda was presenting a third review report having presented the first and second in 2016 and 2020 respectively. The VNR report was developed through a consultative process including Civil Society Organizations, private sector, academia, youth organizations. Through the VNR presentation and

side events, Uganda shared its good practices with the rest of member states. Uganda also presented an SDG journey Video aimed to increase public awareness of Uganda's commitment and progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), showcase successful initiatives and ongoing efforts in sustainable development, and inspire both local and global engagement in achieving these goals.

Watch the video via:

<https://youtu.be/PyFYs7geLCw>



Rt. Hon Prime Minister Robinah Nabbanja while presenting Uganda's third Voluntary National Review Report at the High Level Political Forum in New York on 15th July 2024.

The presentation of the VNR was during the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) from Monday July 8th to Thursday July 18th, 2024 under the theme **“Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions.”** Uganda's delegation was led by the Rt. Hon Robinah Nabbanja the Prime Minister



Presentation of Uganda's Third Voluntary National Review (VNR) Report on SDGs at the High Level Political Forum 2024

Date
15th July, 2024

Time
3:00 - 4:00pm (NY Time)

Venue
Conference Room 4
United Nations Headquarters





Rt. Hon Prime Minister making a statement on behalf of Group 77+China on 15th July 2024 at the United Nations head Quarters in NewYork.

On the first day of the Ministerial session at the High Level Political Forum, the Rt. Hon Prime Minister presented a statement on behalf of the G77+China. Rt. Hon Prime Minister making a statement on behalf of Group 77+China on 15th July 2024 at the United Nations head Quarters in NewYork.

On behalf of the Group, the Prime Minister stressed the importance of fully implementing the Secretary General's proposal for the SDG Stimulus for developing countries to tackle the high cost of debt and rising risks of debt distress, to enhance support to developing countries and to massively scale up affordable long-term financing for development and expand contingency financing to countries in need.

A poster for Uganda's Side Event at the HLPF 2024. It features the Ugandan coat of arms at the top. The text reads: "UGANDA'S SIDE EVENT AT HLPF 2024", "National models and innovations to accelerate national SDG commitments for inclusive socio-economic transformation: A case study for Uganda's Parish Development Model", "Format: In-person", "Supported by Sight Savers", "Date: Thursday 11th July, 2024", "Time: 1:15-2:30pm NY Time, USA", "Venue: UN Headquarters Conference Room B". At the bottom, there is a row of 17 SDG icons.

The Government of Uganda in partnership with Sight Savers International, UN Women convened a side event at Uganda the UN Conference Centre Conference Room B under auspices of the HLPF. The side event was organized under the theme **Leaving No One Behind' Experiences of SDG localization and the Leaving No One behind practices for accelerated delivery of SDGs in Uganda.** Key to note was the need to strengthen documentation, monitoring and reporting and increasing transparency and accountability of PDM at local level.





Delegates posing for a group photo after Uganda's side event on July 11th, 2024 at the UN Headquarters in New York

Uganda also held bilateral meetings including a courtesy call meeting with the President of the UN General Assembly, a meeting with Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister of the Republic of Belarus, a meeting with the Assistant Secretary General

for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator and a meeting with the UN under-secretary General and executive secretary of Economic commission for Africa (UNECA).



Rt. Hon Prime Minister 3rd left flanked by Uganda's Permanent Representative to the UN H.E. Ambassador Dr. Adonia Ayebare, Prof Pamela Mbabazi on the left and Hon. Minister Norbert Mao 2nd right with H.E Dennis Francis President UN General Assembly 3rd right at the UN Headquarters on 16th July 2024



Rt. Hon Prime Minister 4th right, Mr. Claver Gatete on her left with other participants after the meeting at Uganda House in New York on 17th July 2024..



The Rt Hon Prime Minister of Uganda Robinah Nabbanja delivers a statement at the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly on 23rd September 2024 in New York

The 79th Session of the United Nations General Assembly was held in New York, from 21st - 28th September, 2024, under the Presidency of H.E. Amb. Philemon Young of Cameroon. It was a unique session with two distinct components held during the high level week, namely the Summit of the Future which took place on 22nd - 23rd September, 2024 and the annual UN General Assembly from 24th – 28th September 2024. The events were held under different themes. The theme for the Summit of the Future was **‘Multilateral solutions for a better tomorrow’**, and that of the 79th Session was **“Leaving no one behind: acting together for the advancement of peace, sustainable development and human dignity for present and future generations”**.

