

# TALKING POINTS FOR NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

1. What is the 1<sup>st</sup> National Agricultural Education Symposium/show June 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, Ministry of Education and Sports and UNAFFE

## 2. Why?

### **Uganda is an Agricultural country**

- Uganda has the youngest population 75% - below age 30 years
- 50% of the age is living in poverty stricken areas
- 400,000 youth complete school every year and compete for only 9000 jobs available.
- 310,000 youth are unemployed yet they have completed school.
- Agriculture has the biggest potential to cater for the 310,000 youth with employment challenges.

### **Why hold the NAES?**

- Education has 15million children/students in school. Biggest population of the youth are in school.

- Review of the Lower Secondary School Curriculum made agriculture one of the 21 subjects. Need to make it compulsory.
- Vision 2040 transformation of Uganda from peasantry to middle income status.
- NDP III Human Resource Development can't transform the population without education.
- SDG 16 inclusivity approach to development where the people must be part and partial of the development
- Vision African 2063 Innovative ability of young people in addressing their problems, critical thinking ability, youth identify challenges and propose solutions.
- Ministry of Education and Sports Strategic plan 2020-2025 alignment to the career guidance handbook which emphasizes enlightening students and other stakeholders in Education on contemporary and emerging trends in the world of work, agriculture is advanced e.g. smart farming whereby you can undertake agriculture with an application while sitting in your room

### **Who is involved?**

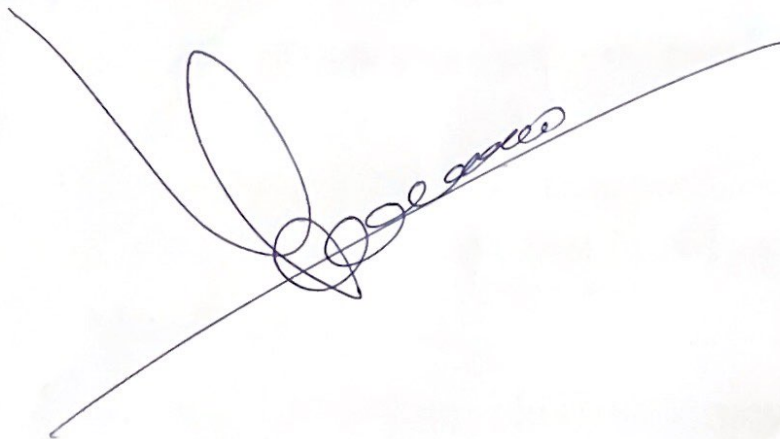
- Universities, teaching agriculture
- Tertiary institutions(farm schools, technical schools and NTCs)
- Secondary schools (centres of excellence)



- Primary schools teaching and practicing agriculture
- MAAIF (NARO, NAGRIC).

### **Show Activities**

- Exhibitions on new innovations in agriculture teaching and practice.
- Essay writing on ones experience at the farm.
- School quiz on why agriculture should be taught in schools
- School poem for Primary and Secondary on the theme, farming for prosperous future
- Debate on the future of agriculture in Uganda by universities and tertiary institutions
- Dialogues with financial institutions, agri businesses, value chain actors, government ministries, departments and agencies

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