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Uganda hosts 46th annual meeting of Africa Reinsurance Corporation

6th Annual General Meeting



L-R: AfricaRe Group Managing Director, Dr. Corneille Karekezi, State Minister in the Ministry of Finance Hon. Amos Lugoloobi, AfricaRe Outgoing Board Chairman, Dr. Mohamed Maait, the Minister for National Security, Hon. Jim Muhwezi, Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA), Chief Executive Officer, Alhaji Kaddunabbi Ibrahim Lubega and Chair Organising Committee, Mr. Moses Ogwapus. Story 10

Prime Minister, Robinah Nabbanja has praised the Africa Reinsurance Corporation (Africa Re) for putting up a stellar performance in 2023, where it recorded a gross written premium in excess of \$1.1b and net profitability of more than \$129m.

Nabbanja, who was represented by security minister Jim katuguugu Muhwezi at the 46th Annual General Meeting of the corporation in Kampala, said the continental re-insurance corporation plays a prominent role in promoting economic stability and resilience within the insurance and reinsurance sectors across Africa.

She said the re-insurance corporation has over the years made huge contributions to risk management, capacity building, and fostering collaboration and partnerships among industry stakeholders.

Over the years, Africa Re has played a pivotal role in facilitating risk management and capacity building. It has also fostered collaboration and



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Private sector shows resilience amid rising costs, survey shows

Despite increasing utility, rent, material, and staff costs, Uganda's private sector continues to thrive, according to the latest Stanbic Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI). The PMI dipped from 54.1 in May to 51.9 in June, indicating continued growth but at a slower pace.

According to Christopher Legilisho, Economist at Stanbic Bank, "The private sector in Uganda is showing remarkable resilience in the face of rising costs. Strong demand conditions are driving output and employment growth, and businesses are optimistic about the future."

The survey found that output and new orders increased for the third consecutive month, driven by healthy consumer demand, referrals, and newly acquired clients. Companies also expanded their staffing levels for the fifteenth month in a row, with both part-time and full-time workers being hired to meet growing demand.

While input prices rose for the third consecutive month, businesses were able to pass on some of these costs to consumers, with output prices also increasing. Despite the challenges posed by rising costs, businesses in Uganda are optimistic about their prospects, with firms expecting stronger demand conditions and further growth in new business.

NSSF dividend earnings from MTN Uganda reach Shs80.6 B

The National Social Security Fund (NSSF) has earned a total of UGX 80.6 billion from its investment in MTN Uganda over the last 3 years, following payment of UGX 39.8 billion dividends for the year ended December 31, 2023.

The payment is the largest the Fund has earned from a listed company in the region this year, NSSF Managing Director Patrick Ayota said during a media conference at Workers House on Thursday.

"Not only is MTN Uganda the highest dividend payer across our equity portfolio this year, but the company has also been consistent in delivering positive growth over the last 3 years since the IPO. We commend the management of MTN Uganda for its commitment to creating shareholder value while also focusing on the long-term growth of the company," Ayota said.

The Fund earned UGX 9.3 billion and UGX 31.5 billion dividends for the years 2021 and 2022 respectively.

Speaking at a ceremony to hand over a dummy cheque to NSSF at Workers House in Kampala on Thursday, MTN Chief Executive Officer Sylvia Mulinge said: "NSSF Uganda is to date our largest institutional shareholder and MTN Uganda is privileged to



NSSF dividend earnings from MTN Uganda: Sylvia Mulinge hands over a dummy cheque to Patrick Ayota

serve the many Ugandans who have a stake in the Fund. We remain cognizant of the Fund's important mandate of ensuring the social security of their stakeholders and we reiterate our commitment of ensuring strategic investment and sustainable financial performance to fulfill the objectives and goals of the Fund," she said.

MTN Uganda continues to perform positively and consistently return an attractive dividend to its shareholders. In June, the 7th dividend payment of UGX 6.4 totaling UGX 143 billion was credited to all registered shareholders on their mobile money wallets and

nominated bank accounts. This is in addition to the two interim dividends paid out the previous year in September of Ush 6.0 per share and Ush 5.6 per share in December totaling Ush 259.8 billion. The total dividend paid out for the Financial Year 2023 signals a 13.2% increase in payment to our shareholders from the previous year. Mulinge further noted that since the IPO in December 2021, the total dividend paid to shareholders totaled UGX 864.4 billion and that these dividend payments have grown in tandem with the company's performance.

At the same media briefing, NSSF confirmed that it has

invested an additional UGX 90.95 billion to acquire 649,607,910 additional shares in MTN Uganda. This followed an offer for the secondary market purchase of ordinary shares announced on May 27, 2024.

The Fund in December 2021 had already invested UGX 360 billion to acquire 1.98 billion shares in MTN Uganda following its Initial Public Offer (IPO) in December 2021.

The latest investment brings the Fund's total investment to UGX 450.95 billion for 2,629,607,910 shares, further solidifying NSSF's position as the largest indigenous shareholder in MTN Uganda with 11.7% shareholding.

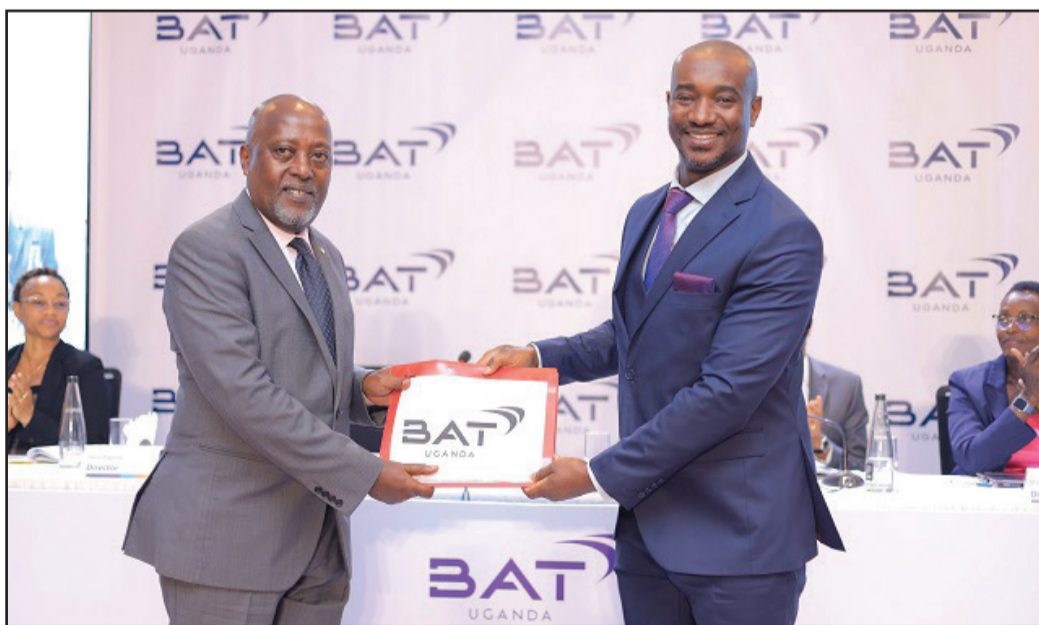
Ayota said the additional investment is a vote of confidence in MTN Uganda and is a belief that the company will continue to offer long-term benefits for NSSF members and the country.

"The effective price of UGX 140 per share presented an opportunity to invest in a cash-generative business with high growth potential. Also, MTN Uganda plays an integral role in the Fund's growth and the Country's development. Equally important, MTN Uganda presents a long-term growth opportunity for us, given its consistently impressive business and financial performance over the years," Ayota said.

Regarding the secondary offer for the sale of ordinary shares in MTN Uganda, Ms. Mulinge commented that she was pleased with the outcome that registered a 230% subscription. The oversubscription signaled an appreciation of the Company's strategy and continued positive performance evolution.

"The increased Fund investment in MTN Uganda, aligns broadly with MTN Group's objective to broaden local shareholding in the countries it invested in. The offer provided an opportunity to all Ugandan retail and professional investors, including MTN Uganda's loyal customers, to own a stake in the Company and participate in its future growth", she said.

MTN Uganda currently has 20,636 shareholders with over 200 smaller pension funds and SACCOs representing millions of Ugandans.



Henry Rugamba (L), the incoming chairperson of the board of directors of BAT Uganda Limited receiving the Board leadership file from Philemon Kipkemoi (R), a director who represented the outgoing chairperson, Hon. Dr. Elly Karuhanga during the 24th company AGM held at Kampala Sheraton Hotel, recently.

Shareholders of British American Tobacco Uganda Limited will receive Shs 8.9 billion as

dividend, equivalent to Shs 181 per ordinary share, following approval at the 24th Annual General Meeting held at Sheraton Kampala Hotel.

The dividend, in line with BAT Uganda's 100% dividend payout policy, will be distributed net of withholding tax on July 30 to shareholders

Henry Rugamba appointed Board Chairperson of BAT Uganda

listed on the company's share register as of the close of business on July 26, 2024.

