

Uganda's President Yoweri Museveni has announced a sweeping overhaul of his executive, striking a delicate balance between retaining key loyalists in the top tier of government and bringing in fresh faces across junior roles.

In a late-night constitutional declaration on Tuesday, the long-serving leader confirmed that Vice President Jessica Alupo and Prime Minister Robinah Nabbanja will remain in their respective posts to anchor the new administration.

The first lady, Janet Kataaha Museveni, also preserves her influential position at the helm of the Ministry of Education and Sports.

Analysts view the reshuffle as a strategy of continuity for Uganda's political architecture, while slightly altering the guard in critical portfolios such as defense, energy, and foreign affairs.

#### Key Allies Locked In

Under the newly announced line-up, several veteran figures have successfully guarded their political docket:

Rebecca Kadaga, the former Speaker of Parliament, retains her post as First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for East African Community Affairs.

Jim Muhwezi remains in charge of the crucial Security docket under the Office of the President.

Norbert Mao, a prominent former opposition leader, keeps his assignment as Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs.

However, significant changes were introduced to the defense and security clusters. Kiryowa Kiwanuka leaves the Attorney General's chambers to take up the mantle of Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs, while veteran politician Dr. Crispus Kiyonga makes a notable return as Second Deputy Prime Minister.

According to the executive statement, the reshuffle is intentionally timed to align with the legislative lifecycle of Uganda's 12th Parliament. President Museveni emphasized that the incoming cabinet's immediate mandate will heavily prioritize local wealth creation initiatives, aggressive infrastructure development, and a push for cleaner public service delivery.

A number of high-profile departures from the core cabinet have been absorbed into advisory roles. Long-serving senior ministers including Ruth Nankabirwa, Hamson Obua, Francis Mwebesa, and Evelyn Anite have been designated as Senior Presidential Advisors. Meanwhile, outgoing official Dr. Kenneth Omona has been reassigned to the foreign mission track, designated to serve as a diplomat abroad.

## **Full statement**

By virtue of the powers given to the President of Uganda under Articles 108(1) and (2), 108A(1), 111(1), 113(1), and 114(1) of the 1995 Constitution of the Republic of Uganda, the following persons have been proposed for appointment as Vice President, Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, Ministers of State, and Senior Presidential Advisors.

Official Cabinet List: 2026 – 2031

Executive Appointments by H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni: In exercise of the powers vested in the President of Uganda under Articles 108(1) and (2), 108A(1), 111(1), 113(1), and 114(1) of the 1995 Constitution of the Republic of Uganda.

### Top Executive Leadership

H.E. the Vice President: Hon. Jessica Rose Epel Alupo (Maj. Rtd.)

Rt. Hon. Prime Minister & Leader of Government Business in Parliament: Hon. Robinah Nabbanja

### Deputy Prime Ministers & Special Roles

1st Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for East African Community Affairs: Rt. Hon. Rebecca Kadaga

2nd Deputy Prime Minister & Deputy Leader of Government Business in Parliament: Hon. Dr. Crispus Walter Kiyonga

3rd Deputy Prime Minister & Minister without Portfolio: Hon. Lukia Nakadama

Government Chief Whip: Hon. Justine Kasule Lumumba

## Cabinet Ministers

### Presidency, Defense & Internal Governance

Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs: Hon. Kiryowa Kiwanuka

Minister of Internal Affairs: Hon. Prof. Ephraim Kamuntu

Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs: Hon. Norbert Mao

Attorney General: Hon. Sam Mayanja

Minister, Office of the President (Presidency): Hon. Babirye Milly Babalanda

Minister, Office of the President (Security): Hon. Jim Muhwezi

### Finance, Trade & Infrastructure

Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development: Hon. Henry Musasizi

Minister of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives: Hon. Sanjay Tanna

Minister of Works and Transport: Hon. Byamukama Fred

Minister of Public Service: Gen. Katumba Wamala

Minister of Local Government: Hon. Balaam Barugahara

Minister of Lands, Housing and Urban Development: Hon. Judith Nabakooba

### Social Sectors, Health & Education

Minister of Education and Sports: Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni

Minister of Health: Hon. Dr. Chris Baryomunsi

Minister of Information, Communications Technology (ICT) and National Guidance:  
Hon. Jane Ruth Aceng Oceru

Minister of Gender, Labour and Social Development: Hon. Lt. Gen. Henry  
Tumukunde Kakurugu

