



The Republic of Uganda

REMARKS BY
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MINISTER
DURING THE
OFFICIAL CLOSURE OF THE RETREAT OF POLITICAL
AND TECHNICAL STAFF OF OPM
AT
KOLOLO CEREMONIAL GROUNDS

Thursday 23rd December 2021

Your Excellency, the President of Republic of Uganda

The Rt. Hon Prime Minister,

Rt Hon Deputy Prime Ministers
Hon Ministers

The Head of Public Service

The Director NALI

Technical staff

Ladies and Gentlemen

I welcome you all to this ceremony at which we are closing the retreat for Political and technical staff that we held at the National Leadership Institute Kyankwanzi (NALI).

All staff have been anxiously looking forward to this day when they will be able to hear from you.

I thank the Rt Hon Prime Minister for directing and guiding us to ensure that the retreat took place.

I thank all the ministers and technical staff for participating actively in the retreat.

Your Excellency, I was personally not able to attend the retreat as I was still making recovery, but I was closely following the program, including the resolutions that came out of it.

I also want to use this opportunity to thank you, Your Excellency for giving me an opportunity to continue serving Government, this time in the Office of the Prime Minister.

I have already reported to office and I am supervising OPM staff to ensure that we improve the way we work.

I want to assure you, Your Excellency, that with the guidance of the Rt Hon Prime Minister and the political leadership, I am already leading the technical team of the Office of the Prime Minister to ensure that the post-Kyankwanzi period brings more effectiveness in the performance and quality of work of the staff of OPM.

Your Excellency, already we are introducing reforms to ensure close monitoring, supervision, value for money and to plug any possible gaps in service delivery.

I want to ensure that staff of OPM build their confidence to do the right things. We want to make sure that the laws of Uganda are followed to the letter while discharging our duties.

In particular, the laws relating to public procurement and public finance management will be strictly enforced going forward.

As an example, we are also going to improve the tracking of supplies from OPM stores by installing an electronic system so that we remove avenues for possible malpractice.

Your Excellency, I am committed to support the Rt Hon Prime Minister and the political leadership to make sure that the image of OPM is protected and enhanced.

Thank you for listening to me.