The Prime Minister’s address highlighted key issues concerning Uganda’s priorities, emphasizing peace, security, and socio-economic development. She stressed the importance of adhering to the UN Charter to prevent future wars and called for the full implementation of global frameworks to advance

socio-economic development. Regional conflicts, she noted, require comprehensive solutions beyond security, urging for local and regional initiatives to foster peace and stability, essential for inclusive economic growth. The Prime Minister rejected major power confrontations, which undermine global responses to security and development, and advocated for UN Security Council reform, calling for two Permanent and two Non-Permanent African seats to address historical injustices. She also emphasized the right to development without politicization, advocating for fair access to technology and capital for socio-economic transformation. Financing challenges were highlighted, especially sovereign debt, which should be concessional for low-income countries. She called for enhanced international tax cooperation, ensuring multinational corporations pay taxes where they operate, and combating illicit financial flows. Uganda’s key sectors for wealth and job creation include agro-processing, tourism, mining, and ICT. Lastly, she emphasized the critical need for affordable energy and high-quality internet connectivity to drive inclusive development.

Summit of the Future

The Summit of the Future, took place on 22nd – 23rd September, 2024 under the theme: ‘Multilateral solutions for a better tomorrow’. The outcome document entitled “*A Pact for the Future*”, was adopted together with its annexes, the Global Digital Compact and Declaration on Future Generations. The ‘Pact of the Future’ and its annexes, are blue prints that will guide future global governance to realize actionable global commitments for the coming decades. Uganda represented by Ambassador Adonia Ayebare as Chair of G77 and China, coordinated a year long complex process of negotiations.

Following the adoption of the “Pact of the Future,” Uganda’s Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Robinah Nabbanja, delivered statements on behalf of the Group of 77 and China at the General Assembly. The key points included a recommitment to multilateral cooperation.



She highlighted that developing countries face disproportionate impacts from climate change, biodiversity loss, and environmental degradation, which hinder their sustainable development efforts.

During the 79th UNGA, The Rt. Hon. Prime Minister held six (6) bilateral meeting during her stay.



The Rt Hon Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda Robinah Nabbanja (R) in a bilateral meeting with H.E Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa, Assistant Secretary General, UNDP Regional Director for Africa.



Rt Hon Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda Robinah Nabbanja poses for a photo with H.E Mr. Prithvirajsingh Roopun, President of Mauritius after a bilateral meeting.



The Rt Hon Prime Minister of Uganda Robinah Nabbanja poses for a photo with the United Nations Secretary General His Excellency Antonio Guterres after the bilateral meeting at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Other bilateral meetings included the meeting with H.E Mr. Philemon Yang, President of the 79th Session of the General Assembly, meeting with H.E Mr. Moussa Faki, Chairperson of the African Union Commission, meeting with H.E Sheikh Shahboot Bin Nahyan Al Nahyan, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of U.A.E, and meeting with Prof Jeffrey Sacks and Investors. At the sideline of the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly, Uganda participated in events that included; 6th Meeting of the European Cooperate Council of Africa and the Middle East (ECAM) Uniting Continents – Forging Cooperation in Healthcare, Education, Research, the Agro – Industry and Green Energy; Generation Equality dialogue on Multilateralism in times of pushback and regression held at UN Women Head Quarters in NY and hosted by the Deputy Executive Director of UN Women; and the Global Power Women Conference 2024.

In addition, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda presided over the activities of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and the G77 + China. These included; Ministerial Meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of NAM (NAM-COB) which was held on 23rd September 2024. The Meeting adopted a Political Declaration on the theme: “Protecting Civilians in Armed Conflict: Standing in Solidarity with the Palestine People”. ; The 48th Annual Ministerial Level Meeting of the G-77 and China was held on 27th September 2024. It adopted two declarations - one the theme “Addressing financing challenges to support the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and achievement of its Sustainable Development Goals for leaving no one or country behind”. The second is a Declaration for the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Group of 77 and China. And the Ministerial Committee of the NAM on Palestine which was held on 26th September 2024, adopted a Political Declaration on Palestine.



