



**THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA**

**COUNTRY STATEMENT BY  
THE HEAD OF THE UGANDA DELEGATION,  
HON. SIMON D'UJANGA, THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENERGY  
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**Mr. President,**

On behalf of my delegation, the Government and the people of the Republic of Uganda; I wish to congratulate you on your election as the President of this 60<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the International Atomic Energy Agency - General Conference. I also seize the opportunity to congratulate the Agency upon the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *ms for Peace*.

My delegation welcomes Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and the Islamic Republic of the Gambia to the IAEA family.

**Mr. President,**

Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) requires concerted effort by all stakeholders. My Delegation appreciates the contribution being made by the IAEA under the leadership of the Director General, Ambassador Yukiya Amano towards bringing the world closer to achieving the SDGs targets. We recognise the Agency's support in water resources management, human health, increased industrial competitiveness, electricity generation, food and agriculture, and I wish to note that this year's scientific forum will highlight the pivotal role of nuclear technology in realising the Sustainable Development Goals.

**Mr. President,**

Cancer continues to be a global challenge and the cancer incidence in Uganda is about 300 new cancer cases for every population of 100,000 persons.

To address this challenge, Uganda has taken steps in line with WHO recommendations to adopt a planned response to the cancer crisis by initiating a Comprehensive National Cancer Control Programme. This programme emphasises prevention of cancers through early detection so that cases can be cured, and palliative care provided to patients with advanced cases.

My delegation thanks the Agency for the technical assistance in form of human resource training and support towards diagnosis and treatment of cancer. More specifically, I wish to commend the Agency for the prompt response and technical assistance towards the process of restoring teletherapy services in the wake of the breakdown of Cobalt-60 machine early this year. I wish to reaffirm that my country will continue to cooperate with the Agency to restore these services.

**Mr. President,**

International and Regional partnerships continue to play an important role in the country's development. My delegation wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to the Agency for its continued support to regional initiatives and AFRA in particular. Uganda has benefited from this initiative through increased human resource pool.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the AFRA Member States for having confidence in my country to host the 28<sup>th</sup> Technical Working Group Meeting (TWGM) and National Liaison Officer (NLO) meeting in Kampala. Uganda the

Pearl of Africa, will demonstrate solidarity with AFRA member States by ensuring successful deliberations.

**Mr. President,**

In the bid to realize universal access to affordable electricity by 2030, there is need to explore all available options for electricity generation, such as; geothermal, nuclear, solar, wind and increasing hydropower generation, among others. My country continues to assess the energy resources potential to ensure sustainable exploitation of these resources. The Contribution of IAEA in energy planning, geothermal exploration, uranium exploration and evaluation is highly appreciated. My Government is committed to these developments and will continue to pursue them.

**Mr. President,**

Recent studies in Uganda's energy sub-sector indicated that the generation potential from local renewable sources using the existing technologies will not be able to meet future energy needs. Therefore, in an effort towards achieving reliable supply of electricity for industrialization and poverty eradication, my Country will continue to develop all available resources including nuclear power to meet the future electricity needs for social economic development.

From international experience, it takes between 10 – 15 years from planning to commission the first nuclear power plant. My Government has therefore, approved a five year “***Nuclear Power Infrastructure Development Project***” to prepare the

basic infrastructure for nuclear power. My delegation applauds the Agency for the technical assistance given towards supporting prefeasibility studies for the nuclear power programme using the Agency's Milestone Approach.

**Mr. President,**

With nuclear power prospects and the significant rise of atomic energy applications in the country, my delegation would like to reaffirm its commitment towards strengthening her national infrastructure for nuclear Safety, Security and Safeguards.

Finally, I also wish to thank the IAEA officials and professionals who work tirelessly in offering technical support to my country. This further serves to strengthen the partnership and cooperation between my country and the Agency.

I thank you, Mr. President