

**22/5/2018**

CABINET DECISIONS TAKEN DURING THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21ST MAY, 2018 AT STATE HOUSE ENTEBBE.

Cabinet:

1. Approved the National Coffee Bill, 2018. The Bill is intended:

- (i) To repeal and replace the Uganda Coffee Development Authority Statute Cap.325 with the National Coffee Act (2018);
- (ii) To facilitate the development of a competitive, equitable and sustainable Coffee Industry by promoting Coffee research, good Coffee farming practices, domestic consumption of Coffee and adding value to Coffee;
- (iii) To provide for the Authority to regulate all on-farm and off-farm activities in the Coffee value chain;
- (iv) To streamline and harmonize the roles of the Institutions involved in the development of the coffee Sub-sector;
- (v) To provide for the Uganda Coffee Development Authority to regulate, promote and oversee the Coffee Sub-Sector;
- (vi) To provide for a Coffee Auction System.

2. Approved the Principles for the Fisheries and Aquaculture Bill, 2018. The objectives of the Bill include the following:

- (i) To strengthen coordination, organization, management and development of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Sub-Sector;
- (ii) To manage and develop Fisheries and Aquaculture resources guided by the best scientific evidence;
- (iii) To sustainably increase human resources, knowledge, skills and expertise among staff and other actors throughout the entire Fisheries and Aquaculture Sub-Sector;
- (iv) To promote and sustain availability of adequate fish for Domestic, Regional and International markets;
- (v) To support Fisheries and Aquaculture management practices and technologies that are environmentally friendly and climate resilient;
- (vi) To prevent and control the introduction of pathogens, disease-causing organisms and contaminants as well as invasive species within the Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector;

(vii) To create a conducive investment environment through aqua parks to increase fish production and productivity; and

(viii) To ensure availability of effective monitoring systems, adequate and relevant information for planning and decision making.