Uganda's youth side event under the theme "Acceleration of the 2030 Agenda Through Youth Empowerment and Participation in Development in Africa" held on 20th September 2024 was officiated by the Rt Hon Prime Minister. It was hosted by the Government of Uganda in collaboration with the African Union and UNDP officiated by the Rt Hon Prime Minister on 20th September 2024 hosted by the Uganda Government in collaboration with the African Union and UNDP. The meeting was able to: review mechanisms for coordination amongst all actors supporting youth engagement and consultations in the context of SDG implementation and review; provide an opportunity to deliberate and elaborate further on how to better strengthen participation of the youth in national planning, policy making at the national, regional and global levels and in holding Governments and Development actors to account; develop concrete, realistic and workable policy and programme recommendations for improving the role and participation of the youth in the implementation of the SDGs commitments and national development strategies

Uganda's Prime Minister Rt Hon. Robinah Nabbanja wins the Global Inspirational Leadership Award

The Prime Minister delivered a Keynote Address and received a "Global Inspirational Leadership Award" during the Global Power Women Conference 2024 in New York. The event ran under the theme *"Advancing the Transformative Power of Technology through Women's Lens: Shaping the Future of Business and Governance."*

While receiving the global award, Nabbanja said that Uganda has made substantial strides towards gender equality through progressive laws and policies. The Prime Minister also noted that women need further empowerment to transform the world especially in the financial sector.



The Rt Hon Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda Robinah Nabbanja poses for a photo with other awardees

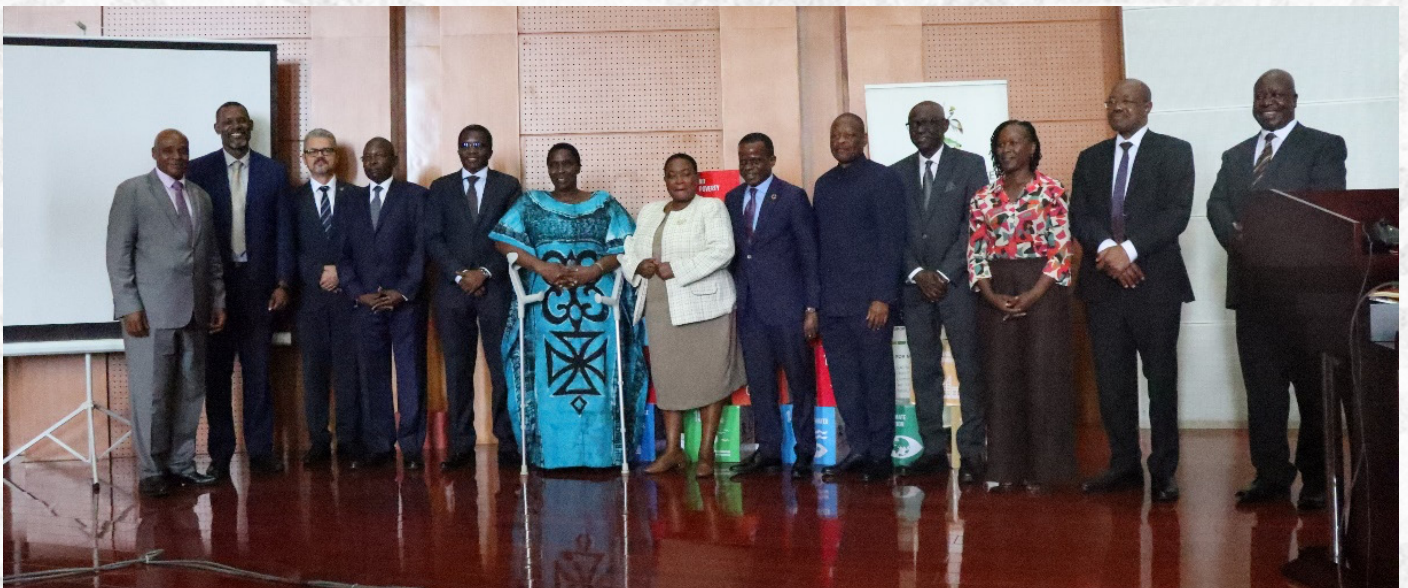


The Rt Hon Robinah Nabbanja receiving the Global Inspirational Leadership Award at the Global Power Conference 2024 in New York

