

**REMARKS BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY, PROF. DAVID MPANGO KAKUBA, AT THE INSPECTION OF ENTEBBE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PROJECTS BY THE JOINT TRANSPORT SECTOR REVIEW TEAM ON WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST, 2019 AT ENTEBBE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

**The Hon. Minister of Works and Transport**

**Honorable members of Parliament,**

**Distinguished guests,**

**Members of the press,**

**Ladies and gentlemen**

It is an honor and pleasure to warmly welcome you all to Entebbe International Airport to share with you on-going developments aimed at improving on the services and facilities for better passenger facilitation.

I wish to briefly update you on progress made since the last time that the Joint Transport Sector review visited and inspected works at Entebbe in August 2018.

In relation to the upgrade and expansion of Entebbe International Airport, overall progress is at 56%. However, in specific terms, the following progress has been registered:

Upgrade and expansion of the Entebbe International Airport:

- Taxiway Alpha Strengthening is 66% complete and Taxiway Alpha Extension is at 98% complete.

- Taxiway K has also been connected to taxiway A, but awaiting completion of the Cargo aircraft parking Apron.
- Runway 12/30 – overall progress – 94% complete and is expected to be completed by end of September 2019.
- Cargo Complex - Overall progress is at 80.47%

Under the cargo complex are the following sub comments:

- a) Access Road is 91% complete
  - b) Service Road is 62% complete
  - c) Cargo Apron is 81% complete
  - d) Taxiway K is 98% complete
  - e) Landside Area is 56% complete
  - f) Commercial Centre Design is expected to be completed by end of August 2019.
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- Fuel Hydrant Line & Fuel Farm – overall progress is at 40%
  - Aircraft Parking Apron 4 – overall progress is at 47%. The first half is expected to be completed by end of December 2019.
  - Aircraft Parking Apron 2 – overall progress is at 28%. Reconstruction of VVIP Apron 2 is also ongoing.
  - Water Tanks – overall progress is at 28%. Reconstruction of VVIP Apron 2 is also ongoing.

Modification of the passenger terminal building:

The ongoing work by Seyani Brothers (U) Ltd s at 67%.

- The expansion works are critical to the airport in light of the growing passenger and cargo traffic figures rising steadily every year.
- While Entebbe International Airport handled a paltry 118,000 international passengers in 1991 at UCAA's establishment, the Airport handled 1.65 Million passengers in 2017 and 1.84 Million passengers in 2018.
- In the first part of 2019, (January to June 2019, 913,284 passengers were recorded in comparison to 842,582 recorded in the same period of January to June 2018, an indicator of 70,702 more passengers already.

We are undertaking projects as part of a 20-year National Civil Aviation Master Plan whose traffic projections have been taken into consideration.

Thank you for listening.