

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN COOPERATION

KAMPALA REPORT



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**City of Kampala, Uganda
2 - 6 June, 2008**

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Introduction

World Championship in Cooperation is one of the Globetree Association's programmes. It is a meeting activity for the children/youths with their leaders. Its major aim is to discuss the future which makes the subject at the Mayors' meeting. The outcome of this meeting is the document "The promise to the future" around which the mayors build policies when they go back to their cities/ municipalities/town councils.

WoldCiC is held after every two years on alteration basis. The first of its kind was hosted by Stockholm Sweden 2006. A delegation of eight people, headed by Her Worship the Deputy Mayor represented Kampala.

A very special memory was from the closing ceremony when the Lord Mayor of Stockholm and Globetree Association, initiators and organizers of the event handed over a trophy with a glass globe containing water from all nations of the world which children collected from a place they care for. At that moment the 40 young and old participants from the Lake Victoria Region united in a joyous singing and welcomed all to Kampala 2008. Finally Her Worship the Deputy Mayor of Kampala received the statute for the World Championship for Cooperation, 2008, hence confirming that Kampala was to host the function.

Promise for the future

The World Championship in Cooperation (WorldCiC) is a meeting place for children and their leaders, such as local politicians, to discuss our future. It is a forum for children and youth to communicate their concerns through artistic expressions. The discussions between children, youth and politicians are the subject at the Mayor's Meeting where a manifest to the children is dictated. This manifest, called "The Promise to the Future" is presented at the Golden Key ceremony at the Grand Finale and is a document for the politicians to bring home to their municipalities and cities and build their policies around.

**SPEECH OF
THE MAYOR OF KAMPALA
ON
THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN CO-OPERATION EVENT
2ND - 6TH June 2008
AT KAMPALA CITY COUNCIL GARDENS**

Your Excellency; the Swedish Ambassador Honourable Minister for Child and Youth
Your Worships- The Mayors; Present Honourable Councillors

Chairmen of Division

Ladies and Gentlemen in your various capacities

I wish to take this opportunity to welcome you all to the 2nd World Championship in Cooperation 2008 here in Kampala.

I must say that Kampala is greatly honoured to host this Globe event.

As you may be aware, “World Championship in Cooperation is a unique, Globe event organized every after two years by an international organization “Globe tree, together with its partners, to give an opportunity to Children and Youth all over the World to meet with their Leaders to discuss our future.

This event is therefore for Children, Youth and their leaders to discuss about our future.

The 1st World Championship took place in 2006 in Stockholm Sweden and Kampala City is hosting the second of event.

Kampala City is peaceful, and with a wonderful weather. So please enjoy yourselves.

The major activities in this event include the following:-

1. Building the future vessel where children express their views about the future artistically. You are all invited later today (4th June 2008) at 6.30 p.m. to move around and see what the children are saying about the future.

2. Uniting water ceremony. This is where each Child brings water collected from their Country and is mixed together in a crystal

Bowl to signify unity and that clean water is a necessity for the future.

3. The parade: This is another unique opportunity for the children of the World show their heritage and individual creations.

To our children who are here, I urge you to take this opportunity to make forward and participate fully in whatever has been organized for you.

To our clear adults visitors, please help our child to achieve what has brought them here.

May I take this opportunity to thank the following:-

- Globe tree
- Kampala City Council
- Participating towns, municipalities and cities from Uganda, Kenya, and Europe
- Coca Cola for the support
- My Colleagues the Mayors and Councillors for honouring our invitation Children and Youth.

I wish you the very best for God and my Country.

TOWN CLERK'S SPEECH ON THE OPENING OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN CO-OPERATION 2008 - KAMPALA

Your Excellency the Swedish Ambassador Honorable Minister

Your Worship the Mayors Honourable Councillors Chairmen of Divisions

Ladies and Gentlemen in your capacities.

You are most welcome for the 2nd World Championship in Cooperation 2008.

We are greatly honoured for having been selected from all the cities of the world to host this event. Thank you Globe Tree for selecting us.

As you are already aware, this event is for children, Youth and leaders to meet and deliberate about our future.

I therefore expect full participation and I look forward for the final outcome of this event to guide all of us on the way forward for our future.