The AGM also endorsed the appointment of Henry Rugamba as the Board Chairperson, succeeding Elly Karuhanga, who retired after more than a decade of service. Rugamba brings nearly 30 years of experience in business leadership and public relations, having started his career at BT Group plc in the UK and subsequently held key positions at British American Tobacco and Umeme Limited, where he significantly contributed to brand development and stakeholder management. He

joined the BAT Uganda board as a director in 2022.

BAT Uganda's outgoing Board Chairperson, Dr. Elly Karuhanga, expressed pride in the achievements made over time to solidify the company's position as a resilient and progressive business entity.

He appealed to the government to increase efforts to combat illicit trade, especially in cigarettes, which results in a revenue loss of Shs 30 billion annually. "Working closely with the private sector, I am optimistic that this challenge can be dealt with sustainably," he said, wishing the new Board Chairperson success.

BAT Uganda Managing Director, Mathu Kiunjuri, affirmed that the company's

business fundamentals remain solid amidst a challenging operating environment.

"BAT Uganda welcomes the opportunity for an enhanced approach to addressing these challenges (of illicit cigarettes), focused on leveraging partnerships for the effective enforcement of anti-illicit trade policies and regulations," he said.

BAT Uganda is a member of the BAT Group, a leading multi-category consumer goods business with brands sold in more than 180 markets. BAT began operations in Uganda in 1928 and has been listed on the Uganda Securities Exchange (USE) since 2000. Approximately 1,200 of BAT Uganda's shareholders are East African.

How Uganda's 2024/25 Budget will affect your finances

On June 13, 2024, Uganda's Minister of Finance, Matia Kasaija, unveiled the budget for the financial year 2024/2025.

This announcement isn't just about numbers on a spreadsheet; it directly affects your wallet. It's a bigger budget, but with bigger changes.

Uganda's total resource envelope for Financial Year 2024/25 stands at a staggering UGX 72.136 trillion, a substantial increase from UGX 52.736 trillion in FY 2023/24.

While these figures may seem abstract, they translate into significant changes in how your money is managed and spent.

The government's income is derived from taxes you pay, revenue from exports, and aid from other countries.

This income is then allocated to recurrent expenditure, which covers everyday government expenses like salaries for teachers and doctors, maintaining roads, and running hospitals, as well as development expenditure, which funds long-term projects like building new schools, improving agriculture, and investing in infrastructure.

The budget increase has ushered in a series of tax

adjustments that will impact your daily life. Here's a breakdown of what to expect.

Key Tax Measures for Financial Year 2024/25

Excise duty changes

Powdered Beer: A new excise duty of UGX 1,000 per kilogram will be imposed on powdered beer.

Non-Mobile Money Withdrawals: A 0.5% excise duty will apply to money withdrawals from platforms other than mobile money, excluding agent banking or banking halls.

Fuel: Excise duty on petrol will increase by UGX 100 per litre, as will the duty on diesel.

Imported Wines: The duty on imported wines will rise from 80% or UGX 8,000 per litre to 100% or UGX 10,000, whichever is higher.

Construction Materials: A UGX 500 excise duty will be imposed on adhesives, grout, white cement, and lime to align their tax treatment with that of cement.

Banking and Fintech Agents: A 10% withholding tax will be introduced on commissions paid to banking agents and fintech agents (payment service providers).

Value Added Tax (VAT) Adjustments

E-Mobility Incentives: Supplies of electric motorcycles, vehicles manufactured or fabricated in Uganda, their respective charging stations, and batteries for electric motorbikes will be exempt from VAT. This is aimed at promoting e-mobility and making electric vehicles more affordable.

Employee Benefits: Starting next financial year, the provision of taxable goods or services by an employer to an employee will attract an 18% VAT.

Incentives Under the Income Tax Act

Private Equity and Venture Capital: Investors will be exempt from tax on capital gains arising from the sale of holdings in private equity or venture capital funds regulated by the Capital Markets Authority. This is intended to attract more private equity and venture capital investments.

Electric Vehicle Manufacturing: Tax holidays will be provided for the income of individuals or entities involved in manufacturing electric vehicles, motorcycles, batteries, and charging equipment. Similar incentives apply to those developing, establishing, or operating medical or hospital facilities.

Arrears Waiver: Penalties and



Finance Minister, Matia Kasaija arriving to read the 2024/25 budget

interest on outstanding tax arrears by June 2023 will be waived if paid between July and December 2024.

Expert Opinions and Economic Impact

John Jet Tusabe, Director of Tax at BDO, an international network of public accounting, tax consulting, and business advisory firms, has warned that these tax changes could have multiple effects on the economy.

Allan Ssenyondwa, Director of Policy Research and Advocacy at the Uganda Manufacturers Association (UMA), emphasized that manufacturers are already burdened with multiple taxes. He cautioned that additional taxation could make Ugandan products less competitive in the regional market, potentially driving away investors.

The increase in excise duty on

fuels like petrol and diesel is particularly concerning. The price of petrol will rise from UGX 1,450 per litre to UGX 1,550 per litre, and diesel from UGX 1,130 per litre to UGX 1,230 per litre.

Juliet Najjinda, Senior Manager - Indirect Taxes at PwC (PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited), highlighted that this will likely lead to higher pump prices, affecting transportation costs and business profitability.

On the other hand, Hakim Mulema, a policy analyst and consultant at Private Consultancy HLM Ventures Limited, noted that the increased fuel costs will contribute to inflationary pressures in Uganda.

He said this will affect not only transportation-related goods and services but also other sectors reliant on fuel for production and distribution.

He warned that businesses will likely pass on these increased operational costs to consumers, further exacerbating inflation.

For the average Ugandan, especially those living on less than a dollar a day, these changes could mean the difference between having a meal and going hungry.

The budget's impact on fuel costs, in particular, has far-reaching consequences, potentially affecting everything from the cost of goods to the overall cost of living according to experts.

As such, while the budget for FY 2024/25 brings a substantial increase in government spending, it also introduces a series of tax adjustments that will directly affect your wallet. The key takeaway is to stay informed and prepared for these changes as they unfold over the coming year.

First Insurance agents get specialized training



Agents after Training at Cooper Chimney.

First Insurance Company (FICO) organized a half day training for its agents at Cooper Chimney. More than 60 agents from different agencies around the country attended. The training was aimed at refreshing the agents with knowledge of their mandate and rights as agents as well as reminding them of the importance to sensitize their clients and making the public more aware about the benefits of insurance in their day to day lives.

In his opening remarks, the Executive Director, Mr. Jeff Thompson, advised agents that FICO's capital has been increased to meet the new regulations, and therefore the agents may engage clients with confidence that FICO is a strong company with a bright future. He recognized the importance of

Motor Third Party insurance and encouraged agents to sell other classes of business to diversify their own income opportunities and assist their clients.

In his presentation, the Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Nsubuga Joseph took the agents through different classes of insurance and further emphasized the importance of guiding their clients on other classes of insurance to help mitigate client risks and diversify the agent's business.

The Head of Marketing, Mr. Mukasa Louis Emmanuel closed the training by thanking the agents for choosing FICO and making it for the day. He advised the agents to employ good communication skills when selling and to distance themselves from using insurance jargon since our clients are not experts in insurance.



Awareness, education will spur savings culture – Jubilee MD



Financial planning isn't just about securing immediate needs

Raising awareness and educating the public about the available savings options in the market is key to cultivating the savings culture in the country. These remarks are made by Jubilee Life CEO Kumar Summit Gaurav on 26th June during the launch of the company's Smart Save Plan, a savings product with numerous inbuilt benefits. Mr. Gaurav noted that the reasons to save for the future are well documented and further demonstrated

by several cautionary tales all around us, though there's still a need to regularly address them.

Recent estimates by the Bank of Uganda reveal that only about 3-5% of the 18M Ugandan workers save every month. With Kenya's saving rate at 23%, Rwanda at 18%, and Tanzania at 13%, Uganda's situation looks all the more precarious.

Addressing Uganda's low savings culture requires the deployment of robust educational campaigns and the introduction of innovative solutions from

players in the financial sector.

"Our new Jubilee Smart Save Plan is designed to empower our customers to meet crucial financial needs while offering a competitive return on investment. Whether it's funding education, securing business capital, or purchasing a home, this solution will ensure that our customers' savings work as hard for them as they do," said Mr. Gaurav.

Besides inculcating a consistent saving discipline, customers also need guidance to navigate the available solutions and opportunities in the market.

"We acknowledge the need to offer personalized financial advice as we walk with our customers on their journey towards achieving their goals. We are committed to investing our efforts in empowering our customers in this regard. We are confident that a joint effort alongside other sector players will turn the tide of the savings culture in the country."

Augmenting Mr. Gaurav's viewpoint, renowned finance literacy analyst Sharon Tumushabe noted that the financial planning conversation is relevant to people across different demographics, regardless of where they are in life.

