

A huge turn up for Technical Audit Training



The two Presidential aspirants for UIPE 2020 Elections



First World Engineering day celebrated

# UIPE NEWSLETTER



Eng. Ben Kimeze during discussion session



Eng. Hans Mwesigwa facilitating during Value for Money Audit.

## Hundreds turn up for Technical Audit Training

At the end of February 2020, UIPE organised its first CPD training of 2020 titled Technical and Value for Money Audit. The three day training ran from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> Feb at Eureka Hotel Ntinda and was massively attended with a total of 280 participants. This number was definitely overwhelming as most of the confirmations to attend came in late.

The big number can be attributed to the tireless efforts of UIPE secretariat in mobilising participants but also to the UIPE's efforts of Diversity and Inclusion evidenced in conducting a training /topic that cuts across all Engineering disciplines. The training was facilitated by Eng. Hans Mwesigwa and Eng. Ben Kimeza conducted in form of lecture and group discussions where participants were tasked with different case studies to better understand Value for Money Audit.

Eng. Hans said that the purpose of the training was to train people about Financial and Technical auditing and Value for money auditing. But the main objective according to him was to let Engineers know that Audit is part and partial of society as it helps them improve.

In addition, he said that the training was tailor made for everyone. "Everyone needs this training, those who have been audited, those who haven't been audited but maybe audited, those who won't be or may not be audited but the information gives them basics of carrying out engineering projects well."

The facilitator Eng. Hans Mwesigwa described participants as highly knowledgeable but needed a little “polishing.” Speaking to one of the participants, Maj. Eng. Geoffrey Kayima, he inclined to agree with what the facilitator had in mind by saying that he had some knowledge about auditing but they were some new aspects he had learnt giving him a deeper understanding of Value for Money Audit. “I have done value for money trainings before but there concepts that Eng. Hans mentioned about weights that give you a qualified or unqualified opinion in Auditing a project that I didn’t know.”

For future trainings, Eng. Hans advised UIPE to make CPD training proceedings to equip the institution with learning and reference materials. All in all the training was a success.

**You are kindly reminded to collect your CPD certificates from UIPE offices in case you haven’t.**

## World Engineering Day

UNESCO has gazetted 4<sup>th</sup> March of every year to be celebrated as the International World Engineering Day.

The resolution to proclaim 4<sup>th</sup> March of every year as World Engineering Day was adopted by the 40<sup>th</sup> General Conference of UNESCO in November 2019.

This year’s theme was “World Engineering Day for Sustainable Development.” This theme was arrived at as a means of celebrating the important contributions of Engineers and Engineering to sustainable Development and modern life. Celebrating WED gives an opportunity to engage with government and industry to address the need for engineering capacity and the quality of engineers around the world and develop strategic frameworks and best practices for the implementation of engineering solutions for Sustainable Development.



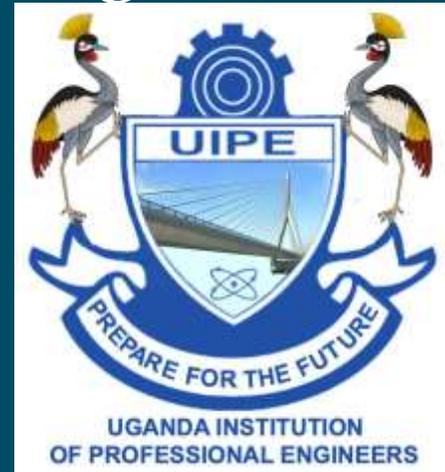
The WED logo is inclusive of 17 colours of the UN Sustainable Development Goals as a representation of the Commitment to the UN 2030 Agenda. The colours at the centre of the image are the Sustainable Development Goals for Water, Energy, Sustainable Infrastructure and Innovation. These are the main areas where Engineers are needed most.

The image of the world is incorporated in the logo to show that this is a global day for everyone. The gears of the logo show that Engineers are moving the world forward and that Engineering is essential for Sustainable Development.

To mark the day, UIPE requested the different branches to come up with activities to celebrate the day. Two branches took on this initiative i.e. West Nile and Jinja Branch. Jinja Branch celebration took place at Safari Hotel on 4<sup>th</sup> March with 25 members in attendance. Eng. Ben Kyemba was the day’s main presenter who educated members on what WED is about.

