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NEPAD Regional Summit in Nairobi

NEPAD, the African Economic Summit in Durban and the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) Summit in Rome. The leaders acknowledged the challenges confronting the Continent in mobilizing both domestic and external resources in the endeavour to implement NEPAD. They appealed to the forthcoming G-8 Summit to be held, in Kananaskis, Canada, June 26-28, 2002 to make concrete funding commitments for NEPAD. The Summit recommended that the NEPAD Steering Committee be broadened to include a representative from the Eastern Africa Sub-region.

Their Excellencies Presidents (L-R) Yoweri Museveni, Daniel arap Moi, Benjamin Mkapa, Paul Kagame at an Eastern Africa Regional Summit on NEPAD, Nairobi June 22, 2002.

President Daniel arap Moi hosted a Summit of Heads of State of the Eastern Africa sub-region, on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) in Nairobi on June 22, 2002. It was attended by Presidents Yoweri Museveni of Uganda, Benjamin Mkapa of Tanzania, and Paul Kagame of Rwanda. Also in attendance were

Heads of delegation of Ethiopia, Sudan, and Nigeria.

The Heads of State reviewed the Sub-regional position on NEPAD. They took note of the outcome of the Eastern African Sub-regional Ministerial Meeting held in Kampala, in March 2002, the Dakar Summit on Financing of

NEPAD is Africa's Recovery and Development Plan, that will be officially be launched at the G-8 Meeting in Canada, and the African Union (AU) Summit in Durban in July 2002. It aims at attracting an additional \$64 billion per year to Africa through promoting exports, good governance and a conducive political and economic environment for attraction of higher inflows of Foreign Direct Investment.

Vice President At NGO Conference

productive Health in Africa through Governance and Leadership Development.

In her Keynote address, Dr. Kazibwe pointed out the importance of leadership involving all the stakeholders, NGOs, religious leaders, civil society and the media in partnership. She thanked the outgoing United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) Director Ms. N.Sadiq for a job well done. She also wished her successor Dr. Thoraya Obaid a successful tenure of office.

The Conference was also addressed by the Nabagereka (Queen) of Buganda Kingdom Sylvia Nagginda who is UNFPA's Goodwill Ambassador in Uganda.

Vice Presidents Prof. George Saitoti and Dr. Speciosa Kazibwe at an NGO Conference, April 16, 2002 - Nairobi.

The Vice-President of Uganda, Dr. Speciosa W. Kazibwe attended an NGO Conference in Nairobi. It was opened by the Kenyan Vice President Prof. George Saitoti and focused on strengthening NGO partnerships for Re-

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President Museveni's Working Visit to U.S.A.

President Museveni met President George Bush on May 6, 2002 during a 10 day working visit to United States of America. The two Presidents discussed the peace process in the Great Lakes Region, how African countries can access the US market, and the Millennium Challenge Fund which President Bush announced recently.

The fund is aimed at assisting American entrepreneurs to invest in Sub-Saharan Africa at a disbursement rate of \$1.6 billion for three years and thereafter \$5 billion. The fund will be mainly utilised in the development of infrastructure.

President Bush hailed President Museveni for his efforts in the fight against HIV/AIDS. He also commended him for being a good advocate for the promotion of trade between the US and Africa under the African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA).

The two leaders also reaffirmed their strong stand against terrorism. In a meeting with US Trade Representative Robert Zoellick

L-R: Presidents Museveni and Bush hold talks at the White House, May 6, 2002.

the President observed that "Trade is the greatest stimulus for employment, economic development and social transformation and the best strategy for transforming society through sustained growth."

The President was accompanied by the

First Lady Mrs. Janet Museveni, the Third Deputy Premier and Foreign Affairs Minister Hon. James Wapakabulo, Tourism, Trade and Industry Minister, Prof. Edward Rugumayo, and Uganda's Ambassadors to the UN in New York and Washington.

Hon. Wapakabulo Visits China

date to be agreed.

The Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs announced an additional grant of 20 million Chinese Yuan (approx US\$2.5m) towards the construction of the headquarters of the Ugandan Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The government of China had earlier extended a grant of 30 million Yuan (approx. US \$3.8m) towards this project. Hon. Wapakabulo signed the agreement for the additional grant with the Minister for External Trade and Economic Cooperation. While in Beijing, he also opened a coffee shop under a joint venture between Uganda Coffee Development Authority and China North Star Investment Group aimed at promoting consumption of Uganda coffee in China.