"Financial planning isn't just about securing immediate needs; it's about building a foundation for long-term stability and growth. If you have people who depend on you, their well-being and future security are paramount. By starting a structured savings plan, you ensure that, no matter what happens, they will have financial support," Ms Tumushabe advised, adding that; "In financial planning, time is one of the most valuable assets. The earlier you start, the more you benefit from compound interest, and the larger your fund grows."

In contrast to taking a loan to cater to future expenses, Jubilee SMART SAVE enables

Everything you need to know about Workers Compensation

Running an organization or business comes with many challenges, one such challenge could be an employee getting injured or falling ill while on duty. As an employer, whether in formal or informal sector, you are responsible for the safety of your staff during working hours. Therefore, you will be held financially liable for the employee's accident or illness associated with the employment. You therefore have a responsibility to manage the company's potential risk by using best practices, complying with all applicable laws and regulations and having the right insurance. For that reason and potentially many others, you must have a workers' compensation insurance policy to offset any financial setbacks.

Unfortunately, many employers lack the understanding about how workers compensation works. An employer should know that workers compensation was designed to protect you against costs from workers' claims arising from work-related injuries, disease and/or death. Understanding how the workers compensation works may help eliminate your fears and hesitations about acquiring the policy and filing a claim so that you can move forward and receive appropriate compensation for the affected employees.

The workers compensation act CAP 225, provides compensation to workers for injuries suffered and scheduled diseases contracted in the course of their employment. The act applies to all employees whether by government or private person except for members of the armed forces of Uganda.

Therefore, Workers' Compensation is a compulsory statutory form of insurance for all employers in Uganda which provides protection to workers if they suffer a work-related injury, death or disease. It pays benefits to workers who are injured or become disabled as a result of their job in proportions of the damage caused as determined by professional medics up to a maximum of 60 months equivalent of the affected employee's salary. By accepting workers compensation benefits, the employee waives the right to sue their employer for damages.

Employers pay premiums, and when there is a claim, the insurance company checks to see what benefits are owed, and then pays the injured party. You, as the injured worker, are the injured party receiving the workers' compensation benefits. So both the employee and employer are protected by Workers compensation insurance.



Sheeba Ddungu

It is important to know what is covered under this policy which may include the following;

- Medical costs due to injury or illness occurring while employee was on the job
- Payment of injured employee's missed wages
- Provide necessary ongoing care for injured employee
Covers legal costs if employee sues your company due to the injury
- Funeral costs and death benefits if employee dies due to a work related event.

But like any other policy, it is always important to carefully read and understand the terms and conditions,

exclusions and limits.

Important to note is that the cost of workers' compensation insurance varies between employers and insurance companies will look at different factors for example type of work, amount of salary paid to the employees in question, or claims history when determining premiums. Whereas, employers are legally obligated to take reasonable care to ensure that their workplaces are safe, some risks still remain. Safety and wellness measures may be adopted to mitigate the risks of work-related illness or injury thus reducing the possible financial impact of employee claims for example through training employees on proper workplace procedures. This can significantly reduce the likelihood of injuries which could lower the workers compensation cost.

In the event that the work related incident has occurred or has been reported by the employee, it is important to start the claim process as soon as possible by contacting your insurer to find out all the necessary requirements. Remember that accidents and illnesses are inevitable in life and more so in the workplace. Therefore as an employer, plan to have workers compensation insurance to safeguard your business against employee lawsuits or claims.

Senior Market Development Officer
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In May 2017, the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) concluded its comprehensive project on insurance contracts by issuing IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts

This standard supersedes IFRS 4 and establishes fundamental principles for how insurance contracts should be recognized, measured, presented, and disclosed under its scope. And although the standard is applicable for reporting period from January 2023, many countries have seen slow adoption. Finance and Trade spoke to CPA Joseph Osako, Finance Manager, GA Insurance Uganda about the new reporting standard.



Joseph Osako, Finance Manager, GA Insurance Uganda

Key highlights of IFRS 17, and how does it really differ from IFRS 4 in terms of Gross Written Premium (GWP)?

IFRS 17 represents a significant shift in how insurance contracts are reported compared to the previous standard, IFRS 4. Under IFRS 4, Gross Written Premium (GWP) was considered the top-line figure, reflecting premiums received. However, IFRS 17 introduces Insurance Revenue instead of GWP, focusing on how much revenue is earned during the reporting period. This change emphasizes recognizing revenue as services are provided, aligning more closely with the period of risk transfer and contract fulfillment rather than solely based on premium written.

IFRS 17 enhances comparability across jurisdictions by standardizing how insurance contracts are accounted for. Unlike IFRS 4, which allowed for more subjective judgment, IFRS 17 requires a systematic approach to measuring insurance contracts. This approach facilitates easier comparison of financial statements globally, promoting transparency and consistency in reporting practices.

How then does the new reporting standard address risk adjustment and discounting of cash flows?

One of the major changes introduced by IFRS 17 is the inclusion of risk adjustment

and discounting of future cash flows. In financial language, this is what we call risk time value for money. It ensures that insurers account for the time value of money and the financial risks associated with fulfilling insurance obligations. By discounting expected cash flows over the life of insurance contracts, insurers reflect the present value of future obligations more accurately. For instance, if we have a ten-year contract, all we have to do in reporting is to discount say one year, and establish how much it is now, rather than considering the projected value over the ten years. The risk adjustment also caters for non-financial risks such as operational risks, compliance risks and others.

Obviously, the new standard pears better, but doesn't it have an implication on the Profit or Loss statement and the balance sheet?

Under IFRS 17, the Profit or Loss statement no longer focuses on Underwriting Profit but instead reports Insurance Service Results. This new metric includes components such as earned revenue, insurance service expenses, and the impact of reinsurance. It provides a clearer picture of how well an insurer's core insurance operations are performing. Additionally, the balance sheet reflects insurance liabilities and assets separately, enhancing transparency in financial

reporting. What you should note is that what we used to call underwriting profits in now called insurance service results under IFRS 17. This service result looks at what you have earned, the impact of insurance service expense, the impact of your re-insurance activities to give you the picture of the health of your activities.

That said the adoption of IFRS 17 has varied impacts on financial performance. It requires insurers to reassess how they recognize revenue and expenses, potentially affecting reported profits. For instance, while some insurers may see improved clarity and transparency in their financial statements, others may experience adjustments due to changes in accounting treatments, such as the recognition of insurance contract liabilities and the timing of revenue recognition.

What advice would you give to finance and accounting professionals regarding the adoption of IFRS 17?

It is crucial for finance and accounting professionals to invest in continuous learning and collaboration across departments to ensure successful adoption of IFRS 17. Transparency and integrity in financial reporting are paramount, requiring accurate data and systematic approaches to comply with the standard effectively. Professionals should prioritize

understanding the standard's nuances and seek to harmonize reporting practices to enhance comparability and credibility in financial statements.

For African insurance companies, specifically, they should proactively engage with the nuances of IFRS 17, leveraging local expertise to tailor implementation strategies that align with regional economic realities. Collaboration with regulators and industry peers can facilitate a smoother transition, ensuring that adaptations to the standard account for local market conditions while upholding global reporting standards. This approach not only enhances compliance but also strengthens the industry's capacity for sustainable growth and transparency.

What are the potential challenges and benefits of adopting IFRS 17 in the African insurance sector, such as where we are-Uganda?

Challenges in adopting IFRS 17 in Africa include the need for specialized expertise, technological infrastructure, and alignment with local regulatory frameworks. However, the benefits include improved financial transparency, enhanced risk management practices, and greater investor confidence. By embracing IFRS 17 with diligence and foresight, African insurers can position themselves as trusted entities in the global marketplace while driving long-term industry resilience and innovation.

The insurance sector has been using IFRS 4 for years, until

recent years when the IFRS 17 was introduced. What are the

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African Insurers pay tribute to fallen Africa Re vice Chair Kamara

The African insurance community has remembered the life and legacy of Bakary Kamara, former Vice Chairman of the Africa Reinsurance Corporation (Africa Re) Board. Kamara, known for his thoughtful insights and contributions to the African insurance industry, served Africa Re diligently from 2021 until his untimely death early this year.

At the recent 46th Annual Ordinary Meeting of the General Assembly held in Speke Resort Munyonyo, speakers paid heartfelt tributes to Kamara, highlighting his role in shaping Africa Re's strategic direction and fostering industry growth. The Insurance regulatory Authority Chief Executive Officer, Ibrahim Kaddunabbi Lubega said it is sad that such a high profile personality in insurance left too early, noting that his contribution to the sector over the years was so great.

He however expressed optimism that Uganda will continue to enjoy a rosy relationship at the top, following the appointment of Ephraim Kiiza Bichetero, as the



L - R: AfricaRe Outgoing Board Chairman, Dr. Mohamed Maait, Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA), Chief Executive Officer, Alhaj Kaddunabbi Ibrahim Lubega and AfricaRe Group Managing Director, Dr. Corneille Karekezi.

new Group Deputy Managing Director.