## Productive Sectors, Resources & Regional Focus

Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries: Hon. Frank Tumwebaze

Minister of Energy and Mineral Development: Hon. Dr. Monica Musenero Musanza

Minister of Water and Environment: Maj. Gen. Kahinda Otafiire

Minister of Foreign Affairs: Amb. Adonia Ayebare

Minister of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities: Hon. Tom Butime

Minister for Kampala Capital City and Metropolitan Affairs: Hon. Minsa Kabanda

## Office of the Prime Minister / Special Portfolios

Minister, Office of the Prime Minister (General Duties): Hon. Eng. Hillary Onek

Minister, Office of the Prime Minister (Relief, Disaster Preparedness and Refugees):  
Hon. Sam Engola

Minister for Karamoja Affairs: Hon. Lokii John Baptist

Minister, Office of the President (Science, Technology and Innovation): Eng. Asiimwe  
Jonard

## Ministers of State (Junior Ministers)

### Office of the President & Vice President

Economic Monitoring: Hon. Alum Sandra Santa

Ethics and Integrity: Hon. Akello Rose

Office of the Vice President: Hon. Mutasingwa Diana Nankunda

### Office of the Prime Minister (OPM)

Relief, Disaster Preparedness and Refugees: Hon. Lillian Aber

Northern Uganda: Hon. Beatrice Akello

Karamoja: Hon. Anyakun Esther Davinia

Luwero Triangle–Rwenzori Region: Hon. Alice Kaboyo

Bunyoro Affairs: Hon. Grace Mary Mugasa

Teso Affairs: Hon. Dr. Ongalo-Obote

Defense & Security Cluster

Defence: Hon. Akifeza Grace Ngabirano

Veteran Affairs: Hon. Oleru Huda

Internal Affairs: Dr. Lawrence Muganga

Finance, Planning & Economic Development

General Duties: Hon. Cissy Mulondo

Planning: Hon. Amos Lugoloobi

Privatization and Investment: Ms. Amina Mukalazi

Micro-Finance: Hon. Shartsi Kutesa Musherure

Agriculture, Animal Industry & Fisheries

Agriculture: Hon. Desire Muhooza

Animal Industry: Hon. Bright Rwamirama

Fisheries: Hon. Migadde Robert Ndugwa

Education, Health & Social Development

Higher Education: Hon. Dr. John Chrysostom Musingo

Primary Education: Hon. Phyllis Chemutai

Sports: Hon. Peter Ogwang

Health (General Duties): Hon. Anifa Bangirana Kawooya

Primary Health Care: Hon. Dr. Charles Ayume

Gender, Labour & Social Development

Gender and Culture: Hon. Kuteesa Mary Kamuli

Youth and Children Affairs: Hon. Lakisa Mercy Faith

Employment and Industrial Relations: Hon. Simon Mulongo

Disability Affairs: Hon. Acan Joyce Okeny

Elderly Affairs: Hon. Jacqueline Mbabazi

Infrastructure, Energy & Communication

Energy: Hon. Sidronius Opolot Okasai

Minerals: Hon. Phiona Nyamutoro

Information: Hon. Joyce Ssebugwawo

National Guidance: Hon. Alioni Yorke Odria

Works: Mr. Siraji Musa Ali

Transport: Hon. Julius Maganda Wandera

Trade, Industry, Lands & Local Governance

Cooperatives: Hon. Tom Aza

Industry: Hon. David Bahati

Trade: Gen. Wilson Mbadi

Housing: Hon. Persis Namuganza

Urban Development: Hon. Margaret Muhanga Mugisa

Lands: Hon. Harriet Ntabazi

Local Government: Hon. Justine Nameere

Public Service: Hon. Lydia Wanyoto Mutende

Environment, Tourism & Regional Affairs

Environment: Hon. Beatrice Anywar

Water: Hon. Aisha Sekkindi

Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities: Hon. Nakawuki Susan Nsambu

East African Affairs: Hon. Magode Ikuya

Foreign Affairs (International Affairs): Hon. Calvin Echodu

Foreign Affairs (Regional Affairs): Hon. Kyeyune Haruna Kasolo

Kampala Capital City and Metropolitan Affairs: Hon. Kabuye Kyofatogabye

Deputy Attorney General: Hon. Jackson Kafuuzi

Senior Presidential Advisors & Diplomatic Service

The following former cabinet members transition to advisory roles (*specific portfolios to be assigned later*):

Hon. Hamson Obua

Hon. Ruth Nankabirwa

Hon. Francis Mwebesa

Hon. Evelyn Anite

Diplomatic Deployment

Hon. Dr. Kenneth Omona: Transferred to the Diplomatic Service as Ambassador (*Station assignment to follow*).