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Uganda to Host Digital Government Africa Summit 2026

Kampala, Uganda – 10th October 2025: Uganda has been selected to host the Digital Government Africa Summit (DGA) 2026, a premier continental platform that brings together African leaders, policymakers, and innovators to advance digital governance. The announcement was made in Lusaka, Zambia, during the closing ceremony of the Digital Government Africa Summit 2025, coinciding with Uganda's 63rd Independence Anniversary celebrations.

The declaration was made by Hon. Dr. Chris Baryomunsi, Minister of ICT and National Guidance, who led Uganda's delegation to the summit. Addressing delegates, Dr. Baryomunsi said Uganda was honoured to host the next edition of the Digital Government Africa Summit and looked forward to welcoming the continent to Kampala from 6th to 8th October 2026, just a day before Uganda's 64th Independence Anniversary. He noted that the summit would provide a platform to showcase Africa's progress in digital transformation and reaffirm the continent's shared commitment to citizen-centred e-governance.

Behind this milestone was a coordinated effort led by the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance, working closely with the National Information Technology Authority–Uganda (NITA-U), which played a pivotal role in engaging the DGA conveners and steering the process that secured Uganda's hosting rights for the 2026 edition. Dr. Baryomunsi commended the teamwork between the Ministry and NITA-U, saying it demonstrated Uganda's readiness and capacity to lead continental dialogue on digital transformation.

The Digital Government Africa Summit 2025, officially opened by His Excellency Hakainde Hichilema, President of the Republic of Zambia, brought together high-level delegations from over 30 African countries, development partners, and global technology leaders.

The summit focused on Digital Public Infrastructure, Artificial Intelligence, Data Governance, and Cybersecurity, aligning with the African Union's Digital Transformation Strategy (2020–2030).

Uganda's delegation to Lusaka included Hon. Gen. David Muhoozi, Minister of State for Internal Affairs; Maj. General Apollo Kasiita Gowa, the Chief of Immigration; Dr. Hatwib Mugasa, Executive Director, National Information Technology Authority–Uganda (NITA-U); Ms. Rosemary Kitembo, Executive Director, National Identification and Registration Authority (NIRA); and Mr. Ambrose Ruyooka, Acting Commissioner for ICT Research and Development at the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance.

Zambia's Minister of Technology and Science, Hon. Felix Mutati, and Mr. Percy Chinyama, National Coordinator of the SMART Zambia Institute, congratulated Uganda on the achievement and pledged Zambia's full support during the transition to the next host nation. They commended Uganda's leadership for championing digital governance across Africa and reaffirmed the importance of collaboration in building inclusive, citizen-driven digital systems.

The upcoming Digital Government Africa Summit 2026, to be held in Kampala, will provide a continental platform for sharing experiences, fostering collaboration, and showcasing progress in digital, inclusive, and citizen-focused governance systems. It will also highlight Uganda's achievements under the Digital Transformation Roadmap (2023/24–2027/28), which focuses on strengthening digital infrastructure, services, skills, cybersecurity, and innovation as key drivers of socio-economic growth.

Dr. Baryomunsi emphasised that hosting the summit in Uganda highlights the country's growing leadership in Africa's digital transformation journey and reflects the government's commitment to building a connected, data-driven, and inclusive future for all Africans.

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