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### **INAUGURAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS UGANDA DIASPORA CONVENTION COMMENCES IN KAMPALA**

The inaugural Ministry of Foreign Affairs Diaspora Convention kicked off at the Commonwealth Speke Resort in Munyonyo. Running from 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024, the convention, themed “Mobilizing Uganda’s Diaspora for Socio-Economic Transformation,” drew hundreds of Ugandan nationals living abroad, government officials, business leaders, and development partners to discuss strategies for collaboration and investment.

H.E. Vice President Jessica Alupo delivered a keynote address, underscoring the government’s commitment to harnessing the diaspora’s potential for national development.

Government officials presented a range of incentives and streamlined processes to attract diaspora investment in key sectors, including agriculture, tourism, manufacturing, and technology.

Day one featured dynamic panel discussions and knowledge-sharing sessions, offering insights into Uganda’s economic landscape, business environment, and opportunities for impactful diaspora engagement.

Hon. Gen. Odongo Jeje Abubakhar, Minister of Foreign Affairs, highlighted the importance of the diaspora in Uganda’s development agenda. "This convention is a landmark initiative aimed at empowering the diaspora to contribute meaningfully to our socio-economic transformation. The Ministry remains committed to fostering an enabling environment for their engagement and investment."

The convention has already facilitated vibrant networking opportunities, strengthening connections between diaspora participants, government representatives, and potential investors.

Day Two, which will conclude the event, will provide a platform for diaspora members to present their ideas and projects to government and private sector stakeholders. The Convention will adopt resolutions outlining actionable steps to enhance collaboration between the government and the diaspora.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs affirms its commitment to strengthening ties with Ugandans abroad, recognizing their vital role in achieving Uganda's Vision 2040. **END**

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