The Chinese Prime Minister extended an invitation to the Prime Minister of Uganda to visit China at a mutually agreeable date.

Hon. Wapakabulo stopped in Hong Kong to open Uganda's Honorary Consulate.

L-R: Hon. Wapakabulo meets the Chinese Prime Minister, H.E. Zhu Rongji in Beijing April 2002.

The Third Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs visited the Peoples' Republic of China, April 3-10, 2002. During the visit he held discussions with the Prime Minister, H.E. Zhu Rongji, Deputy Prime Minister, H.E. Qian Qichen, Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Tang Jianxuan, and the Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation, H.E. Shi Guangsheng.

He also met the Secretary of the Communist Party, the Mayor of Beijing, and African Ambassadors accredited to China.

The Mayor of Shenzhen informed him that the business community in the city was ready to invest in other countries. He invited the Mayor who agreed to lead a delegation of investors to Uganda at a

FAO Summit in Rome

President Museveni attended the World Food Summit in Rome, Italy in May 2002, and addressed the three day Summit opened by Italian President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi. President Museveni observed that blocking Africa's value added products by the developed world partners kills Africa's opportunity to earn more foreign currency, enhance employment opportunities and purchasing power. In addition, it hinders the expansion of Africa's tax base.

While in Italy, the President visited and held talks with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican. The talks focused on bilateral and international issues.

He also had an interview with Radio Vatican during which he observed that the Constitution of Uganda guarantees the freedom of worship and as such, the government does not interfere in religious matters. He

L-R: President Museveni in a meeting with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican.

also pointed out the investment opportunities in Uganda, and briefly discussed the Political Parties and other Organisations Bill passed by Parliament recently.

FIRST LADY RECEIVES AWARD

AFRICA ECONOMIC SUMMIT, DURBAN

The First Lady, Mrs. Janet Museveni receiving the Global HIV/AIDS Leadership Award on May 8, 2002 in Washington, D.C. Presented by Senators M. Dennis and Steve Symms.

L-R: Presidents Levy Mwanawasa of Zambia, Thabo Mbeki of South Africa, Bakili Muluzi of Malawi and Yoweri Museveni, in Durban June 7, 2002.

President Museveni in Egypt

President Museveni paid an official working visit to Egypt from May 29-June 2, 2002.

During his stay in Egypt, he held talks with the Egyptian President H.E. Hosni Mubarak. The talks centred on bilateral, regional, and international issues. The President met several Egyptian investors

and businessmen, and delivered a Key-note Address on "Conflicts in Africa, their Causes and Recommended Solutions" at Cairo University's Institute for African Studies and Research.

He pointed out that the only viable solution for the elimination of conflicts in Africa is for the State to deliberately em-

bark on the transformation process of the hitherto pre-industrial societies to build a middle class.

Prof. Nagid el Helali, the President of Cairo University, called for the strengthening of ties between Uganda and Egypt, and the linking up of Cairo University with Ugandan Universities.

Presidents Museveni and Bashir Meet

Presidents Yoweri Museveni and Omar El Bashir held a meeting while attending the COMESA Summit in Addis Ababa, May 2002. The two leaders discussed matters of bilateral interest to both countries and regional issues.

Uganda and Sudan recently signed a Bilateral Protocol authorising Uganda to carry out a military operation code named "Operation Iron Fist" in Southern Sudan against rebels of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) led by Joseph Kony. The rebels have been committing atrocities, abducting children, and killing innocent civilians in Northern Uganda.

L-R: presidents Omar El Bashir and Yoweri Museveni in Addis Ababa, May 2002

Hon. Wapakabulo Addresses EA Assembly

and set up an agenda geared towards the creation of the East African Market.

Hon. Wapakabulo also presented the Supplementary Budget of the East African Community, which was passed without any amendments.

Hon. Wapakabulo, the Speaker of EALA Hon. Kinana (with wig), and the Secretary General of EAC, Hon. Mushega, with EALA Members in Nairobi

The Members of the East African Legislative Assembly met in Nairobi, from May 30, - June 15, 2002 to deliberate on major aspects of the East African Community (EAC).