"As you may have heard, a Ugandan is now becoming the new deputy group managing director, and he is going to sit in Lagos, Nigeria, where the headquarters of Africa Re are. This implies that as an industry, we will tap the advantages of his being at the headquarters. We expect to get more support from Africa Re, now that he

is there," he said, during the 46th AGM in Kampala.

Born in 1949, Kamara's journey in the insurance sector was marked by dedication, vision, and transformative leadership. His tenure at Africa Re saw tremendous growth in premium income, profit and shareholders fund. He passed on January 12, 2024 at the age of 75.

The Africa re board chairman, Dr. Mohamed Ahmed Maait, said his deputy will be

immensely missed, and his contribution to the growth of Africa re.

He expressed gratitude to the Ugandan government emphasizing the country's pivotal role within the continent and the regional initiatives aimed at promoting international cooperation and trade.

He said Uganda's active participation in transformative projects such as the African Continental Free Trade



Area and the African Union's Trade Action Plan underlines its dedication to fostering economic integration and development across the continent.

The event also highlighted Uganda's humanitarian efforts, hosting over 1.5 million refugees—the largest refugee population in Africa—and serving as a prominent educational hub with over 12,000 international students from various African nations.

"As a founding member of Africa Re, Uganda has played a crucial role since the corporation's establishment in 1976, dedicated to advancing the insurance and reinsurance sectors across Africa. Africa Re's mission to bolster national, regional, and sub-regional underwriting and retention capacities remains pivotal to supporting economic growth

and resilience across the continent," Maait said.

He added that Africa Re's presence in Uganda has significantly bolstered the local insurance market, particularly in the oil and gas sector, where premiums surged from \$10 million in 2015 to \$84 million in 2023.

"Africa Re's commitment to enhancing technical capacity through training programs has empowered nearly 200 Ugandans in the insurance industry, contributing to sustainable industry growth," he said.

"Africa Re's corporate social responsibility initiatives in Uganda, including healthcare infrastructure development and insurance literacy programs, reflect its commitment to supporting local communities and fostering industry development," he said.

Innovative flexible payment plan to bolster uptake of motor comprehensive insurance



Nancy Ashaba, Underwriting Manager at UAP Old Mutual Insurance Uganda,

UAP Old Mutual Insurance

Uganda has introduced a monthly payment plan for comprehensive motor insurance, making it more accessible and affordable for vehicle owners in the country. According to Nancy Ashaba, Underwriting Manager at UAP Old Mutual Insurance Uganda, the monthly installment payment plan is designed to make motor comprehensive insurance more affordable and manageable for customers. "Instead of paying the annual premium in one lump sum, customers can now pay in monthly installments, making it easier to budget and manage their finances," she explained.

The monthly payment plan is expected to create a better customer experience and satisfaction, as it addresses the common misconception

that motor comprehensive insurance is too expensive. "Historically, insurance has been perceived as a costly and intangible product, but with our innovative monthly instalment plan, comprehensive insurance becomes more accessible and affordable," Ashaba said. In an interview on Monday, June 24, Ms. Ashaba said also addressed common misconceptions about motor comprehensive insurance, such as the belief that it is too expensive or only necessary for new vehicles and high-end car owners.

"These misconceptions stem from a lack of awareness about the product," she explained.

The monthly payment plan allows customers to pay the annual premium in monthly instalments, making it easier

to budget and manage their finances. For example, a customer can pay UGX 100,355 per month instead of UGX 1,204,262 at once for a vehicle valued at UGX 24.5 million.

"Motor comprehensive insurance provides financial protection in case of accidents, theft, fire, and other risks. It is essential for vehicle owners in Uganda to take up motor comprehensive insurance because it offers complete coverage and peace of mind," Ashaba emphasized.

UAP Old Mutual Insurance Uganda plans to educate the public about the benefits of comprehensive motor insurance and leverage technology to simplify the insurance process, making it more accessible to vehicle owners in Uganda.

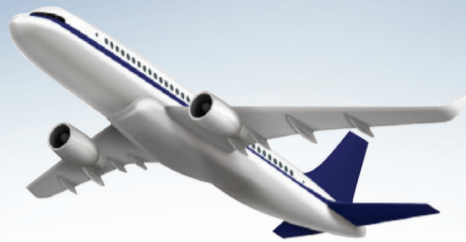
The insurance industry in Uganda is expected to evolve with technological advancements and increasing demand for digital services. UAP Old Mutual Insurance Uganda is poised to play a significant role in this evolution, innovating and expanding its offerings to meet the changing needs of customers.

Looking ahead, Ashaba foresees the insurance industry evolving with technological advancements and increasing demand for digital services.

"The insurance industry will evolve with technological advancements and increasing demand for digital services. We will continue innovating and expanding our offerings to meet the changing needs of vehicle owners in Uganda," she said.



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Shareholders okay Kenya Re Sh840 million dividend pay



Dr Hillary Maina Wachinga - Group Managing Director, Kenya Re

Kenya Reinsurance (Kenya Re) Corporation shareholders have approved a record Sh0.30 per share dividend amounting to Sh8399million.

The State reinsurance raised the dividend by 50 percent from Sh0.2 per share paid for the financial year ended 2022 on the back of the increased profits. Shareholders also approved a bonus share issue that will see them bag one share for each held, translating to an overall Sh6.69 billion.

Kenya Re posted a 44.6 percent growth in profit after tax of Sh4.9billion in the year ended December 2023 from Sh3.5 billion in the year before.

In the review period, investment income grew from Sh4.6 billion to Sh6.5 billion attributed to a rise in interest revenue calculated using the effective interest method which rose from Sh2.9 billion to Sh3.6billion.

The net investment and insurance result saw a growth of 42 percent from Sh5.78 billion in 2022 to Sh8.19 billion posted last year.

Profit before tax the year 2023 stood at Sh7.03 billion, an increase of 53 percent from profit before tax of Sh4.59 billion in 2022.

Kenya Re said the decline

in insurance revenue was because it had been closing its Indian agricultural business because of flood losses.

"The corporation's deliberate move to scale down on loss-making classes of business-like agriculture business from India and Medical classes of business," said Kenya Re.

Last year Kenya Re stated, that it was planning to vacate the Indian market over rising losses stemming from the agriculture underwriting business.

"We are doing a strategic withdrawal from the Indian market where we suffered heavy losses in the agriculture business and if you look at our half-year performance, you will notice we have taken a cut in premiums because we have forgone Sh2 billion premiums from the Indian market," said Hillary Maina Wachinga, Kenya Re's Group managing director.

Insurance companies operating in India have suffered losses from the bad weather in the region including tropical cyclones experienced in parts of India. The company's shareholder approved the receipt of bonus shares and the listing of additional shares on the Nairobi Securities Exchange.



From left: Jubilee Holdings Ltd Group CEO Dr Julius Kipngetich with Vice Chairman Zul Abdul, Chairman Nizar Juma and Group Chief Operating Officer Juan Cazcarra. Jubilee Holdings Limited declared a record dividend of Sh1.036 billion for the financial year ended December 2023.

Insurer Jubilee owners okay Sh1bn dividend

Jubilee Holdings Limited (JHL) shareholders have approved a record Sh1.03 billion dividend payout.

Jubilee Holdings board of directors had in May declared a payout of Sh14.30 per share amounting to Sh1.036 billion for the financial year ended December 2023, supported by a special distribution from the final gain on the sale of majority stakes in general insurance subsidiaries to global underwriter Allianz. "This dividend is a testament to Jubilee's strong financial performance and commitment to delivering value to its shareholders," the company said following its annual general meeting Tuesday.

The payout marks a 19.2 percent rise from Sh12 per share paid the fiscal year ended December 2022 and surpasses the previous record of Sh1.015 billion that the Nairobi Securities Exchange-listed firm paid on the 2021 results. The

higher dividend payout came despite Jubilee's net profit for the fiscal year that ended December 2023 dipping by 19.8 percent to Sh4.42 billion from restated net earnings of Sh5.51 billion in 2022. The dip in profit was mainly on account of the drop in the gain on disposal of subsidiaries to Sh246.86 million from Sh2.16 billion in the previous year.

The restated 2022 profit was to reflect the shift to a new accounting standard, International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS 17) that replaced IFRS 4 starting January last year.

Jubilee in 2021 sold majority stakes in general insurance business to Allianz SE and has been booking gains from the deal, supporting profit growth and special dividends.

Meanwhile, JHL Chairman Nizar Juma Tuesday announced his retirement at the AGM even as three directors Jane Mwangi, Shabir Abji, and Ashif Kassam resigned.

"The company extends its deepest gratitude for their invaluable contribution and leadership. Additionally, the company has welcomed two new directors, Rosemin Bhanji and Aryn Lalji, to the board," JHL said.

Mr. Zul Abdul was Tuesday named the new chairman of JHL and promised to extend the growth legacy by his predecessor.

