



STATEMENT ON THE OCCASION 25TH CORONATION ANNIVERSARY (SILVER JUBILEE) OF HIS MAJESTY KING OYO OF TOORO

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On the occasion of the 25th Coronation Anniversary (Silver Jubilee) of His Majesty King Oyo Nyimba Kabamba Iguru Rukidi IV of Tooro, on behalf of the United Nations System in Uganda, I wish to congratulate His Majesty, all the people and Kingdom of Tooro for reaching this historic milestone.

Your Majesty, during your quarter of a century reign you have contributed tirelessly to the development of not only the Kingdom of Tooro, but Uganda as a whole and beyond. You have aspired to make Tooro Kingdom a model for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) particularly with SDGs 1 No Poverty 2 Zero Hunger 3 Good Health and Well-being and 8 Decent Work and Economic Growth 13 Climate Action. You have worked tirelessly to overcome poverty and particularly youth unemployment, which is a challenge in Tooro Kingdom. I commend Your Majesty for working better life and prosperity for your subjects.

Your Majesty, I would like to commend you for serving as a UNESCO Ambassador promoting culture and a UNAIDS Goodwill Ambassador for Youth in Eastern and Southern Africa, and for your efforts to Eliminate Mother to Child Transmission of HIV so that No Child should be born with HIV in the Kingdom of Tooro and beyond.

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 UN Secretary-General has declared 2020 as the commencement of the Decade of Action for accelerating sustainable solutions to all the world’s biggest challenges—ranging from poverty and gender to climate change, inequality and closing the finance gap.

UN at 75 and the UN Decade of Action present great opportunities and momentum for massive youth involvement in discussions and actions towards acceleration of the SDGs. The focus is on mobilizing everyone, everywhere to ensure that no one is left behind as we embark on the final ten years journey of delivering the Global Goals with an extraordinary spirit.

As we commemorate UN at 75 we invite you to promote the conversation @JoinUN75 and #UN75 on social media by people adding their voices to the testimonials from around the world on the kind of United Nations in future and by taking part in the one-minute survey www.un75.online The views and ideas will be presented by the UN Secretary- General to world leaders in this month September 2020.

In Uganda, as part of activities to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the United Nations , the UN in Uganda in partnership with the Government, the Youth Coalition for SDGs are organising the “One Million SDG Solutions from Youth in Uganda Innovation Challenge’ aims at identifying and mobilising Ugandan youth to present one million solutions which are changing lives. The initiative will identify solutions at national and sub-national level. I request you to promote the initiative by inviting youth submit their solutions at www.ugandayouthsolutions.com The best innovations will receive start-up support and grants from UN agencies and partners in the private sector during the commemoration of the national 75th Anniversary of the United Nations on 24 October 2020, which I hereby extend an invitation to Your Majesty to participate.

The UN@75 commemoration also comes at a critical year for the UN Country Team in Uganda rolling-out a new UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework for Uganda (2021-2025) launched by His Excellency the President on 9th September 2020.

I invite you to continue to collaborate with the UN System in Uganda as we implement the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework in support of National Vision 2040 and the Third National Development Plan, through 31 UN entities to implement programmes through three Strategic Priorities: 1) Transformative and Inclusive Governance; 2) Shared Prosperity in a Healthy Environment; and 3) Human Well-being and Resilience.

As I conclude, I wish to congratulate Your Majesty on reaching the historic milestone of your 25th Coronation Anniversary and I wish you many more fruitful years of reign on the throne of the Kingdom of Tooro with continued partnership with the United Nations in promoting sustainable development for the people of Tooro, Uganda as a whole and beyond.

Thank you.