As we move forward towards the fulfillment of the UN Millennium Goals and the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, this event will go along way in guiding us to implement the above two (2) UN Conventions.

Once again, I thank you very much for coming, feel free and I wish you a very fruitful event.

Thank you very much For God and My Country.

Speech by The Ambassador of Sweden

Hon Ministers

The Host, YW Major of the City of Kampala and YW Mayors of participating City Councils Organizers of this event

Delegates from Uganda, Malaysia and Sweden Dear Friends,

Thank you for inviting me to this exiting event. Building bridges to each other, to other people, other countries and continents. Indeed a tremendous challenge and an opportunity.

I would like to pay tribute to GlobeTree for the initiative, Kampala City for hosting the event, to other City Councils for participation and - not least - to our Swedish colleagues representing different Municipalities. You will certainly find this event useful for future co-operation.

Most of all I would like to salute all children here - It is your presence and active participation that makes this event unique the different to many other big events.

This World Championship in Cooperation is based on the International Convention on the Rights of the Child and on Agenda 21 --in other words an excellent and solid foundation for genuine co-operation because they are firmly interrelated - a good and healthy environment is a prerequisite for a healthy childhood and healthy children in a good mood is a basis for sustainable development and protection of environment.

Most countries have signed the Convention of the Rights of the Child, Sweden and Uganda being among them. The implications are that each and every child is the individual bearer of the rights protected in that convention. Children have the right to an adequate standard of living, to participation, to education, health and medical care, to protection and a meaningful life.

But we all know that goodwill and care are not sufficient. In all decision-making processes affecting children, they have the right to demand consideration for their situation. And the state has the overall responsibility to implement the rights of the child

through legislation, the public administration, public and private institutions. Support and education programmes and other interventions.

Although the most important legal instrument regarding children's rights is in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the true test of the Convention is to what extent it serves as a guide to action - and enforcement! Legislation is important as it sets the standards - but it is what is being done in practice that really matters.

What we are talking about is fundamental rights of children - a right to childhood - but also fundamental duties of adults and society at large: to provide a safe childhood for these children.

Lack of legislation and practical directives and administrative routines increase the risk for abuse and exploitation. Most important of all, however. The right to an identity, to registration of birth, to a nationality is essential for the enjoyment of other rights - the right to participate and to exert an influence.

However, we have seen reports that children's rights are in many ways violated, here in Uganda and elsewhere. The violations cannot only be attributed to lack of knowledge and lack of resources for the realisation of the rights.

And not least important - children must be heard. Children who are beaten and punished will not speak up - they will be silenced. In 1979 Sweden introduced legislation prohibiting corporal punishment both in schools and in the family.

Girls' and boys' access to free primary education of good quality is the responsibility of governments. Every child in school is also an investment in the future. To put a child in school is both right and wise in order to achieve development, peace and security and respect for human rights.

However, for a child, the future is here and now. A child, a girl or a boy under the age of eighteen, cannot wait for a peace-agreement or a long-term strategy for development. In a situation of conflict or post-conflict, schoolmates and a teacher could be the difference between a child's identity as a schoolchild and an identity as a conflict-affected child.

This is a challenge for all of us. It is a responsibility we all must carry on our shoulders. If we don't - who will?

We play different roles in this respect. Political parties, mayors and leaders from all corners, government and non-government bodies, business community, donors. This is an area where we can all join and work hand in hand whatever political and social affiliations we might have.

Changes are possible. The prime actors are you and I. The way we think, behave and act are decisive to ensure a more secure future for our communities. Transformation is needed to achieve sustainable development - a development that satisfies the need of the present without jeopardizing for future generations. Because, in the end, it is very much a question of attitudes and values. What would be a more important task than to provide a better and brighter future for the weak and vulnerably in society - children being the main target.

Thanks to all of you children here - and children participating in earlier events - you have spoken out, in a spirit of good cooperation and creative thinking, you have presented ideas and proposals for a sustainable living, forming the basis for this event here in Kampala. This signifies very visibly what our world needs today - ideas on how to meet challenges for the future and to forcefully address these we need genuine co-operation.

I am glad to say that this was originally a Swedish initiative starting already 1986 - an initiative that has grown in strength and impact over time. Two years ago this event took place in Stockholm - now here in Uganda and in two years time it will be held in Malaysia.