Uganda wins bid to host the eleventh session of the African Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD-11)

In August 2024, the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Mr. Claver Gatete confirmed Uganda's hosting of the eleventh session of the Africa Regional Forum for Sustainable Development. This was later followed by the scoping mission and the launch of the preparatory activities for the ARFSD-11. On 4th September 2024, the Government of Uganda, through the Office of the Prime Minister, launched the preparatory activities

for the 11th Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD-11), in collaboration with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and various key stakeholders. ARFSD-11, to be held in Kampala in April 2025, will focus on advancing sustainable, inclusive, science-driven, and evidence-based solutions aligned with the 2030 Agenda and Africa's Agenda 2063.



The Rt. Hon Robinah Nabbanja and Government officials including Ministers pose for a photo with the UNECA scoping team led by the Executive Secretary of UNECA Mr. Antonio Pedro after the launch of the preparatory activities for the ARFSD-11



The Rt Hon Prime Minister of Uganda Robinah Nabbanja while launching the Preparatory activities of the ARFSD-11 on 4th September 2024 at the Conference Hall, Office of the President, Kampala

The eleventh session of ARFSD, themed "Driving Job Creation and Economic Growth through Sustainable Inclusive Science and Evidence-Based Solutions for the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063," will gather ministers, officials, experts, and stakeholders from the private sector, civil society, academic institutions, and United Nations entities.

To organize the forum, the political Committee was formed and is chaired by the Rt. Hon Prime Minister, (The members of this committee include the Office of the Prime Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Trade,

Industry and Cooperatives, Ministry of Gender Labor and Social Development, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Works and Transport, Ministry of Water and Environment, Ministry of Information, Communications and Technology, and Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives.



The Permanent Secretary
Office of the Prime Minister,
Mr. Dunstan Balaba while
chairing the first National
Organizing Committee
Meeting for the ARFSD on 13th
September 2024.

The National Organizing Committee was also formed, chaired by the Permanent Secretary of the Office of the Prime Minister, to oversee all preparations.

The National Organizing Committee comprises other committees which include; technical subcommittee, the Finance, Logistics and resource mobilization subcommittee, the Transport subcommittee,

Exhibitions subcommittee, Accommodation and Welfare subcommittee, Health subcommittee, Accreditation subcommittee, Communications and documentation subcommittee, Security and Protocol subcommittee, Tourism subcommittee, IT subcommittee, VISA subcommittee and Entertainment subcommittee.

Dr Albert Byamugisha, the
Head of the National SDGs
Secretariat, Office of the
Prime Minister while chairing
the ECA-SDG Secretariat
Technical team meeting for
the ARFSD-11 on 15th October
2024.



Pre High Level Political Forum CSO Dialogue on Uganda's 2024 VNR Report



Mr. Pascal Byarugaba, from the National SDG Secretariat in the Office of the Prime Minister while giving remarks at the Pre-HLPP CSO Dialogue at Mestil Hotel on 4th July 2024.

Ahead of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF), the Uganda National NGO Forum (UNNGOF), under the CSO SDG Core Reference Group, organized a Pre-HLPP CSO Dialogue. The event served as a platform for discussing the third VNR report, where civil society actors built consensus on key messages for the HLPF.

The dialogue underscored critical issues such as youth engagement, women's inclusion, the need for localized SDG discussions, the importance of multi-stakeholder partnerships, and the necessity of disaggregated data for vulnerable groups.

SDG Localisation

Localizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) involves turning global ambitions into actionable steps that have a tangible impact within communities. In Uganda, this requires embedding the SDGs within local development frameworks

and engaging stakeholders from grassroots communities to district leaders.

