



PRESS RELEASE

Launch of the UN and SDGs Awareness Month October 2020

September 28, 2020, Kampala – The Government of Uganda in partnership with the United Nations in Uganda has launched the UN and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Awareness Month October 2020. The announcement was made by the Minister for General Duties and Focal Point Minister for SDGs, Hon. Mary Okurut and UN Resident Coordinator, H.E. Rosa Malango.

Speaking at the Uganda today, Hon. Okurut noted that there are still many gaps, including lack of awareness about the SDGs.

“Even those who are directly implementing the SDGs are not fully aware of the SDGs framework and the associated targets and indicators and how they influence planning for the country,” she said. “This is why this SDGs Awareness month is particularly important. It is also necessary for us to understand that even when October ends, we must continue to preach the SDGs message and have everyone know their role in achieving the goals and act on them.”

“This year the United Nations marks her 75th anniversary under the theme *“The future we want, the United Nations we need: reaffirming our collective commitment to multilateralism”* The commemoration will be used to raise awareness about the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),” said UN Resident Coordinator H.E. Rosa Malango

“I would like to congratulate the United Nations on reaching the milestone of her 75th Anniversary. The 75th Anniversary of the United Nation is significant because it is an opportunity to reflect on the role of the United Nations in the World today and in Uganda in particular,” said Ambassador Isaac Sebulinde, who represented the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals) were adopted by 193 United Nations member states in 2015. The Goals are part of the UN Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development. The SDGs comprise a total of 169 targets, which seek to tackle a wide range of issues facing both developed and developing countries. These issues include poverty, inequality, climate change, inclusive societies and access to health and education.

This year due to the COVID-19 pandemic the activities of the UN and SDGs Awareness Month will be carried out in full observance of the COVID-19 prevention Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) developed by the Ministry of Health and the World Health Organisation. We invite to join virtually or if selected to be among select groups at particular locations.

More information on the UN and SDGs Awareness Month October 2020 is available at ug.one.un.org and on the websites and online platforms of UN agencies and Government, Ministries, Departments and Agencies

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