We have all witnessed the preparations for the forthcoming Olympic Games in Beijing. Torch-bearers have been carrying the Olympic Flame through the world running, walking, climbing, handing over the flame to the next bearer -all committed to take responsibility for his or her task to carry it forward.

All of you here are torch-bearers, carrying the flame and the light for the right of the child and for sustainable development. Do not hide the light! Keep in high up for everybody to see and learn. You carry an important message - we can, we will, we are committed to do what we can to meet the challenges in a spirit of co-operation. Indeed, a tremendous responsibility - a tremendous opportunity!

We look forward to a successful event here in Kampala! I wish you great success!

Anders Johnson.

Ambassador of Sweden

The Globetree Event/ Program

**World Championship in Cooperation
City of Kampala, Uganda 2 - 6 June,
2008**

12.00 Lunch

For seminars and workshops 3-6 June
please get the information at the WorldCiC
Secretariat

All day: Getting to know one another,
games and have fun!

All day: Rehearsing of the children's
performances and Our Uniting Water
Ceremony

2nd JUNE: ARRIVAL DAY

3rd JUNE: DAY ONE

Guest Arrive for Registration of members
and their leaders.

- An interactive welcome of getting to
know and feel free with each other.

- In a Late afternoon 4:00pm a seminar
was organised to illustrate through drama,
poems and speeches on the girl child. A
speech to show the empowerment of the
new girl child by Lurlac read by Tashoby
Doreen.

- A poem by Shilla

- A play by Lurla children from Tanzania

Meet and Greet - preparing for the
WorldCiC Venue: The Mayor's Garden

Welcome to Kampala!

09.00 H.W. Deputy Mayor of Kampala
Ms. Florence Namayanja

09.15 Preparations for the parade (5th
June)

10:30 Rehearsing of the Our Uniting Water
Ceremony (Openings Ceremony)

4th JUNE: DAY TWO

10.00 Official opening of the Ceremony

- The function started with a prayer led by
Mr. Michael. The Master of Ceremonies
welcomed all participants to the 2nd word
CiC and urged all children to put this day
as a remembrance in their lives.

- The Bristol Band Academy from Kazo
Wakiso district entertained participants
after which they marched to the Mayors
Palour to bring the officials from various
cities to the venue and all participants
stood up smartly applauded.

- The national anthems of Kenya, Sweden,
Tanzania, Malaysia, Buganda and Women
Anthems

The MC then introduced all officials who
included the Ambassador of Sweden,
President Globetree, Mayor of Kampala
etc and all the participants from different
countries

Opening Ceremony - Building bridges
in the Future Vessel Venue: The Mayor's
Garden

Preparing the Building of the Future Vessel

Official Opening of the World Championship in Cooperation 2008
Welcome to Kampala!

H.W. Mayor of Kampala Mr. AI Hajji Nasser Ntege Ssebagala Ag - Town Clerk Kampala

World Championship in Cooperation - a global gathering guided by children Kajsa Dahlstrom, President Globetree

Our Uniting Water Ceremony

Children from participating nations unite water from a place they care for The children present Our United Water to the dignitaries

Dances, songs and drama by the children

Greetings from the Lord Mayor of Stockholm, Mr. Borje Berglund Guests of Honour

Words of appreciation to the children

-Swedish Ambassador H.E. Anders Johnson -Uganda Minister of Youth Hon. Mr. James Kinobe

The Future Vessel - The World Championship in Cooperation

Children build bridges between their created visions of the a common future
Lunch

The bridge building continues

Children write their notes of wishes to the

Night Building Team Children return to their homes/hostels.

Welcome to the children's Future Vessel Arena!

Mayors, civil servants, teachers, NGO's, volunteers, students and others are invited to come together to fulfill the notes of wishes from the children.

