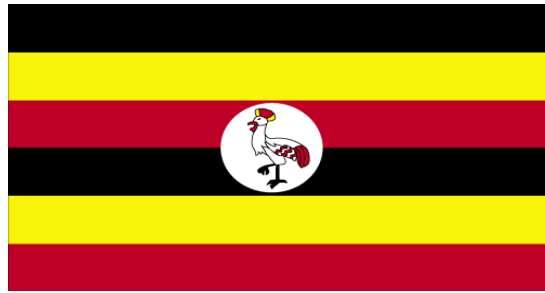




UGANDA



INTRODUCTION

British influence in Uganda began in the 1860s with explorers seeking the source of the Nile. The colonial boundaries created by Britain to delimit Uganda grouped together a wide range of ethnic groups with different political systems and cultures. These differences complicated the establishment of a working political community after independence was achieved in 1962.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Yoweri Kaguta MUSEVENI

Head of Government

President Yoweri Kaguta MUSEVENI

Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Kampala

Legislature

unicameral National Assembly or Parliament (445 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 241,038 sq km

Land: 197,100 sq km

Water: 43,938 sq km

Climate

tropical; generally rainy with two dry seasons (December to February, June to August); semiarid in northeast

Natural Resources

copper, cobalt, hydropower, limestone, salt, arable land, gold

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

low-income, primarily agrarian East African economy; COVID-19 hurt economic growth and poverty reduction; lower oil prices threaten prior sector investments; endemic corruption; natural resource rich; high female labor force participation but undervalued

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$99.61 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$2,200 (2020 est.)

Industries - sugar processing, brewing, tobacco, cotton textiles, cement, steel production

Agricultural products - sugarcane, plantains, cassava, maize, sweet potatoes, milk, vegetables, beans, bananas, sorghum

Exports \$7.686 billion (2019 est.)

gold, coffee, milk, fish/fish products, tobacco (2019)

partners: UAE 58%, Kenya 9% (2019)

Imports \$9.991 billion (2019 est.)

packaged medicines, aircraft, delivery trucks, cars, wheat (2019)

partners: China 19%, India 17%, Kenya 16%, UAE 7%, Japan 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

44.7 (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

3.31% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Baganda 16.5%, Banyankole 9.6%, Basoga 8.8%, Bakiga 7.1%, Iteso 7%, Langi 6.3%, Bagisu 4.9%, Acholi 4.4%, Lugbara 3.3%, other 32.1% (2014 est.)

Language

English (official), Ganda or Luganda, Niger-Congo and Nilo-Saharan languages, Swahili (official), Arabic

Religion

Protestant 45.1%, Roman Catholic 39.3%, Muslim 13.7%, other 1.6%, none 0.2% (2014 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 25.6% of total population (2021)
rate of urbanization: 5.41% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)