"I would like to thank our outgoing chairman Nizar Juma for his admirable leadership, which has enabled our company to achieve great success over the past 20 years. As I take on this role, I am dedicated to building on his remarkable legacy to not only ensure a zero tolerance to corruption but also that Jubilee Insurance remains the leading company in the industry.

Our company will continue to deliver maximum value to our shareholders through strong financial performance and dividends" Mr Abdul said.

Jubilee Health launches virtual medical services in digital drive

Jubilee Health Insurance has unveiled a programme to deliver personalized healthcare to customers who are unable to visit hospitals. Dubbed 'Always with You', the programme uses technology to improve the overall customer experience and reduce hospital waiting times, making healthcare more accessible and convenient. The initiative includes virtual doctor consultation,

pharmacy-based doctor consultations, teleconsultations, medicine delivery, ambulance services and customer evacuation services.

"There are many touchpoints when it comes to accessing healthcare, from consulting a doctor to managing aftercare services. This process can be daunting for many people. That is why Jubilee Health Insurance continues to innovate in the way we help our customers access

care. The 'Always With You' programme is designed to bring healthcare services closer to people, ensuring that they never face a health challenge alone," said Njeri Jomo, CEO of Jubilee Health Insurance.

The programme will also link individuals to family physicians for direct medical assistance and provide home-based care co-ordination for families requiring ongoing care. In addition, it offers scheduling services, including lab test

appointments, medication delivery and expedited access to ambulance and evacuation services. This initiative follows the recent launch of 'Care and Health' targeting professionals and high-net-worth individuals who frequently travel abroad. This cover provides cover for medical expenses of up to \$4.5million.

Jubilee Health Insurance also launched 'Changamk@' last year, a five-year project involving a Sh2.25 billion investment in digital transformation, including robotics, artificial intelligence and data analytics, to introduce a Customized insurance.

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Tony Hsieh

Hacks to Kicking Out the School Fees Pressure



Juliet Baggya Nsiyona

As a parent, one of the greatest challenges to your resolve and financial planning skills is managing school fees payments.

While school fees payments may appear to be due only at specific times of the year, managing these periods requires deliberate planning and discipline. Fortunately, advancements in payment processes have greatly enhanced payment methods.

Although paying school fees has always demanded tact and careful thought, emerging solutions are making it a less stressful.

In the past, Ugandans had to stand in long queues days before schools opened. Now, fees can be paid directly from a parent's mobile device. This doesn't mean that going to a physical location to pay fees is inadvisable; rather,

parents now have numerous options for making school fees payments.

When planning for different payment options, parents should familiarize themselves with all the services their banks offer to determine the most convenient way to pay. Presently, many banks in Uganda offer mobile banking services, which are among the more popular platforms for school fees payments. When customers open an account, they are asked if they want mobile banking activated. While many may decline, it is advisable to be open to various options, as school fees payments are time-sensitive but also, there are advantages that come with being able to transact conveniently.

For parents who are always on the go, paying their child's school fees via USSD code on their phone is a more efficient and time-saving method. By

simply following the prompts to enter the student's information and school code, they can avoid the hassle of visiting a branch, filling out a slip, and waiting in line to submit cash or a cheque to a teller. However, convenience varies for each parent, so banks still provide the option to pay in person at a branch for those who prefer it.

Online banking is also a popular choice for tech-savvy parents. They can easily log into their bank account through a website or mobile application, enter the necessary information, and make the school fees payment. This method simplifies financial tracking, as parents can always access their account balance and know how much they need to pay when the time comes.

Agent banking is another option for parents who want to avoid the inconvenience of depositing school fees at a branch but are unable to do it on their devices. This method is popular among parents who prefer a short walk to an authorized agent banking location. There,

they can share the student's payment details with the agent, who will process the payment and provide a receipt.

The school fees planning process continues to evolve with advancements in technology that are geared towards easing the process. Some of these developments have led banks and other financial institutions to collaborate with emerging payment options in the fintech space, making it even more convenient for parents to pay school fees.

Innovations include applications dedicated to school fee payment solutions, which often have partnerships with prominent financial institutions to flag potential fraud.

As parents navigate school fees payments, it is crucial for them to incorporate checks and balances. This ensures they stay aware of important timelines, secure funds in a timely manner, and maintain accurate records to prevent any misunderstandings with stakeholders mainly the schools.

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ALHAJ KADDUNABBI IBRAHIM LUBEGA
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Uganda hosts 46th annual meeting of Africa Reinsurance Corporation

partnership among industry stakeholders to address the unique challenges and opportunities facing our region," she said.

On his part, Muhwezi urged the industry to remain steadfast in its dedication to innovation and sustainability amid evolving risks, technological advancements, and market dynamics. "We must embrace change as an opportunity to enhance our capabilities, expand our reach, and deliver greater value to our clients and shareholders," he said.

He highlighted the importance of collaboration, ethical standards, and good governance in achieving success, insisting that collaboration remains key to the success of the sector, because when insurers work together, share knowledge and best practices, and leverage their collective expertise, they can overcome obstacles, seize opportunities, and drive the insurance industry to new heights.

He said: "Let us harness the power of unity, collaboration, and innovation to build a brighter future for the insurance sector in Africa and contribute to the sustainable development and prosperity of our communities."

The chief executive officer, Uganda Insurers' Association (UIA) Jonan Kisaakye, emphasized the strong relationship between Uganda's insurance fraternity and Africa Re, praising Africa Re as a provider of much-needed underwriting capacity.

He noted that this capacity has enabled the provision of insurance solutions and coverage for a wide range of risks, from simple to complex and specialized, including strategic infrastructure projects such as electricity generation dams like Simba and specialized risks in the oil and gas sector.

Kisaakye highlighted Uganda's recent progress in the oil and gas sector, noting the construction phase in the Albertine region and the expectation of first oil in 2025 following the final investment decision in 2022. "For us to be able to achieve this milestone, we have seen a lot of capacity provided by insurance, which is the backbone of our economy," he said.

He also acknowledged the financial support received from Africa Re during the COVID-19



Alhaj Kaddunabbi Ibrahim Lubega, Chief Executive Officer, Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA)



Ronald Musoke, Chief Executive Officer, Uganda Re and Paul Muhame, Chairman, Insurance Brokers Association of Uganda



partner," Kisaakye appealed. The state minister for finance and planning, Amos Lugoloobi expressed gratitude to Africa Re for choosing Uganda as the host for this year's event. "Your decision reflects the confidence you have in Uganda as one of the founding members states of Africa Re," he noted. Lugoloobi highlighted Africa's potential for growth, noting that the continent's real GDP growth is expected to average 3.8% in 2024 and 4.2% in 2025. In Uganda, he said, growth has surpassed these levels, currently standing at 6%, with a medium-term aim for double-digit growth. "This is higher than



Jonan Kisaakye, Chief Executive Officer, Uganda Insurance Association (UIA) and Dr. Corneille Karekezi, AfricaRe Group Managing Director



Industry Captains during the AfricaRe 46th Annual General Meeting



Solomon Rubondo, EX Officio, IBAU (left) sharing a light moment with the delegates during the welcoming cocktail dinner at Speke Resort Munyonyo,

projected global averages of 2.9% and 3.2%, making Africa the second fastest-growing region after Asia," he emphasized. Despite the promising growth, Lugoloobi pointed out that insurance penetration in Africa remains low. For instance, he said, Uganda's insurance penetration is only 0.2%, with a density of only five U.S.

dollars per capita. Non-life insurance is more popular, with a penetration rate of 0.64%. "There is still a lot of work to be done to intensify access and use of insurance services in Africa," he said. He highlighted Uganda's commitment to supporting the insurance and reinsurance sectors, particularly in areas like oil and gas. The country recently

signed a host agreement with Africa Re to ensure smooth operations.

"Uganda is investing in its mining sector, with substantial reserves waiting to be tapped. With the expected investment in this sector, we encourage Africa Re to inject more resources into the mining industry," Minister Lugoloobi urged.



Stanbic Bank and Liberty Insurance Uganda in a joint effort to foster community development have donated 400 bags of cement to the redevelopment of St Andrews church, Gayaza Archdeaconry- Namirembe Diocese

Gayaza, Uganda – In a joint effort to foster community development and support, Stanbic Bank Uganda and Liberty Insurance Uganda have come together to contribute 400 bags

of cement to the redevelopment of St Andrew’s Archdeacon Church of Uganda, Gayaza. It is aimed at enhancing the infrastructure of church facilities and thereby supporting their

role as centres of spiritual growth and community well-being. The cement bags’ contribution was handed over during a ceremony at St Andrews Gayaza Church

Stanbic Bank and Liberty Insurance Uganda Support Church and Community Development Through St. Andrews Archdeaconry Gayaza, Church of Uganda

of Uganda by Sameer Modan – Head Distribution, Insurance and Asset Management in Africa Regions – Stanbic and Liberty Africa Insurance; Mohammad Danish Eqbal – CEO of Liberty Life Assurance, and Peter Makhano – MD of Liberty General Insurance. The church was represented by the Diocesan Secretary for the diocese of Namirembe Rev Canon Henry Segawa and a provincial board member of KIDO, Archdeacon of Gayaza, Venerable Dunstan Mazinga and the head of Laity; Mr Paul Kulubya.