20.30 What have we learnt in the children's Future Vessel?

21.00 End of day

5th JUNE: DAY THREE

World Environment Day - Parade - Meeting in the Future Vessel - Planting trees Venue: Mayor's Garden

08.00 Gathering for the Parade The parade

09.00 The parade starts at Constitution Square (the City Square) and ends at the Kampala CC Children guide the public into the Future Vessel

11.00 Snacks

11.30 World Environment Day

Trees - performance by the Tree Theatre Group, Malaysia Mr. Jes 1. Izaidin President Tree Theatre Group

Children's performances

Chairman Tree planting Committee - Mr Kintu Kalyango

Director Entebbe Women Association

EWA - Ms Margaret K. H Tuhumwire
Secretary General LVRAC - Dr Julius Ayo
Odongo

Our Uniting Water Trophy presented to
H.W. Mayor of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

H.W. Mayor of Kampala Mr. AI Hajji
Nasser Ntege Ssebagala

Welcome to the World Championship
in Cooperation 2010! - Deputy Director
General, Kuala Lumpur City Hall - Dato
Nordin Amin

Hon. Minister of the Environment Ms
Mutagabwa Miriam Ceremonial Tree
Planting at KCC with the Minister of
Environment Lunch

H.W. Mayor of Kampala Mr. AI Hajji
Nasser Ntege Ssebagala Guest of Honour
Hon. Minister of Gender Ms. Saida Bunda
The children receive the Gold Medal

14.00 Planting trees at Kololo Airstrip
Back to the Future Vessel Barbeque.

**7 - 10 June Optional program Safari to
Murchison Falls Game Park.**

For the main tree planting two buses were
provided for transport to Kololo for the
main tree planting. The rest were left
behind to be entertained by music. The
children left behind choose a master of
ceremony among themselves to control
the event for time being.

Study-tour to the Source of the Nile. (See
separate program).

Back to home/hostel

6TH JUNE: DAY FOUR

***Guiding of the Future Vessel - Closing
Ceremony Venue: Mayor's Garden***

09.00 Gathering at the Future Vessel

09.30 Guiding of the Future Vessel.
Invited: schools and general public Closing
Ceremony

Children's Performances

First Golden Key to Africa H.W. Mayor
Stephen Kabuye, Entebbe The Mayors
read their promise to the children

The Mayors receive the Golden Key

Seminars and Work Shops

June 4th, 2008

We are deaf, We are blind

Main Participant: Nya Brskolan

Students from Sweden told about how it is to live in Sweden. Every one uses sign language at school, no matter how much they can hear, but some use spoken Swedish at home. You have to use sign language, so everyone can understand. When you speak sign language, people look at you but its nothing to think about. Its possible to teach deaf dogs to obey commands in sign language.

The deaf from different countries can more easily understand eachother, than hearing from different countries.

The Malaysian told about his sons's school, where there are 90 students with various disabilities, deafness, blindness, down's syndrome etc. On the TV- channel in Malaysia the news is always interpreted.

The deaf children from Uganda said that until two years ago, the news in Uganda were interpreted to sign language too, but this has disappeared now.

Some said that their parents interpreted the new to them. The Ugandan children told that their parents have learned sign language in the local deaf schools. Then many said that they teach their parents sign language.

Many parents send their deaf children to hearing schools because they can't afford to send their kids to deaf schools.

Many parents also won't send their deaf children to school at all, instead they help around the house with house hold chores. But those who know sign language are taken to school. The others their parents think they are stupid, the deaf don't get support. Yet the deaf can also understand

In Uganda we have deaf children and have different schools. At every district in Uganda they have a list at the Inspector of schools for the deaf. So when people contact the education officer for assistance, they are assisted

Some people with PWD have a negative attitude which leads them to the streets to beg. Some are led by their parents who do not care about them. A teacher asked everyone to become a volunteer for these deaf and blind.

A child said that in his school the parents have some money so they took him to America to the inclear implant but the child became totally deaf. Some parents can't afford inclear implant that its expensive so they just use them when crossing the road.

The Kenyan said that they use sign language to teach the deaf blind children. To teach the deaf, blind you need one teacher per student

The Uganda children said that some hearing impaired can be helped with hearing aids, but not every one can afford it.

Mica (Sweden) said that in Sweden hearing aids are free for children under the age of 18. The Swedish children said that deaf can communicate with each other through text messages, text telephones and video calls on the cell phones. If a hearing person wants to call a deaf person, there is an agency that interprets between the hearing who uses a normal phone and the deaf who has a mobile phone capable of video calls. There is also a possibility to get a translation between a hearing and deaf from a normal phone to a text telephone.

