



The Republic of Uganda
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
THE PUBLIC POLICY EXECUTIVE OVERSIGHT FORUM
THE INAUGURAL APEX PLATFORM MEETING

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Government of Uganda during a Cabinet meeting held on **November 5th, 2018**, discussed and approved the “**APEX Platform**” Framework and tasked the Office of the President to fast track its operationalization for effective Public Policy Management.

The Presidency has since engaged with all key stakeholders to come up with an Operations Manual for effective implementation of this Policy Management Reform.

The Operations Manual was launched by H.E the President on **27th March, 2021** at the National Leadership Institute (NALI) Kyankwanzi and thereafter the Reform was flagged off by the then Rt. Hon. Prime Minister on **8th April, 2021** for Operationalisation.

This Forum creates a platform where Office of the President presents a Results Report (in terms of outcomes and impact) on development interventions to H.E the President before the members of Cabinet and the Permanent Secretaries among others.

The above report, is as a result of a comprehensive and rigorous exercise involving Field Monitoring/Inspection Exercises, Independent Studies, Dialogues involving implementers and all other stakeholders as well as collective resolutions and recommendations intended to inform Executive Decision Making.

The NDP III Program Implementation Architecture places the **“APEX Platform”** at the highest level of Public Policy Management just below Cabinet.

The Framework provides for four core Institutions of Government namely; Office of the President (Executive Oversight), Office of the Prime Minister (Implementation Coordination), Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (Resource Mobilisation and allocation), and National Planning Authority (Alignment of the Interventions to the National Development Goals); to meet and discuss issues, Programme/Project implementation along the Project Life Cycle. Uptake best Practices and learn from failure drivers.

Since the inauguration of the new Cabinet, HE the President re-issued the 23 Strategic Guidelines and Directives which he believes that if well implemented would lead Uganda to attain the middle-income status. These Directives had been issued in the previous government with the anticipation of achieving a middle-income status by 2020 but this did not happen due to unexplained reasons by MDAs.

H.E the President implored the Cabinet to undertake performance assessment of these Directives with the objective of finding out what was achieved, what was not achieved, why it wasn't achieved and what needs to be done in order to achieve the objectives of the Strategic Guidelines and Directives.

With the introduction of this Forum (APEX Platform), we deemed it necessary to examine the performance of these 23 Strategic Guidelines and Directives. For the last one year, we have been engaged in activities of performance monitoring and assessment of these Directives including,

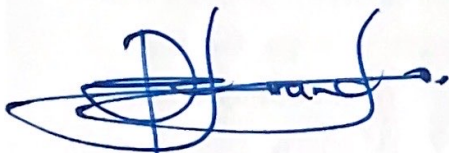
1. On-spot Monitoring and Inspection activities of key government projects.
2. Engaged key institutions of government namely, National Planning Authority, Office of the Prime Minister, Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development, and Operation Wealth Creation to provide independent reports.
3. Synthesized the above reports and engaged in dialogues at the various levels and came up with conclusions and recommendations that we shall now be presenting to H.E the President for his guidance.

This is in line with the mission of the Office of the President which is "To provide Leadership in Public Policy Management and Promotion of Good Governance Practices for National Development".

Therefore, I am here to inform the general public that the **APEX Platform** is now fully operationalised as directed by Cabinet and its maiden report featuring "*The performance assessment of the 23 Presidential Strategic Guidelines and Directives*" will be inaugurated on the **3rd May 2022** at Kololo Ceremonial Grounds by H.E the President.

Thank you.

FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY



Hon. **PETER OGWANG**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC MONITORING

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