Unfortunately the Arusha celebrations that had been set to take place on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 were put on hold due to COVID-19 pandemic.

## Change of UIPE Logo



New Logo



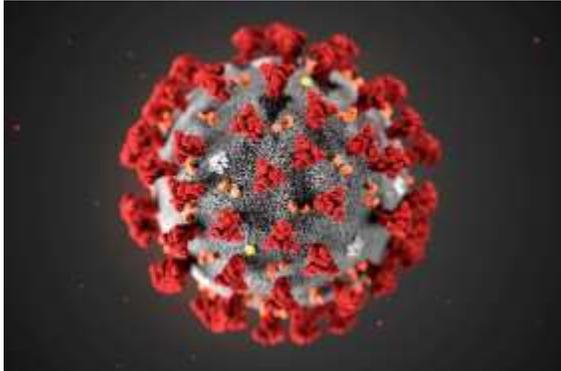
Old Logo

You may have already noticed a change in all UIPE Communication materials particularly the logo. This is because UIPE has undergone a rebranding process which has seen a change and introduction of a number of new branding materials all made possible by European Union funding.

Apart from the logo, branding materials like pull up banners, car stickers, posters, information folders and leaflets have been introduced.

The usage of the new logo on all UIPE communication materials was put to effect at the beginning of this year.

# COVID-19, The Pandemic that changed everything



The World is currently experiencing a pandemic that has claimed the lives of many and left others traumatized from seeing their loved ones fighting for their lives on ventilator machines.

The COVID-19 is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered Coronavirus. It was first detected in December 2019 in China in Wuhan City, Hubei Province. By Jan 2020, 282 confirmed cases were reported from four countries including China (278 cases), Thailand (2 cases) Japan (1 case) and Republic of Korea (1 case). Cases in Thailand, Japan and Republic of Korea were exported from Wuhan City, China. (Source: WHO website)

According to the World Health Organization, those infected will experience mild to moderate respiratory illness and recover without requiring special treatment. In addition WHO states that the best way of preventing and slowing transmission is being informed about the COVID-19 virus, the spread and causes of the disease.

Also protect yourself and others from infection by washing your hands or using an alcohol based rub frequently and not touching your face.

By June 19<sup>th</sup>, the confirmed cases worldwide according to WHO statistics are 8,242,999, confirmed deaths 445,535 and 216 are countries with cases. In Uganda the first COVID19 case was reported on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020, a total of 741 cases has been confirmed, with 486 recoveries as of 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020 according to the Ministry of Health.

To prevent a wide spread of the disease, the government of Uganda came up with preventative measures that saw a total lockdown of the country for almost three months. The lockdown that started in March 2020 saw the closure of all schools, churches and any other public gathering place like bars. In addition, the transport of goods and services was also affected as no public and even private cars for a given period were allowed to operate.

This however affected the day to day running of businesses which has led to a drastic shortage of essential supplies and an increment in prices of those available. Here at UIPE, office was forced to close, meetings, trainings, election of 2020/2021 President and Annual General Meeting were put on hold, delivery of membership certificates was also immensely affected.

In June, the Government of Uganda eased on the lockdown as both private and public transport means were allowed to function with strict guidelines to follow. Wearing a face mask in public is a must, washing your hands with soap and water and sanitizing are some of the measures to be enforced to avoid the wide spread of COVID-19.

## To prevent infection and to slow transmission of COVID-19, do the following:

- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water, or clean them with alcohol-based hand rub.
- Maintain at least 1 metre distance between you and people coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
- Stay home if you feel unwell.
- Refrain from smoking and other activities that weaken the lungs.
- Practice physical distancing by avoiding unnecessary travel and staying away from large groups of people.

(Source :WHO website)

# Meet the 2020 UIPE Presidential Aspirants

## Eng. Ben Kyemba

Eng. Ben Kyemba is a registered Civil Engineer, a Corporate Member of UIPE currently serving as the Vice President Civil and the Chairperson of Membership, Education & Training Committee (2018-2020).

Eng. Kyemba currently works with Ministry of Works & Transport as the Acting Assistant Commissioner of Engineering in charge of Quality Assurance.