If a deaf wants to communicate with a hearing person directly, he can use a sign language interpreter, which is free of charge in Sweden

We brought out the fact different countries have different sign languages, just as they have different spoken languages. There are relations between sign languages. The Scandinavian sign language are similar, as the French and the US sign language (Sign language was brought to the Us by the French)

The deaf from Uganda said that they have some problems with English, and that they are not at the same level as hearing students in the same school years in the knowledge about the English language. In Uganda the deaf are not taught speech reading whereas in other countries the deaf can read speeches.

In Uganda during school exams the interpreters are not good at sign language and children find it difficult to understand them. After P.7 they are sent to Kenya for secondary education and tertiary institutions. When they return to Uganda their certificates are refused by UNEB so they end up staying home without jobs. And they do not know why their certificates are not approved.

The teacher from Malaysia invited 20 deaf from Uganda to their country but children said they did not have sponsors to fund them. The Malaysian teacher said they will

sponsor them. Children got impressed and thanked the teacher.

The Kenyan teacher thanked all for being co-operative and participating and when she goes back she will take their greetings to Kenya.

A Swedish teacher asked teachers to stay behind to have a touch for the future May 2010

GIRL CHILD LIFE SKILLS

Presented by Doreen Tashobya on 3rd June 2008 at the Children's seminar organized by World Championship in cooperation.

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen.

My name is Tashobya Doreen, iam 15 years old.

I was privileged to attend the girl child life skills training organized by L VRLAC for girls between 10 and 14 years of age. In this training, we were taught to have confidence and that is the reason why iam standing before you.

The girl child from birth is considered inferior to the boy in our families and society at large. Our cultures promote inequality and discrimination between boys and girls and as a result girls grow with fear and lack confidence in themselves. Life skills training is an opportunity to for the girl child to learn how to appreciate herself and be confident to participate in everything without fear.

As a girl begins to grow, she is mentored into doing household chores like fetching water, cooking, collecting firewood and looking after babies something meant to initiate her into motherhood.

Body changes at the age of 9 and 10 like growth of breasts, hips, going into menstruation are often abused by boys and men with whom we live. For example, when breasts begin to grow, nasty insults like calling them socks, dairy are thrown at them and this greatly offends girls. Body changes are looked at as a humiliation and this greatly contributes to loss of self esteem.

Girls should understand that body changes are part of the normal growth of one's body and there is nothing to be ridiculed about since men also grow beards, break voices, have wet dreams etc.

Girls have more often been denied rights like education, when parents do not have enough fees, they opt to remove girls from school and pay for boys. Sometimes we are married off at an early age to big men, in some cultures genital mutilation is done. After knowing that we have rights, we need to be more assertive, fight for our rights, inform authorities where we are being oppressed.

Through exchange of experiences, we noted that as girls we are vulnerable to many bad things like sexual abuse, incest, HIV / AIDS, child neglect and dangerous cultural practices on our bodies. However, even when defiled or raped, the girl is punished twice. She may get pregnant or infected with HIV/AIDS and parents will reject her and she drops out of school.

I call upon you girls to fight those evils because we now know how to keep away from bad touches, avoid being lured by gifts and bad company which may lead us astray. I encourage you to open, share with your parents, elders, teachers, leaders about any dangerous or harmful practices inflicted on us.

As I conclude life skills is very important for the girl chills because it has helped us to;

- Discover ourselves as girls

- Acquire knowledge on dangers surrounding us and how to protect ourselves
- Know our rights and fight for them
- Build our self esteem and make us strong girls and future women leaders.

On behalf of the girls, we thank LVRLAC for this training, because it has made us better girls from what we were yesterday, to strong competitive women leaders of tomorrow.

We appeal to all our leaders in every local authority to embrace girl child programs and promote equality between girls and boys so as to create a more gender sensitive society globally.

Thank you got listening to me.

**SPEECH BY
HONORABLE MINISTER OF GENDER LABOUR AND
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
ON
THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN
CO-OPERATION EVENT 2008
AT
THE MAYORS GARDENS KAMPALA CITY COUNCIL
16TH JUNE 2008**

Your Worship The Mayor

Heads of Delegates from Europe, Asia and other African Countries Councilors

Children

Ladies & Gentlemen

I am greatly honored to be here to officiate at the closing of this very important event; “The World Championship in Cooperation 2008” that has been here from 2nd_ 6th June 2008.

