Remarks at the Launch the National Initiative for Civic Education (NICE-UG) at the Africa Now Summit

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Your Excellency, Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda
Your Excellencies, the visiting Heads of State
Heads of Delegations
The Chairperson, Africa Strategic Leadership Centre (ASLC)
Distinguished Guests
Ladies and Gentlemen

Your Excellency, as we have gathered here today to harness the energy of Africa in building a secure, integrated and growing continent. This Africa of many firsts, including hosting the human race, has survived serious calamities. It is time to identify the challenges for the next generation and develop solutions informed by our past and inspired by our potential. It is fitting to launch the National Initiative for Civic Education (NICE-UG), which you have championed.

This initiative is a step towards achieving the vision of the Africa Now Summit.

A revitalized national civic education system significantly benefits all Ugandans. It will raise the impact of citizens on public affairs, and it will harness the creativity, energy, and dreams of Uganda’s youthful population to boost governance and business.

The United Nations supports the Government and the people of Uganda in the national transformation journey. The UN is committed to partnership in support of achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and is therefore contributing towards the implementation of NICE-UG.

As Patron of the Initiative, permit me Your Excellency, to request the Chairperson of the NICE-UG, to share highlights on the initiative, before you launch it.

Thank you.