He promises to tackle the following, enhancement of membership at all levels with emphasis on the enrolment of more Technicians and Technologists, piloting of the online registration processing of applications. In liaison with ERB he promises to review, implement and track the CPD Credit Points System for Professional growth among others.

If elected in power, for the first month he plans to have team building meetings with all branches to pave a way for the next two years. While in offices he will engage with past presidents to share their knowledge on how best the institution can be run better by tackling the Institution challenges.

## Eng. Geoffrey Ogwang

Eng. Geoffrey Ogwang is a registered Mechanical Engineer, a Corporate Member of UIPE currently serving on Council since 2018. He has been a Chartered Member of the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply UK since 2016.

He is currently an Assistant Commissioner in the Midstream Petroleum Department, Directorate of Petroleum, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development. He previously served as a Principal Executive Engineer with Ministry of works and Transport.

Eng. Ogwang if elected as UIPE President promises to enhance membership mobilization, Advocate for welfare of Engineering practitioners both in public and private sectors, promote visibility for UIPE and the Engineering Profession as a whole, Resource mobilization for UIPE key flagship projects such as Technology House among others.

The UIPE Council 2018/2020 was expected to handover office by April 2020, however with the COVID 19 Pandemic voting was put on hold until further notice. Voting for the new President that had started this March at Secretariat office and online came to a standstill when the President of Uganda announced an immediate lock down of the entire country forcing closure of offices.

A way forward on election process will be communicated.

# World International Women's day

## CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE UIPE-WOMEN ENGINEERS TECHNOLOGIST & TECHNICIANS (WETT) COMMITTEE.



*Eng. Dr. Sarah Semyano*  
Chairperson WETT Committee

*Eng. Dr. Dorothy Okello*  
First Female UIPE President

*Eng. Irene Kaggwa Sewanka*  
Executive Director UCC

*Eng. Flavia Gutto*  
Executive Secretary NBRB

Uganda Institution of Professional Engineers (UIPE) is a professional body that brings together **all** Engineers, Technicians and Technologists. The Institution is made of committees that support the Secretariat in running of the day to day activities. The Women Engineers Technologists and Technicians (WETT) committee is one of the committees which together with Engineers Registration Board (ERB) and with funding for the past 2 years, from the Royal Academy of Engineering-UK, have supported the promotion of women participation in UIPE and other engineering activities as a whole.

This year's theme #EachforEqual resonates well with what WETT Committee has strived to achieve in the past two years. To encourage more female Engineers to register with ERB, the committee through its Engineering Professional Development program, has carried out Women in Engineering and Continuous Professional Development Workshops where female engineers were offered assistance with their technical reports. It has also done Technician and Technologist workshops to engage those with ordinary and higher diplomas become part of a professional body as they advance through their career. The program has registered a 52% participation from a mere 11% in the previous year.

In order to involve, guide and encourage students in engineering at tertiary institutions, the committee together with its partners Uganda Association of Consulting Engineers (UACE) and Uganda National Association of Building and Civil Engineering Contractors (UNABCEC) has carried out mentorship and outreaches to universities. At the same time it has supported 4 final year students with a grant award to encourage development and innovation. For the year 2019 there was an increase in the female participation of 35% from 21% in the previous year. Apart from that, the committee has implemented a Graduate Training Program where graduates were attached to supervisors (registered engineers) to help them navigate through their engineering career. With that, there has been a 32% female participation from zero over the past years. Finally, the committee is supporting the development of a Diversity and Inclusion Policy for the Institution that will ensure equality for all. "An equal world is an enabled world".

International Women's Day is a globally celebrated day that marks the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. Over the years, there has been a notable growth of women equality movements aiming at achieving sustainable equal opportunity for women in the world. In Uganda, we have witnessed both government and private entities coming out to support gender parity.

## Congratulations

In the same spirit, UIPE congratulates Eng. Flavia Gutto upon her appointment as Executive Secretary National Building Review Board and Eng. Irene Kaggwa Sewankabo as Executive Director Uganda Communication Commission

# EXPIRY OF ERB TENURE



The Engineers Registration Board is in the process of acquiring a new Board after the expiry of the 17<sup>th</sup> Board's term of office.