I would like to thank the organizers of this event, Kampala City Council, Globe Tree, and your partners for giving children an opportunity to express their views through art about the future. I am sure they have interacted among themselves, made friends and greatly enjoyed this event.

The N.R.M Government, values children very much and has put them on its Priority Agenda. The Government has introduced Universal Primary and Secondary Education, Immunization for all children and has developed the (O.V.C) Orphans & other Vulnerable Children Policy.

All the above programmes are guided by an Act of Parliament, the Children Act 2000 that protects children rights and allows children to participate and get involved in issues that affect them.

The World Championship in Cop-operation event 2008 that I am going to close this afternoon is in line with the NRM Government Policy.

However, in Uganda like any other developing countries, there are anonymous problems affecting children; and as a result, we have children on the streets of Kampala, HIV / AIDS affected and infected children, orphans to mention but a few categories.

These and many others are areas where the N.R.M Government is focusing and mobilizes resources to implement programmes that help these vulnerable children, so that they are also given a bright future.

I was surprised when I learnt that in Sweden some of the cities there are closing schools because there are no children in those cities to go to school, yet here in Uganda the numbers of the school going children are more than the available schools. This is an area among others that this event can help us to co-operate.

The World Championship in Co-operation 2008, event has given an opportunity the participants from the various countries to interact, exchange ideas and make friends. This should not stop here but continue.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Globe Tree organization for this initiative and challenge you to do more.

I wish also like to thank you for choosing Uganda and promise that we shall continue to work in partnership with you for the good of our children.

I am informed that the next World Championship in Co-operation event will be in Malaysia in 2010. Uganda looks forward to that time we shall participate in that event more so since even Malaysians have attended ours.

With those few remarks, I take this opportunity to declare the World Championship in Co-operation 2008 held in Kampala City in Uganda closed.

GOD BLESS YOU.

FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY

Mayors Promise to the Future 2008

Declaration from the second World Championship in Cooperation
June 2-6, 2008, Kampala, Uganda

We municipalities and districts thank you all children and young people who have participated in the second World Championship in Cooperation (WCIC). In Kampala 2008 you have show us that through cooperation – all is possible. You also have given us the knowledge that – above all – two areas are of great importance for you. Firstly, you have emphasized the issue of youth influence in the political field, and secondly you have pointed out the task of working for a sustainable world.

We will now take your desires with us back to our communities. Therefore, with receiving this Golden Key, we promise:

- 1. To listen to the ideas of the children, respect them and implement them.**
- 2. To work hard toward a sustainable environment.**
- 3. To take measures to enable the access to clean and affordable drinking water.**

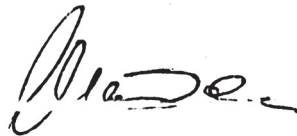
Additionally we promise – to make efforts to invite more countries to participate in the forth-coming World Championship in Cooperation, in Kuala Lumpur 2010. We acknowledge the importance of spreading the WCIC message throughout the world.

Our objective is to re-evaluate the three main areas of commitment, one year from now, to ensure that the process of fulfilling the promises is proceeding toward the WCIC in 2010.

Kampala June 6th, 2008

With love and respect,

Mr Amin Nordin Abdaziz, representative of the Mayor of Kuala Lumpur



Ms Lena Andersson, Deputy Mayor of Kalix, Sweden



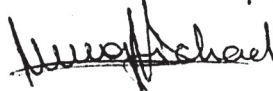
Mr Lars Bäckström, Mayor of Robertfors, Sweden



Ms Aguti Anna Grace, representative of the Mayor of Jinja, Uganda



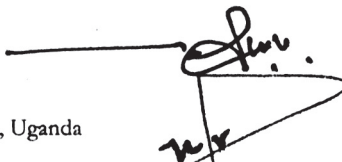
Mr Michael Mugeni, Mayor of Busia, Uganda



Ms Florence Namayanja, Deputy Mayor of Kampala, Uganda

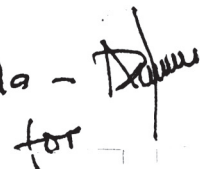


Mr Peter O Nyauke, Mayor of Homa Bay, Kenya



Mr Johnson Muyanja Senyonga, Mayor of Mukono, Uganda

Mr. Stephen Kabuye - Mayor of Entebbe - Uganda -



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