**News from Uganda – March 2013**


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**Interview**

**How Has President Museveni Stayed in Power?**
Think Africa Press' editor explains the dynamics behind the Ugandan president's support from the West, domestic control and staying power.


**Politics**

**European Union Lifts Aid Ban**
President Yoweri Museveni has met and held talks with the European Union Envoy to Uganda Ambassador Roberto Ridolfi who announced that the EU funded programs can now continue in Uganda as per their approved budget for the next seven years.


‘I Dreamt of a Democratic Country’
Third Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for East African Community Affairs Eriya Tukahirwa Kategaya will be laid to rest today. He was a man who believed in social justice and making leaders accountable to the people they led.


**Gov’t Keen On Inter-Party Talks**
Development partners have been assured that the NRM Government is interested in inter-party dialogue with political parties that are focused on issues of development and improving service delivery in the country.


**Gender & Women**

**Gov't Told to Empower Women**
Government has been asked to promote women's economic empowerment by mobilizing them to participate in programs such as the National Agricultural Advisory Services (NAADS) and joining Savings and Credit cooperatives (SACCOs).

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Make Girls and Women a Priority Everyday
In the past year alone, we have made tremendous strides in women's health and equality: the United Nations adopted a historic resolution to end female genital mutilation; global leaders convened at the London Summit on Family Planning to avail $2.6bn in new financial pledges and a series of unparalleled policy commitments to family planning; and together, we celebrated the first-ever International Day of the Girl Child.

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Businesswomen Aim High
Rather, her story is one of perseverance and defying incredible odds. When Rubirizi conceived the idea of starting her flower company in 1992, she did not think it would be all that tough. While she knew getting the flowers to a hungrier market outside Uganda would be a tall order, she did not think that getting the start-up capital from any of the financial institutions in the country would turn out to be an even bigger challenge.

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Economy

Chinese, Indian State Banks Eye Uganda's Power Plants
Chinese and Indian state banks are among the financial institutions the government has approached to invest in Uganda’s electricity sector, but commercial banks believe the country should also target private international funds.

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Uganda Moving to Sign EPAS
Uganda is moving towards signing the EAC- EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPAs), a senior government official disclosed on Friday.

http://allafrica.com/stories/201302250733.html

Students to Make Smart Phones
They are known for their first innovation, the Electric Vehicle (Kiira EV) that was successfully launched a year ago and the Kayoola Electric Solar Bus, which they intend to launch soon among other reasons.

http://allafrica.com/stories/201302181957.html

Agriculture and Land Issues

Museveni: The Corrupt Are Behind Eviction of Peasants
President Yoweri Museveni has issued a stern warning that anyone who connives to evict peasants illegally from their land will face criminal prosecution. President Museveni held a press conference at his country home in Rwakitura, specifically to re-affirm his order stopping all eviction of peasants from their land.

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Land Court in Offing
he judiciary is planning to establish a land court, the Chief Justice Benjamin Odoki has revealed.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201303051227.html

New Land Directives Unconstitutional - Law Experts
President Museveni’s new directives on land, which he says are aimed at resolving conflicts, have no basis in law and could escalate tensions between landlords and tenants, analysts have warned.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201303011243.html

Local Affairs

Mothering Behind Bars
Being pregnant, HIV-positive or having a baby is not strange in the women’s wing of Luzira Prison. Petride Mudoola brings you the story of Harriet Nandudu, who is HIV-positive, pregnant and a mother of a one-year-old son
http://allafrica.com/stories/201303051250.html

Inclusive Education - an Ideal Too Expensive?
In the seventh part of The Observer/Nudipu series on Uganda's disability policy environment, Shifa Mwesigye finds that while inclusive education is an ideal, it is becoming too expensive even for those who dare.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201302271270.html

Nation Has World's Youngest Population
The State of Uganda's Population Report was released last week.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201302261413.html

Regional Affairs

M23 Delegation Divided at Kampala Talks
The M23 rebel delegation at the ongoing dialogue with the DR Congo government has split into two factions following last week’s internal clashes within the rebel group’s high command.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201303041970.html

U.S. Policies in the DRC Sacrifice Democracy for Security
In expressing support for the signing this week of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework agreement for the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Central African region, the U.S. State Department urged all signatories to quickly establish concrete follow-up mechanisms for its implementation.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201302281322.html

Culture and Arts

The Majority of Ugandans Are Not Homophobic'
Uganda's decision to deport David Cecil, the Kampala-based British producer of the play 'The River and the Mountain', prompted our blogger to address what he believes is a spreading misconception about anti-gay attitudes in his country.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201302220771.html

Playwright Wins BBC Global Prize
With her new play, Sunflowers behind a Dirty Fence, acclaimed Ugandan playwright Angella Emurwon won for a second time a BBC award, this time round, the 23rd BBC International Radio Playwright competition.  
http://allafrica.com/stories/2013022111571.html

**Sports**

**Bobby to Rely On Foreign-Based Players**
2014 World Cup qualifier  
http://allafrica.com/stories/201303071351.html

**Uganda Grants Asylum to Eritrean Football Team**
The Ugandan government has granted refugee status to 15 former members of Eritrea's national football team who disappeared in the country last year while taking part in a regional tournament.  
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