- in the EAC Treaty be adhered to,
- (2) that the stages, as stated in the Treaty all be pursued concurrently,
 - (3) that the formation of a Political Federation should come first.

Deliberating on the processes and stages of integration in the EAC, the Parliamentarians concurred on the need for a speedy movement towards the realisation of the East African Political Federation.

In his submission, the Third Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon. James Wapakhabulo, who is also an ex-officio Member of the East African Legislative Assembly, pointed out that the issue of political federation is already enshrined in the EAC Treaty. He observed that the appropriate question should be how and when the federation should take place?

The Members emphasized that the question of a political federation should be decided upon by East Africans themselves, through a referendum.

He advised Members of the Assembly not to be over burdened by the sequencing of integration as set out in Treaty, but to concentrate on mechanisms to discuss a Constitution for East Africa. He also urged them to pressurise for a time table

During the deliberations, three distinct approaches to the EAC integration emerged:

- (1) that the sequence of stages as stated

Great Lakes Symposium in Kampala

The government of Uganda in conjunction with the Mwalimu Nyerere Foundation organised the Great Lakes Symposium in Kampala, April 8-11, 2002. The climax of the symposium was the Summit of Regional Heads of State on April 11, 2002 hosted by President Museveni and attended by Presidents Daniel arap Moi of Kenya, Benjamin Mkapa of Tanzania and Pierre Buyoya of Burundi. Ethiopia, Eritrea and Rwanda were represented by High Level Delegations.

The Conference acted as a catalyst for the emergence of a regional movement towards sustainable peace, unity and development. In addition, it provided a forum for dialogue, planning and action for participatory democracy and development in the Great Lakes region.

Uganda also commemorated the anniversary of the fall of Idi Amin (April 11, 1979). President Museveni paid glowing tribute to the late President Mwalimu Nyerere, the government and people of the United Republic of Tanzania for their assistance in ousting the dictator.

High Commissioner Tours Eastern Province

H.E. Francis Butagira accompanied by Mrs. S. Musisi-Mwanje, Counsellor, visited large scale farmers and met businessmen in Eastern Province in late March, 2002.

The purpose of his tour was to familiarise himself with the area, meet business people and put them in touch with Ugandans of similar interests, while exploring markets for each other's products.

The High Commissioner paid a courtesy call on the Provincial Commissioner (PC), Mrs. Philomena Koech. He thanked her for the warm reception and informed her that he had already visited the Rift Valley and Central Provinces. He pointed out that Kenya ranks among the top four sources of Foreign Direct Investment to Uganda.

He later visited Meru Central Farmers Co-operative Union Milk Plant and met with members of the local branch of the

Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

He noted the benefit of a bigger East African market for economic growth and creation of employment for people of both countries, and called on the Chamber to seize the available opportunities.

The High Commissioner also visited Machakos District where he was received by the District Commissioner Mrs. A.R. Ng'eticha. He then toured several farms and met with businessmen of Machakos Chamber of Commerce and Industry whom he encouraged to visit their counterparts in Uganda to explore the regional markets. He also toured the following places:

- a) Biotechnology Unit where research on drought resistant seeds is carried out.
- b) Kenya Wine Agency Vine Yard at Yatta where the delegation was informed that about 8 tonnes were harvested per

R-L: H.E. Butagira and Mrs. Musisi-Mwanje at Kisima wheat farm, Meru.

day from 40 acres of land.

c) Other farms visited included, Home Grown Co. Ltd, and Batian Flowers.

The High Commissioner concluded his tour of Eastern Province by paying a courtesy call on the Mayor of Machakos, Mr. Donald Mutua.

He extended an invitation to the Mayor and Councillors to visit Uganda and also proposed twinning with other towns in Uganda to explore investment opportunities.

WSSD Preparatory Meeting in Indonesia

The meeting highlighted poverty eradication as the greatest global challenge. It agreed to the millennium goal of halving by the year 2015 the proportion of the people whose income is less than \$1 a day. The developing countries called for establishment of a world solidarity fund to eradicate poverty and promote social and human development in the developing countries. However, the proposal was opposed by some developed countries and it was deferred to the Johannesburg Summit. The developing countries also called for increased access to markets in the developed countries.

