URA INTERVENTIONS DURING and AFTER COVID 19
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TALKING POINTS

• About the UGANDA
• About URA
• Impact of Covid -19 on UG
• Impact of Covid – 19 on URA
• URA preparedness for Covid-19
• Total size = 241,550 sq. km.
• Open water & swamps = 15%
• Population = 42.7m
• Total GDP = UGX 122.7tn ($33bn)
• GDP by sector = Agric 23%; Industry 28%; Services 43% (adjustment 6%)
• GDP per capita = UGX 3.2m ($864)
The Uganda Revenue Authority

• Established by The Uganda Revenue Authority Act of 1991.

• **Mandate:** To assess, collect and account for all Central Government tax revenue (including non-tax revenue) and to advise Government on revenue implications, tax administration and aspects of policy changes relating to all taxes as spelt out in the URA Act.

• **Mission:** We provide an environment that delivers a delightful experience in revenue services and business facilitation.

• **Vision:** To be THE center of excellence and innovation in revenue administration

• Target FY 2020/21--- UGX 21Tn = 14% GDP
Covid-19 cases over 600 with no death so far.

In Uganda the projection of economic growth in FY 2019/20 has been revised downwards from 6.0% to worst case scenario of 3.1%.

Formal economy impacted: Hotel, tourism, wholesale & retail, NTR from licensing agencies etc.

The lockdown to contain the COVID-19 has also disproportionately hurt the informal economy. Players such as:
- Informal workers who survive on daily cash.
- Street vendors, taxi and other auto drivers such as boda - boda riders,
- Shoe polishing, food vending, music recording and
- Phone dealers accessories, commercial pay phone services,
- Beauty & cosmetics businesses, hairdressing & barbering,
- Motor mechanical repairs, etc.
THE COVID-19 IMPACT ON URA

Staff
• % staff have to work from home.
• Change of culture, social distance, wearing masks
• Anxiety; especially those working from home and at border stations.

Clients
• Lock down impact on movement leading to Some taxpayers unable to file and pay on time.
• Have to change business focus to suit situation i.e. less alcohol, more sanitizers.
Revenue Decline

• Decline in revenue collection 27.5% in April and 32.1% in May vs same month last year.
• Decline in imports by over 45% compared to last year.
• Most affected, private sector PAYE, tourism, hotel, wholesale, and retail,

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URA PREPAREDNESS ON COVID-19

Staff
• Put in place policy, framework and tools to facilitate off site work.
• Protective gear, masks, sanitizers, gloves, fumigation, water and soap.
• Enhanced virtual contact centre to reduce physical contact.
• Constant safety messages and staff contribution to National Covid-19 task force.

Revenue
• Promotion of tax health checks while carrying out internal data analysis.
• Provision of installment payments of tax due.
• Tax relief on imports of raw materials or finished products to support Covid-19.
• Focus on HNWI
• Special focus on e Commerce & real estate.
URA PREPAREDNESS ON COVID-19

URA ONLINE SERVICES

- Customs systems and reports
- Agent licensing
- Online Auctioning
- URA Transporter licensing
- Online Service Support
- Partlot management
- Declaration of entries
- Agent T1 self -generation
- Entry Query management
- Issuance of Preferential Certificate of Origin
- Transporter Licensing (Online Transit Goods License)
- Licensing of Customs Bonded Warehouses
- Motor vehicle Tax calculator
- Online Banking /EFT/RTGS/Online debit
- Banks, Agency banking
- Visa/MasterCard for Stanbic Bank, ABSA and UBA
- PayWay Services across the country
- Mobile Money (MTN and Airtel)

- TIN Application for Individual, Non Individual & Groups
- Tax Clearance Application
- Declaration of an Instrument
- Declaration of Bulk Instruments
- Generation of a Stamps Certificate
- Generation of a Payment Slip
- Re- Validation of Motor Vehicle
- Application of Motor Vehicle post registration services
- Filing a Presumptive Return
- Filing any other Tax Return
- Accessing any Tax Literature on Line
Thank you