While addressing guests and the press, Mohammad Danish, the CEO of Liberty Life Assurance, said, “Liberty Uganda is privileged to partner with the esteemed Church of Uganda, and we are committed not only to support build structures but to build futures— futures where every member of this community can thrive and flourish. It is through initiatives like these that we fulfil our responsibility as corporate citizens and stewards of social progress. Today, as we contribute these cement bags to support the redevelopment of St. Andrew’s Archdeaconry Church of Uganda, we recognize that we are contributing not just to physical infrastructure but to the spiritual and social fabric of the Church community.”

The Diocesan Secretary for the diocese of Namirembe, Reverend Canon Henry Segawa and the Archdeacon of Gayaza, Venerable

Dunstan Mazinga said “We are deeply grateful for this generous donation – which will greatly aid in the construction and renovation of our church facilities and enable us to better serve our congregation and community. We are thankful to Stanbic Bank and Liberty Uganda for this contribution and look forward to stronger partnership towards church and community development.”

This initiative is part of a broader commitment by Stanbic Bank and Liberty Insurance Uganda’s commitment to engaging in meaningful corporate social responsibility activities that contribute to sustainable community development.

Sameer Modan –Head Distribution, Insurance and Asset Management in Africa Regions – Stanbic and Liberty says “This ceremony of delivering 400 bags of cement speaks to a true partnership entered into between the Church of Uganda (KIDO), Liberty Uganda and Stanbic Bank Uganda. This marks the beginning of many services and opportunities for Stanbic Bank and Liberty to make available to all congregants of the Church of Uganda, starting with a wellness platform, which allows congregants to give, gather and grow in their faith. This is being tested with 9 Parishes in the Namirembe Dioceses. We hope to scale this opportunity to all dioceses and Parishes to enable all congregants to benefit from this partnership.

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UNOC imports first consignment of fuel



Energy Minister Ruth Nankabirwa has appealed to the Uganda National Oil Company (UNOC) to ensure consistency and quality in the delivery of

petroleum products. This comes as UNOC's first consignment of directly imported petroleum products arrived at Mombasa Port on Wednesday.

Speaking at the commissioning ceremony on Wednesday, Ms Nankabirwa said UNOC must ensure that the quality of the refined petroleum

products delivered to the Mombasa port and destined for Uganda meets the desired quality specifications.

She also said the national oil company must ensure the vessel delivery schedules are conformed to ensure supply continuity to Uganda, without adversely affecting the performance of the Kenya pipeline system in servicing the other users.

"The change of the importation system for petroleum products destined for Uganda from the G2G arrangement to importation by UNOC will face operational challenges from the start as is always the case with change. We, however, commit to work with the Government of Kenya and the relevant authorities to support UNOC to implement the policy change and achieve the desired objectives," she said. Tony Otoa, the UNOC Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, explained that the first

ship arrived from Jebel-Ali, UAE, with 58,000 metric tons of petrol. The second ship from Kuwait, which is expected on Thursday, will deliver 80,000 metric tons of diesel.

"The fuel will be discharged into the Kenya Pipeline Company infrastructure, delivering it to Eldoret, Kisumu and Nakuru in Kenya. Fuel tankers will thereafter deliver it to Uganda and should be available next week," he said.

Mr Otoa said UNOC is working with oil marketing companies (OMCs), which will routinely forward their demand by placing orders. The relationship between UNOC & OMCs is facilitated by Supply and Purchase Agreements, he explained. Following the Petroleum Supply (Amendment) Act, 2023, UNOC is now responsible for importation of all petroleum products (fuel) thereafter supplied to oil marketing companies (OMCs).

UDB warns on credit funding access without due diligence



SME owners attending the fireside chat at Emin Pasha

Owners of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in Uganda, seeking credit funding from different financing institutions, have been advised to first perform their own due diligence as a way to limit the chances of applying for the wrong kind of financing.

The call was made by Barbara Kasekende, the head of Business Advisory at the Uganda Development Bank (UDB), while speaking during a fireside chat at the Emin Pasha Hotel in Kampala recently.

The event was organised by the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) under the theme, 'The promise of Digitalisation: Unlocking finance for MSMEs.'

Kasekende said many SMEs end up missing out on vital funding due to the owners not being exactly sure of their financial needs, and not all financial institutions provide the same kind of lending. "Whether the financing is in the form of venture capital, or a grant, or commercial banking— you need to know what type of financing you need for your business. When we come to impact investing, it is development first. We look at the development indicators; what impact are you creating in Uganda, to drive socio-economic transformation?" Kasekende said.

She said, "Before you come to UDB, please do your due diligence and try to understand the facility you are applying for before you jump on, just because you have heard that it is of low interest rate and

has a prolonged grace period for repayment. You need to know what it takes to prepare for that facility."

She said small business owners need to keep track of how their enterprises are running including processes and market presence.

Aaron Akampa, the head of Enterprise banking at Stanbic bank said, digitalization goes two ways which include running and growing the business.

"Running the business refers to tools that allow you track data, tracking information that goes in and out of your business; tools that allow you to manage your payroll, those that allow you to measure productivity of the people you work with, among others," Akampa said.

"However, lack of information is so real. People tend to push the digitalisation element to growing the business but without tools, to be

able to track your business activities, it is near impossible for the MSME to know whether the debt they so much seek is actually good for them or not," Akampa added.

Nelson Kasadha, the Programs Manager at the Stanbic Business Incubator Limited (SBIL), said SMEs need to be comprehensively prepared if they are to tap into different funding opportunities.

He said, "As the Stanbic Incubator, we want to support SMEs to be able to raise capital for growth and scale. We talk about two areas of intent; making them bankable and making them investable. That is not an easy job in Uganda. Every day, I get people from the supply-side of capital saying they have money and are looking for SMEs that can take it in. Across credit, grants, and equity, everybody is looking for people who are investor-ready. On the other hand, I also get SME owners walking in everyday, asking to be helped to get money for growth, from our sister subsidiary, Stanbic Bank. But when you assess how ready they are, they seem lost."

Kasadha said, "We have decided to reposition and become a platform that brings together the demand-side and the supply-side of capital as a comprehensive solution for our SMEs. We are building a pipeline of SMEs that demonstrate potential to grow and scale, supporting them to build business capabilities, increasing their competence to make smart financial decisions, and connecting them to blended finance products that, collectively put together, make it accessible and affordable for our SMEs. That has

meant that we tighten our screening and due diligence processes to make sure that we focus on entrepreneurs who are committed and have genuine intentions of taking their businesses to the next level. Whoever is coming to the Stanbic Incubator, looking for support towards raising growth capital, please know that our screening process is very tight. This is because we must make sure that by the time we present you to other institutions for funding, you are ready."

He said the Stanbic Incubator has reduced emphasis on class-room based training, and are more into hands on coaching and taking the SMEs leaders into a comprehensive transformative experience that enables them to develop a new identity and mindset, inspiring them to take bolder growth decisions, and expose them to growth opportunities within the Stanbic network. This enables the SMEs to become credible and attractive to providers of capital; investors or funders.

Joel Muhumuza, the Chief Executive of Flyhub Uganda, the Fintech subsidiary of Stanbic Uganda Holdings Limited, said small business owners also need to leverage on digitalisation to push their business entities forward, while focusing on learning the new trends on the market.

"Banks, fintechs and financial institutions will need to adjust how they view and support businesses. It will require innovation and which is why Stanbic Uganda Holdings decided to expand its offering beyond traditional banking," Muhumuza said.

Total assets held by investment schemes in Uganda rise to UGX2.6 trillion

A new report shows that the Assets Under Management (AUM) by collective investment schemes (CIS) in Uganda have increased by 15% between December 2023 and March 2024.

According to the Quarterly Bulletin for the quarter ended March 2024 released by the Capital Markets Authority (CMA) on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, the assets under management as of March 2024 amounted to UGX 2.668 trillion, up from UGX 2.312 trillion at the close of December 2023.

"This increase indicates that Uganda's capital markets are growing as more Ugandans are choosing to save and invest through Collective Investment Schemes," the report indicates.

Collective Investment Schemes are financial products where money from several investors is pooled and then invested by a fund manager according to specific criteria.

According to the report, by March 2024, there were a total of 79,854 funded collective investment

scheme accounts, an increase of 12.8% from the prior figure of 70,771 at the end of December 2023.

The six fund managers are UAP-Old Mutual Financial Services Limited holding Shs1.875.9 trillion, ICEA Lion Asset Management Limited holding Shs373.4 billion, Britam Asset Managers Uganda Limited holding Shs164b, Sanlam Investments East Africa Limited holding Shs163b, Xeno Technologies Uganda Limited holding Shs58.6b and SBG Securities Limited holding 33.1 billion.