L-R: High Commissioner Butagira and Hon. Maria Matagamba, in Indonesia May 31, 2002

The High Commissioner attended the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) held in Bali, Indonesia, May 27-June 7, 2002.

The Ugandan delegation comprised of Hon. Kezimbira Miyingo, Minister of State for Environment, Hon. Maria Mutagamba, Minister of State for Water, Amb. Semakula Kiwanuka, Uganda's

Permanent Representative to UN in New York, and Mr. Mubbala Kintu, Director, Lands and Environment.

The Ministerial level meeting was convened to prepare for WSSD due in South Africa in September 2002.

The meeting focused on the three pillars of sustainable development: social, economic and environmental.

The Group of 77 called for support of NEPAD. At the insistence of Uganda, other initiatives for poverty reduction such as Poverty Reduction Strategic Papers (PRSP) were included. Uganda also called for implementation of Multilateral Environment Agreements (MEAS) and improved International Environmental Governance, both of which were taken on board.

The Conference considered the issue of a Political Declaration, as a commitment

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President Museveni Invites American, Egyptian Investors

President Yoweri Museveni visited Egypt, May 29, - June 2, 2002. He extended an invitation to Egyptian companies to massively invest in Uganda to take advantage of exporting to the American market now to African countries under the African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA) arrangement.

Addressing a cross section of Egyptian entrepreneurs and their Ugandan counterparts at a Seminar held on June 01, 2002 in Cairo, President Museveni described AGOA as the only favourable offer by America to Africa in the last 100 years. The seminar's theme was "Investment Opportunities in Uganda".

President Museveni called upon Egyptian investors to take up the opportunity offered by AGOA by investing in such sectors as textiles, coffee, agriculture, fruits, beef, and leather products. He assured them of favourable investment incentives that will improve further in the coming financial year.

The President strongly supported the suggestion by the Egyptian Prime Minister Dr. A. Ebeid that a joint trade board between Uganda and Egypt be formed to identify exports and imports between the two countries.

The Egyptian Premier thanked President Museveni, the government and people of Uganda for preserving the River Nile. He observed that the river is an important source of life to the people of Egypt. He lauded the fruitful negotiations and the agreements reached between Uganda and Egypt to concretise the preservation of River Nile. He also reaffirmed the commitment of the Egyptian government to further strengthen and deepen the already existing cordial relationship, understanding and co-operation between the two countries.

Dr. Ebeid assured President Museveni that Egypt has a market for Ugandan products such as wheat, maize, coffee, sugar, oil seeds, tea, cotton and tobacco.

The Executive Director of Uganda Investment Authority, Dr. Maggie Kigozi highlighted to Egyptian entrepreneurs the investment opportunities in Uganda. She singled out the Vermiculite mineral that can be used to reclaim desert areas.

The Director of Kato Aromatics Dr. Ibrahim Kamel also reassured Egyptian investors of the unequalled conducive conditions existing in Uganda for immediate investment.

President Museveni Addressing Business Executives at a luncheon, May 07, 2002 in Washington D.C.

Speaking at a Luncheon hosted in his honour by the Corporate Council on Africa (CCA) on May 7, 2002 in Washington, President Museveni urged American business executives to invest in Uganda under AGOA. He pointed out that they will benefit from the numerous investment opportunities and help both countries and the African continent to prosper.

Hon. Musumba Leads Investment Delegation to Kenya

The Minister of State for Finance, Planning and Economic Development in Charge of Planning, Hon. Isaac Musumba led a delegation to Kenya May 19 – 22, 2002 to meet prospective investors. He was accompanied by the Executive Director of Uganda Investment Authority (UIA), Dr. Maggie Kigozi and the Director of the Privatisation Unit, Mr. Michael Opagi. The Delegation was joined by the High Commissioner, H.E. Francis K. Butagira. The visit was initiated and arranged by Uganda High Commission, Nairobi.

While in Nairobi, the Minister met Mr. B.D. Shah, Executive Director of Bidco Oil Refineries. Bidco has been licensed to invest in a Palm Oil Project worth about US\$ 60 million in Kalangala, Uganda. The Minister also met the

Chairman of the Fresh Produce Exporters' Association of Kenya (FPEAK) Mr. Simon Ethang'atta and Board Members. The Minister later toured a flower farm (Sian Roses) within Nairobi. He urged the proprietors to enter into joint ventures with interested Ugandan counterparts so that they benefit from their expertise in this sector.