The tenure of the 17<sup>th</sup> Board expired on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2020 and to-date the 18<sup>th</sup> Board has not been constituted by the Minister of Works and Transport.

This however has affected applicants for UIPE Corporate Membership and ERB Registration especially those at the following stages;

- a) Those who were conditionally passed after interview and submitted revised reports for interview panel review,
- b) Those awaiting re-interview,
- c) Those who were successfully assessed and await interview

The above phases of the application process are handled by the Joint Assessment Committee (JAC) whose membership is from UIPE and ERB.

Processing applications by the Joint Assessment Committee (JAC) will immediately resume after the 18<sup>th</sup> Board has been constituted and the Board nominates members to JAC.

Regardless of the above, Applications for Corporate membership are still being received and processed to the stage being handled by JAC.

## Recruitment

UIPE in the months of April and May sent out online advertisement seeking to hire Consultants to undertake Training of Trainers and Monitoring and Evaluation of the GCRF Projects respectively.

Since January 2018, UIPE has been conducting the "Strengthening diversity and inclusion in Uganda's engineering sector" project with support of an award from the Royal Academy of Engineering. The award was made under the Academy's GCRF Africa Catalyst scheme, whose purpose is to ensure that there is sufficient and appropriately skilled engineering capacity to participate in and drive national and regional development in sub-Saharan Africa. A programme of activities was scheduled to run till December 2019; however, a no-cost six months extension was further granted up to June 2020.

***Applications received are being processed and successful candidates will be contacted on the way forward.***

# Elected members

Applicants considered by the 484<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 under the various categories

## PROVISIONAL CORPORATE MEMBERS

1. Ms. Kakyo Doreen
2. Mr. Rwanyarare William
3. Ms. Nantongo Olivia

*Please note that the Corporate Application form was revised, the updated version is available on UIPE website*

## STUDENT MEMBERS

1. Mr. Mugabi Nathan
2. Mr. Kanyere Anthony
3. Mr. Orukan Moses
4. Mr. Omach Emmanuel
5. Mr. Mushemeza Tadeo
6. Ms. Lydia Wazemwa
7. Mr. Borekire Paul
8. Mr. Kivumbi Ronald
9. Ms. Mugalu Melissa
10. Mr. Wafula Herman
11. Mr. Owiny Emmanuel

## GRADUATE MEMBERS

1. Ms. Kasirisa Solome
2. Mr. Ocacacon Simon
3. Mr. Tusiime Jonathan
4. Mr. Ariho Collin Musasizi
5. Mr. Kalyesubula Ronald
6. Mr. Mabaale James
7. Mr. Ahumuza Allan
8. Mr. Lubega Michael Gordon
9. Ms. Nantongo Patra
10. Mr. Kiyegga Raymond Paul
11. Mr. Lukwago Brian

## TECHNOLOGIST MEMBER

Mr. Komakech Francis

## TECHNICIAN MEMBERS

1. Mr. Kukundawe Johnbosco
2. Mr. Twesigye Ediwini
3. Mr. Lukwago Felix
4. Mr. Epola Francis
5. Ms. Bikobere Annet
6. Ms. Kobusinge Lydia

## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

Honorary members 250,000

Fellow Members 250,000

Corporate members 200,000

Provisional Corporate members 200,000

Graduate members 150,000

## Trainings

1. Financial Analysis of Infrastructure projects
2. Technical Reports writing and Presentation Skills
3. Occupational Health & Safety
4. Monitoring and Evaluation of Engineering projects
5. Contract Administration

**Fee: Members: 500,000**

**Nonmembers: 700,000**

The above trainings had been scheduled for this year, however they have been put on hold until the environment is safe for public gatherings as instructed by the Government of Uganda. New dates when revised will be communicated.

## COVID19- SAFETY measures enforced at UIPE Secretariat

The COVID-19 Pandemic which has affected the world has left business operational procedures not the same. Different Measures have been put in place by government to mitigate the wide spread of the disease. Some of the measures include washing your hands regularly with soap and water, sanitizing and wearing of face masks in public.

In line with the above measures, UIPE has enforced them by not allowing any client not wearing a face mask to access its premises. You must also sanitize your hands at the reception.

The working hours have also be affected putting into consideration curfew hours, office opens from 9am to 3:30pm every week day.

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