A breakdown of AUM at the end of March 2024 reveals that Government of Uganda bonds accounted for 68.4% of the total AUM. Fixed Deposits accounted for 18.4% and Government of Uganda Treasury Bills accounted for 6.2%. This implies that CIS funds with interest-bearing instruments as the underlying assets remain dominant in the market

The growth in investor accounts is attributed to increased awareness among local investors about the benefits of investing through CIS managers; an increase in the number of CIS managers to six; and investor



confidence stemming from robust regulatory protection measures.

At the end of the first quarter of 2024, fund managers regulated by the CMA saw their AUM reach UGX 5 trillion, reflecting a 4.1% increase from UGX 4.8 trillion in December 2023.

"This growth can be attributed to

two main factors: an increase in the value of underlying assets held and new members joining the managed funds schemes. Additionally, member contributions continue to exceed member withdrawals, creating net inflows," the bulletin adds.

The Capital Markets Authority

(CMA) is a statutory body established by the Capital Markets Authority Act, Cap 84 of the Laws of Uganda.

Its role is to promote and facilitate the development of an orderly, fair and efficient capital markets industry in Uganda.

Cellulant

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2023

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS To the members of Cellulant Uganda Limited

Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise:

- the summary statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023; and
- the summary statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year then ended;

are derived from the audited financial statements of Cellulant Uganda Limited (the 'Company') for the year ended 31 December 2023.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements, in accordance with the National Payment Systems Act, 2020 and the National Payment Systems Regulations, 2021.

Summary Financial Statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IFRS Accounting Standards), The National Payment Systems Act, 2020 and the Companies Act, 2012 of Uganda. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

The Audited Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit

opinion on the audited financial statements in our report dated 29 April 2024. That report also includes the communication of other key audit matters. Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period.

Directors' and Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

The directors and management are responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements in accordance with The National Payment Systems Act, 2020 and the National Payment Systems Regulations, 2021.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 810 (Revised), *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.



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Date: 29 April 2024

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	2023	2022
	Ushs'000	Ushs'000
Revenue	2,474,382	2,559,342
Cost of sales	(1,296,477)	(1,064,170)
Gross profit	1,177,905	1,495,172
Other operating income	3,899,404	3,012,621
Administrative expenses	(1,977,901)	(3,503,976)
Operating expenses	(889,261)	(802,758)
Sales and marketing expenses	(142,356)	(602,827)
Operating profit/(loss)	2,067,791	(401,768)
Finance income	41,093	104,280
Finance expenses	(33,541)	(5,686)
	-	-
Profit/(Loss) before tax	2,075,343	(303,174)
Tax	-	-
Profit/(Loss) for the year	2,075,343	(303,174)
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	2,075,343	(303,174)

STATEMENT FOR FINANCIAL POSITION

	2023	2022
	Ushs'000	Ushs'000
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Equipment	38,943	60,893
Right-of-use assets	191,138	-
	230,081	60,893
Current assets		
Trade and other receivables	998,855	1,492,217
Amounts due from related parties	2,085,106	1,329,351

Corporation tax recoverable	213,362	135,819
Cash and cash equivalents	6,160,168	7,667,162
	9,457,491	10,624,549
TOTAL ASSETS	9,687,572	10,685,442

EQUITY AND LIABILITIES

Equity		
Share capital	13,000,000	13,000,000
Accumulated losses	(8,807,521)	(10,882,864)
	4,192,479	2,117,136
Non-Current Liabilities		
Lease liabilities	98,038	-
Current Liabilities		
Lease liabilities	112,609	4,536
Trade and other payables	475,208	322,200
Merchant deposits and collections	4,615,899	8,139,813
Amounts due to related parties	193,339	101,757
	5,397,055	8,568,306
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	9,687,572	10,685,442

MESSAGE FROM DIRECTORS

The Directors have the pleasure to share with you the summarised audited financial statements for Cellulant Uganda Limited for the year ended 31 December 2023. The above summarised financial position and summarised statement of comprehensive income were audited by BDO East Africa, Certified Public Accountants of Uganda and received an unmodified opinion.

The financial statements were reviewed by Bank of Uganda on 29 April 2024 and approved by the Board of Directors on 29 April 2024.

Kennedy Njoroge: 

Samuel Maina Kiruthu: 

Company Secretary: 

Uganda's insurance sector blooms as key player in African market



Minister for National Security, Hon. Jim Muhwezi and State Minister of Planning in the Ministry of Finance Hon. Amos Lugolobi


Uganda's insurance industry is increasingly asserting its dominance across Africa, driven by robust growth, strategic partnerships, and pivotal

regional contributions. Ibrahim Kaddunabbi Lubega, CEO of the Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA) of Uganda, emphasized Uganda's resilience in maintaining a strong

insurance sector despite external challenges. "In times of adversity, Uganda ensures continuity in insurance operations, providing stability crucial to our

economy," Lubega affirmed, reflecting on the sector's resilience. Lubega also celebrated the training of over 2000 young Ugandans in insurance, enhancing local expertise and employment opportunities, which he believes will significantly boost national development. He highlighted the recent elevation of a Ugandan to the position of Deputy Group Managing Director at Africa Re's Lagos headquarters. "This move strengthens Uganda's ties with Africa Re, facilitating access to headquarters' resources and support through initiatives like the African Foundation, promising further growth opportunities," he said. It should be noted that Africa Re recently appointed Ephraim Kiiza Bichetero, as the new Group Deputy Managing Director, effective July 01, 2024. Reflecting on Uganda's recent hosting of Africa Re's 46th Annual General Meeting (AGM), Dr. Mohamed Ahmed Maait, Africa Re's Board Chairman, praised Uganda's substantial contributions to the continent's insurance sector. "Uganda's premiums have surged

impressively by approximately 350% over the past four to five years, underscoring our strategic importance," he said. Dr. Maait acknowledged Uganda's pivotal role in Africa Re since its inception in 1976, promoting regional insurance capacities crucial for economic growth. He noted Africa Re's significant impact on Uganda's insurance market, particularly in sectors like oil and gas, where premiums have soared from \$10 million in 2015 to \$84 million in 2023. Amos Lugolobi, State Minister for Finance and Planning, noted that insurance penetration in Africa remains low, with Uganda's insurance penetration standing at only 0.2%. He emphasized the need to intensify efforts to enhance access and usage of insurance services across the continent, particularly in non-life insurance sectors. Lugolobi urged increased investment in Uganda's mining sector, citing significant reserves awaiting exploitation. He encouraged Africa Re to bolster resources in the mining industry, aligning with Uganda's strategic economic goals. "Uganda's insurance sector has emerged as a robust force within Africa, propelled by sustained growth, strategic partnerships, and commitment to enhancing regional insurance capacities. With promising growth trajectories and strategic initiatives, Uganda remains poised to play a pivotal role in advancing Africa's insurance landscape," Lugolobi said.



PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE UGANDA LIMITED

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Prudential Uganda is a member of Prudential Group, an Asia-led portfolio of business focused on structural growth market. The business helps individuals to de – risk their lives and deal with their financial concerns through life and health insurance, retirement and asset management solutions

Summary statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year ended 31st December 2023

	2023	2022
	Shs'000	Restated* Shs'000
Insurance service revenue	97,457,751	78,851,446
Insurance service expense	(87,840,152)	(86,035,962)
Insurance service result	9,617,599	(7,184,516)
Allocation of reinsurance premiums	(12,844,263)	(3,136,859)
Amounts recoverable from reinsurers for incurred claims	14,943,051	2,388,905
Net income/(expense) from reinsurance contracts held	2,098,788	(747,954)
Insurance service result	11,716,387	(7,932,470)
Investment income	20,975,252	11,882,807
Other gains/(losses)	536,998	(1,285,073)
Total investment income	21,512,250	10,597,734
Insurance finance expenses for insurance contracts issued	(28,749,726)	(11,154,875)
Net insurance and investment financial result	4,478,911	(8,489,611)
Other income	469,878	503,020
Operating expenses	(3,737,453)	(5,013,194)
Profit/(loss) before tax	1,211,336	(12,999,785)
Income tax expense	20,963	(991,768)
Profit/(loss) for the year	1,232,299	(13,991,553)
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total Comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	1,232,299	(13,991,553)

Summary statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023

	2023	2022	2021
	Shs'000	Restated* Shs'000	Restated* Shs'000
ASSETS			
Right of use assets	2,574,386	4,450,835	4,689,034
Property and equipment	2,390,995	2,940,533	3,298,061
Intangible assets	742,805	920,137	745,588
Statutory deposits	7,137,206	6,211,553	5,710,132
Debt securities at FVTPL	170,264,477	132,617,875	102,210,253
Insurance contract assets	223,112	40,661	-
Reinsurance contracts assets	13,155,854	2,753,423	-
Tax recoverable	490,389	369,389	369,389
Other receivables	838,024	850,012	3,393,788
Due from related parties	-	1,441,064	424,368
Deposits with financial institutions	5,239,448	3,911,311	3,876,570
Cash and bank balances	20,983,685	17,178,737	18,967,993
TOTAL ASSETS	224,040,381	173,685,530	143,685,176
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Equity			
Share capital	48,658,835	48,158,835	48,158,835
Share premium	31,821,480	20,986,480	20,986,480
Contingency reserve	4,876,785	3,329,959	2,173,925
Capital pending allotment	-	11,335,000	11,335,000
Accumulated losses	(59,859,212)	(59,544,685)	(44,397,098)
Total equity	25,497,888	24,265,589	38,257,142
Liabilities			
Lease liability	2,513,345	4,565,416	4,710,595
Insurance contract liabilities	189,689,378	136,294,652	92,737,738
Deferred tax liability	144,993	165,956	224,465
Other financial liabilities	1,006,119	1,591,389	2,890,752
Due to related parties	1,436,818	-	-
Other payables	3,751,840	6,802,528	4,864,484
Total liabilities	198,542,493	149,419,941	105,428,034
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	224,040,381	173,685,530	143,685,176

* Certain amounts shown here do not correspond to the 2022 financial statements and reflect adjustments made.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE UGANDA LIMITED

Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023 and the summary statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year then ended, are derived from the audited financial statements of Prudential Assurance Uganda Limited for the year ended 31 December 2023.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements, in accordance with the requirements in the Insurance Act, 2017 of Uganda.