In Mombasa, the Minister met the Managing Director of Neptune Group of Hotels, Mr. Merali Amin. The Neptune Group expressed interest in setting up a 5-star Hotel in Kampala and requested UIA to avail 5 acres of land for this purpose.

Hon. Musumba also met the Executive Chairman of Grain Bulk Handlers Limited, Mr. Mohammed H. Jaffer whose Company intends to set up a

similar venture in Jinja for procurement of produce for the regional market. The delegation addressed other potential investors, on the investment opportunities available in Uganda.

Hon. Isaac Musumba, Minister of State for Finance in Charge of Planning.

2002/2003 Budget Presented

The Finance Minister, Hon. Gerald Ssendaula, presented the budget proposals for the Fiscal Year 2002/2003 to Parliament on June 13, 2002. The total revenue for 2002/2003 is estimated at Shs. 1,433 billion, while total government expenditure, excluding donor projects will amount to sh2,038b.

The theme of the budget was "Increased Production for Increased Exports and the Eradication of Absolute Poverty."

Highlights

- t GDP growth rate estimated at 5.9%.
- t Spending on the strategic Exports Programme to increase to about Sh. 40 bn next FY from 32bn this financial year.
- t Taxes on computers and accessories scrapped.
- t NSSF monopoly to be removed.
- t Duty on petrol increased by Ushs. 30 per litre (from Shs. 580 to Shs. 610).
- t Excise duty on 'mivumba' (second hand clothes and shoes) increased by 5%.
- t Excise duty on imported sugar increased from 10% to 20%.

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High Commissioner in Indonesia

by leadership at the highest political level. Uganda pointed out that the Declaration should be short, precise, and should contain the following elements:

- 1) A re-affirmation of the Rio Declaration.
- 2) Concrete and clear goals of action for sustainable development with reference to time frames.
- 3) Means of implementation i.e. additional financial resources, such as meeting ODA targets, reinforcing GEF, forging partnerships with business and other groups to provide funding.
- 4) Clear reference and commitment to five areas of action as elaborated by United Nations Secretary-General: water and sanitation, energy, health, agriculture and biodiversity.
- 5) Poverty eradication.
- 6) Increased access to markets by developing countries.
- 7) Implementation of multilateral environment agreements.

- t Expenditure on Primary Health Care has been increased by 30%.
- t Tax on imported vehicles increased by 5%.
- t Excise duty on beer reduced from 70% to 60%.
- t Second-hand vehicles to undergo pre-shipment inspection.
- t Only VAT registered companies to get governmental contracts.
- t Visa fees (pupils/student passes) on Kenyan and Tanzanian students studying in Uganda scrapped.
- t 20% excise tax on polythene bags and plastic containers.
- t 15% levy on raw hides and skins.

Hon. Gerald Ssendaula, Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development.

The full text for the Budget Speech can be accessed on the Ministry of Finance Website: www.finance.go.ug

Ministry of Agriculture Invites Bids for Supply of Breeding Bulls

1 The government of Uganda has provided funds towards the implementation of the strategic interventions programme under the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries. Farmers are currently being supported to access improved stocking material aimed at improving productivity. To achieve this objective, government has decided to procure improved tropicalised bulls. Part of the funds under the programme will be applied to payments under the contract for the supply of 160 young Boran bulls and 40 young Sahiwal bulls.

1 The Contracts Committee of Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries invites sealed bids from farmers, ranchers, farmers' organisation or their representative to supply young Boran and Sahiwal breeding bulls.

1 Breeding bulls supplied from outside Uganda shall be delivered to Entebbe quarantine station at the Livestock Experimental Station, next to Entebbe Airport. Breeding bulls supplied from within Uganda shall be delivered to Nshaara Cross Breeding Ranch, Mbarara.

1 The minimum number that a bidder may supply is 50 and 20 breeding animals for Boran and Sahiwal breeding bulls respectively.

