

PARLIAMENT OF UGANDA

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT ON THE STATE OF THE YOUTH IN UGANDA

(Moved pursuant to Rule 56 of the Rules of Procedure)

WHEREAS Article 79 (1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda, 1995, bestows upon Parliament the power to legislate on any matter for the peace, order, development and good governance of Uganda

AND WHEREAS the National Development Plan III recognizes the need to harness the youthful population as a precondition for attaining the country's development aspirations including reducing youth unemployment, exploiting the potential demographic dividend from the abundant labor force and future demand by streamlining and reforming youth and women employment programs to help young Ugandans find employment. It further puts a priority on skills and vocational development in all sectors

AWARE THAT the government has invested significant resources to facilitate employment, livelihood and entrepreneurship through various strategic policy and development initiatives like *Emyooga* for supporting non-agricultural enterprises and PDM for

agricultural enterprises and the Uganda Development Bank (UDB) Special program for Youth as post-COVID youth support.

AND FURTHER AWARE THAT the Youth (18 – 30 years) constitute 19% of the population and are a very large group of the productive workforce of the population and yet youth labour underutilization is 43.5%.

RECALLING THAT this House has previously debated, documented and passed resolutions to address the various challenges affecting the youth;

COGNIZANT OF the positive strides by Government to address challenges affecting the youth through initiating employment and skilling reforms, promoting youth health and education reforms, instituting youth participation in decision making while paying attention to gender equality and encouraging climate governance to mitigate the effects of climate change.

CONCERNED THAT the quality of education remains generally low and mostly expensive, characterised by free education programs of UPE & USE that are not necessarily free, coupled with a high rate of school dropout especially post-COVID owing to high rate of teenage motherhood and a mismatch between skills required for labor markets and knowledge produced by training institutions

NOTING THAT there was an increase in the proportion of working persons in purely subsistence agriculture from 39% in 2016/17 to

about 48% in 2019/2018 and 68% are engaged in Agriculture, forestry and the fishing industry due to COVID 19.

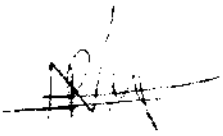
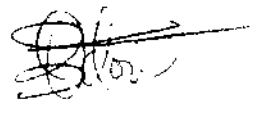
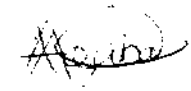
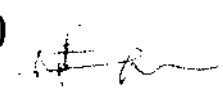
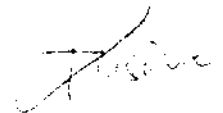
AND FURTHER NOTING THAT while the government has invested a lot of resources to facilitate agricultural financing across the value chain, the structure and nature of such schemes and limited access to information has made it difficult for youth to access.

RECOGNIZING THAT access to health services continues to be a burden to the youth citizen with an increasing cost of health care and rise in out-of-pocket expenses with only 3.9 % of the population have access to health insurance.

AND FURTHER RECOGNIZING THAT there is limited structured government support and policies for start-ups, science and technology-based innovations and initiatives that have the potential of transforming lives and providing local solutions and creating employment

NOTING THAT Sustainable Development is the target of government development programs and that climate financing remains dismally low in Uganda. In the FY2022/23 National Budget, only Shs628 billion has been apportioned for actions to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

AND FURTHER NOTING THAT 37.2% of climate change and disaster victims are aged between 5 to 18 years while an additional 37.4% are aged between 18 to 49 years 37.2% of climate change

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