



PRESS RELEASE

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS MUST ADOPT ACCOUNTABILITY CULTURE

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For three days next week, all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) will pitch camp at the Kololo Independence Grounds to showcase their services.

The exhibition is an accountability drive to show the public how collected revenue is put to use by MDAs. It will run from September 27-29, 2017.

Appreciating Uganda's Taxpayer; The Nexus between Public Accountability and Tax Compliance is the theme of the activities at Kololo. The activities are well in line with our ambition of opening up Government for transparency and accountability.

In accordance with the theme, I urge all MDAs to adopt a culture of accounting to the public – the taxpayers who facilitate Government programs through tax.

This can be done through press conferences, radio and television talk shows, exhibitions and *barazas* at which chief executive officers field questions from the public.

Ultimately, the knowledge that money has been invested well-roads, schools, hospitals, security among others would culminate into increased compliance.

I urge members of the public to throng Kololo to appreciate what the Government is doing in terms of service delivery.

Additionally, I urge the public to take advantage of free medical services like cancer screening, yellow fever vaccination, verification of land titles and Uganda Revenue Authority's online services.

Finally, I thank Uganda Revenue Authority for championing this exhibition. It is my payer that it becomes an annual event and spreads to the countryside to benefit all Ugandans.

I thank you for coming.

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