1 A complete set of bidding documents may be obtained by interested bidders

from the addresses below upon payment of a non-refundable cash fee of Ushs.100,000/- or its equivalent:

**i) Secretary Contracts Committee
Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries
P.O. Box 102 Entebbe, Uganda
Tel. 256 41 321010/320864
Email: pace@africaonline.co.ug**

**ii) Uganda High Commission
Riverside Paddocks, Off Riverside Drive
P.O. Box 60853, Nairobi
Tel: 445420/330899
Fax: 443772/330970**

**iii) Uganda High Commission
Msasani Road, Oysterbay Plot 25
Dar-es-Salaam, P.O. Box 6237
Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania
Tel: 266739**

1 Bids must be delivered to the Secretary Contracts Committee, Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, P.O. Box 102, Entebbe Uganda at or before 10.00 a.m., Tuesday July 23, 2002. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of 20% of the bid price.

1 Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders or their authorized representative who choose to attend soon after 10.00 a.m. the same day at the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries.

Uganda Hosts AMCEN Meeting

The 9th Session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) was held in Kampala, July 1-5, 2002. The Conference was opened by President Yoweri Museveni on July 04, 2002. It was the last preparatory meeting before the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) to be held in Johannesburg, September 2002. It focused on: adoption of the African Environmental Outlook (AEO) Report, priorities for AMCEN under the African Union, NEPAD, and adoption of a common Regional/African position for presentation at WSSD.

Addressing the Conference, President

Museveni advised the Ministers to take a very strong position on generation of electricity noting that the environment cannot be conserved without use of electricity by most households. He pointed out that 28 billion cubic metres of wood were being consumed resulting in massive depletion of African forests.

The meeting was also addressed by the President of Senegal, H.E. Abdoulaye Wade, and the Executive Director of UNEP, Dr. Klaus Toepfer who urged the Ministers to speak with one voice at WSSD. Hon. Dr. Ruhakana Rugunda, Uganda's Minister for Water, Lands and Environment, is the new AMCEN Chairman.

Northern Corridor Headquarters Opened

The High Commissioner cuts a tape to officially open the Headquarters of Transit Transport Coordination Authority [TTCA (Northern Corridor)] in Mombasa, June 26, 2002. He is flanked by the Permanent Secretaries for Transport of Burundi and Rwanda (right).

Uganda Appoints Consul in Mombasa

presence in Mombasa will strengthen further the good relations.

He added that Mr. Asiimwe's presence at the Port would assist in solving some problems Ugandans experience at the Port, although most of them had been addressed by the Kenyan authorities.

Mr. Asiimwe expressed gratitude to the Kenyan Government for allowing him to perform duties on behalf of his country. He also thanked the Government of Uganda for entrusting him with the responsibility of a Honorary Consul in Mombasa which is Uganda's gateway to the sea.

The Honorary Consul pledged to work closely with the High Commission in Nairobi to ensure more effective representation of Uganda's interests.

He will assist in promotion of tourism and trade between Uganda and Kenya, attraction of investment, and coordination with Kenya Ports Authority. In addition, he will offer consular services to Ugandans working and resident in Mombasa.

A reception in honour of Mr. Asiimwe was held at the Hilton Hotel Nairobi where members of the Diplomatic Corps,

and some members of the Ugandan Community in Nairobi and Mombasa were introduced to the new Honorary Consul.

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L-R: Mr. Evans Asiimwe presenting his Letters of Commission to Hon. Marsden Madoka, June 20, 2002.

Mr. Evans Asiimwe has been appointed Uganda's Honorary Consul, resident in Mombasa. He took up his duties after presenting his Letters of Commission to the Kenyan Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Hon. Marsden Madoka on June 20, 2002. He was accompanied by the High Commissioner, H.E. Francis K. Butagira. This is the first time that Uganda has appointed a Honorary Consul in Kenya.

During the ceremony, Hon. Madoka noted with satisfaction the cordial relations existing between the two countries and expressed hope that Mr. Asiimwe's

QUOTES TO PONDER

"We cost the developing world three times as much in trade restrictions as all the overseas development assistance they receive from all sources."

Jimmy Carter - *Chairman of the Carter Centre and former US President.*

"The most toxic element in the world is poverty."

Klaus Toepfer - *Executive Director, UNEP.*

"As concepts, strategies are difficult to attain in the first place, considerably less than optimal when actually attained, and subsequently difficult to change when no longer viable."

Henry Mintzberg - *Strategy Safari*

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