The recent dissemination of the Third Voluntary National Review (VNR) Report, the Leave No One



Mr Steven Maweje (L), a statistician from the Office of the Prime Minister/ Uganda Bureau of Statistics poses for a photo with the Adjumani District Head of Planning Unit after the SDG Data and Statistics localization exercise.

Behind (LNOB) National Assessment Report, and the SDG Data Fact Sheet across multiple districts exemplifies this commitment to localization. In August and September 2024, the National SDG Secretariat, operating under the Office of the Prime Minister, engaged the districts of Ntungamo, Gulu, Lira, Maracha, Nwoya, Mbarara, Bushenyi, Rubirizi, Lyantonde, Iganga, Bugweri, Bukedea, Mbale, Pallisa, Kibuku, Kumi, Busia, Namayingo, Mayuge, Budaka, Bugiri, Masindi, Zombo, Packwach, Nebbi, Koboko, Arua, Adjumani, Yumbe, and Arua City to enhance local ownership and strengthen Uganda's sustainable development efforts.

These field activities focused on several key objectives. Primarily, they aimed to provide detailed insights into Uganda's progress on the SDGs and identify implementation challenges, as highlighted in the VNR Report. By sharing the LNOB report, the sessions raised awareness about structural inequalities, stressing the importance of inclusive development strategies. Additionally, the SDG Data Fact Sheet offered stakeholders up-to-date information crucial for informed decision-making and policy formulation.

In each district, the Secretariat conducted entry meetings with political and technical leaders, distributing digital copies of the reports to Chief Administrative Officers and planners for broader distribution across local government structures. This inclusive approach, which also emphasized

data integration and SDG indicators within district development plans, ensured comprehensive engagement across all levels of local administration, reinforcing Uganda's commitment to achieving the 2030 Agenda through localized, data-driven approaches.

Uganda Makes Strides on Gender Equality and Inclusion: VNR Assessment Reveals Progress and Challenges

In a groundbreaking move to understand Uganda's commitment to gender equality, equity, and inclusion, the Centre for Learning on Evaluation and Results Anglophone Africa (CLEAR-AA) has joined forces with Uganda's Office of the Prime Minister, the SDG Secretariat. A consultative workshop on 26th -29th August 2024 at Protea Skyz hotel Kampala brought together key players in Uganda's VNR process. Participants lauded the government's efforts to strengthen and integrate equity, equality, and

inclusion in VNR reporting. Notable achievements include incorporating gender and equity compliance into the national budget; prioritizing gender and inclusion in the National Development Plan III (NDPIII); and embedding gender mainstreaming in performance assessments of government bodies. The workshop emphasized the need for coordinated, cross-sector efforts to advance gender equality and inclusion, paving the way for comprehensive and sustainable solutions.



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Participants of the diagnostic assessment pose for a group photo

The Leave No One Behind National Assessment Report 2024:

Read the Full report via:

<https://sdgs.opm.go.ug/2024/07/22/ugandas-leave-no-one-behind-report-2024-ugandas-commitment-to-inclusive-development/>

Uganda's progress in inclusive development is exemplified by the publication of the 2024 "Leave No One Behind" (LNOB) report, a critical analysis conducted by the SDG Secretariat at the Office of the Prime Minister in collaboration with UN Women Uganda. The report highlights structural inequalities affecting marginalized groups, using comprehensive qualitative and quantitative methodologies across 15 districts. It underscores the importance of enhanced data collection, robust social protection systems, inclusive economic policies, and equitable access to education, healthcare, and employment, emphasizing the need for collaboration among government, civil society, and international partners.

The Leave No One Behind Report and the SDG Data Fact Sheet

Read the Fact Sheet via:

<https://sdgs.opm.go.ug/2024/07/24/ugandas-sdg-vnr-fact-sheet-2024/>

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Data Fact Sheet 2024 is an analytical document that outlines Uganda's advancements toward the 2030 Agenda. It contains data on 127 of the 201 relevant SDG indicators, curated and updated by the Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS) and the SDG Secretariat. This ensures the provision of accurate and timely information crucial for monitoring Uganda's SDG progress. The fact sheet offers an in-depth analysis of key metrics across various sectors, highlighting trends and areas requiring accelerated efforts.





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