Summary financial statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, the Companies Act, 2012, Insurance Act, 2017 and Insurance Regulations, laws of Uganda.

Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements and the auditor's report thereon. The summary financial statements and the audited financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited financial statements.

The audited financial statements and our report thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial statements in our report dated 21 May 2024. That report also includes the communication of key audit matters.

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period.

Directors' responsibility for the summary financial statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements in accordance with the requirements in the Insurance Act, 2017 of Uganda.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 810 (Revised), Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.

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12 July 2024

Financial ratio	2023	2022
Solvency ratio	775%	630%
Claims ratio	37%	41%
Management expense ratio	29%	37%

* Certain amounts shown here do not correspond to the 2022 financial statements and reflect adjustments made.

Insurance Industry Unites at Annual Sports Gala

Uganda's insurance sector came together in a display of unity and competition as over 2,500 participants from various insurance companies gathered at the annual Sports Gala organized by the Insurance Training College. The event, held at the Kampala International School Uganda (KISU) playground, was meant to foster unity and collaboration among industry players.

"This Gala is more than just games, but it's about strengthening the bonds within our industry. Here, amidst friendly competition, we celebrate our unity and diversity as insurance professionals," said Saul Sseremba, Principal CEO of Insurance Training College. Participants from different insurance companies engaged in a variety of sporting activities, ranging from football and athletics to tug-of-war and chess. The atmosphere was charged with enthusiasm as teams vied for victory while fostering a spirit of solidarity and mutual respect.

These took part in a range of tournament sports including football, netball, volleyball, tug of war, and sac race among others

"In our day-to-day business, we compete for clients, but here, we come together as colleagues. This unity strengthens our industry, preparing us to tackle challenges and seize opportunities as a cohesive force," explained Sseremba.

Reflecting on the event's growth, Sseremba noted, "Over the past eight years, we've seen a tremendous increase in participation. Today, with over 2,500 attendees, the Gala has outgrown its previous venues. It's a testament to the growing cohesion and spirit within our industry."

The Sports Gala not only promotes physical fitness and healthy competition but also serves as a platform for networking and building lasting relationships among insurance professionals. Participants hailed from diverse backgrounds and roles within the insurance sector, underscoring the event's inclusive and community-building ethos.

"As the Insurance Training College, we are proud to host this annual gathering that



Saul Sseremba, Principal / CEO, Insurance Training College, delivering his remarks at the Insurance Industry Sports Gala 2024



Uganda Association of Engineering Values and Loss Adjustors (UAEVLA) -Winners



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A Plus Group - 1st Runner Up

strengthens our industry's fabric. We look forward to even greater participation and camaraderie in the years ahead, as we continue to grow and evolve together," concluded Sseremba.

The annual Sports Gala stands as a testament to Uganda's insurance sector's commitment to unity and

collaboration, setting a benchmark for industry events that combine sportsmanship with professional solidarity.

Ibrahim Kaddunabbi Lubega, CEO of the Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA), emphasized the importance of unity and growth in Uganda's insurance sector.

"This event is not just about

sports; it's about reinforcing the unity and resilience of our industry. We come together today to celebrate our achievements and to strengthen our bonds as colleagues in this vital sector," Lubega said during the gala. The gala, a tradition spanning over 2,500 participants from across Uganda's insurance



landscape. Teams engaged in friendly competitions across different sports, fostering camaraderie and teamwork among industry players.

"We encourage all teams to participate in different sporting activities because it promotes not only physical health but also fosters a sense of community and collaboration," Lubega highlighted in his address.

Reflecting on the industry's performance, Lubega noted substantial growth, averaging an 18% increase annually in premiums. "We anticipate surpassing this growth rate this year, which is a testament to the resilience and adaptability of our insurance

market," Lubega stated optimistically.

He said the gala also served as a platform for discussing future challenges and opportunities within the sector, including the need for a sustainable workforce. Lubega acknowledged the Insurance Training College's role in training over 200 professionals, ensuring a robust pipeline of talent for the industry's future needs.

"As our market expands, so does the need for skilled professionals. The ongoing efforts by the Insurance Training College are essential in preparing our workforce for future challenges and opportunities," Lubega noted.

UIA hosts 2024 AGM and CEO Forum at Paraa Safari Lodge

The Uganda Insurers Association (UIA) held its 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and CEO Forum at the Paraa Safari Lodge, in Murchison Falls National Park. The events gathered Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) from across UIA's member companies, providing a platform for discussions on industry challenges and opportunities.

UIA CEO Jonan Kisakye highlighted the significance of collaborative efforts in advancing UIA's mission and addressing critical issues within the insurance sector.

"When we come together, we get the opportunity to address critical issues that can advance our collective mandate as insurers," he said. The outgoing Executive Committee Chairman, Latimer Mukasa, commended the CEOs for their unwavering commitment to UIA's mission. He stressed the forum's critical role in addressing industry challenges and fostering open dialogue with regulators. Mukasa also urged the CEOs to continue strengthening the association and advancing its



Group photo moment at the end of the meeting

mission and vision.

Mukasa highlighted significant milestones achieved under his leadership and expressed confidence in the incoming committee's ability to navigate industry challenges. Mukasa highlighted significant milestones achieved under his leadership and expressed confidence in the incoming committee's ability to navigate industry challenges. He thanked UIA members for their trust, the Secretariat for its support, and the Executive

Committee for its guidance.

It should be noted that the CEO Forum aims to serve as a catalyst for growth, igniting a collective ambition to elevate the insurance industry to new heights.

It plays a crucial role in UIA's journey towards becoming a more effective and influential association.

The AGM participants engaged in dynamic discussions, valuable networking opportunities, and laid the groundwork for

partnerships essential to the insurance industry's growth and resilience. The members collectively pledged to uphold a standard of excellence and champion innovation within Uganda's rapidly evolving insurance sector.

After the formal proceedings, attendees enjoyed a game drive through Murchison Falls National Park, experiencing the diverse wildlife and stunning natural beauty of the park.



UIA CEO - Jonan Kisakye speaking at the Forum



Outgoing Executive Committee Chairman - Latimer Mukasa giving his remarks

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2023

STATEMENT OF PROFIT / (LOSS) & OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOMES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
	UGX	UGX
INSURANCE SERVICE RESULT		
Insurance Revenue	807,963,152	619,017,807
Insurance Service Expenses	47,448,852	355,283,260
Net expense from reinsurance contract	47,297,773	44,319,083
Provisional reserves	238,274,253	221,303,623
Insurance Service Result	474,942,274	1,888,159
Investment Income	26,335,485	22,184,993
Rental Incomes	22,440,000	22,440,000
Investment Return	48,775,485	44,624,993
Administration expenses	-	17,401,791
Operating expenses	322,867,732	297,349,187
Finance Costs	5,179,824	5,176,320
Profit/(Loss) before tax	195,670,203	277,190,464
Tax Credit/(charge)	11,171,425	10,996,536
Rental Tax	6,732,000	6,732,000
Profit/(Loss) After Tax	200,109,628	272,925,928
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total Comprehensive income for the year	200,109,628	272,925,928

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2023

	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
	UGX	UGX
Non current Assets		
Property, Plant and Equipment	1,317,738,005	1,341,889,970
Intangible Asset	49,198,847	61,962,581
Long term investments	41,334,626	40,681,247
Deferred tax asset	58,505,032	47,333,607
Total	1,466,776,510	1,491,867,405
Current Assets		
Reinsurance contract assets	31,922,460	9,827,975
Related party receivables	29,965,113	22,501,598
Other debtors and receivables	27,259,027	27,192,189
Short term investments	255,627,302	198,467,885
Bank and Cash balances	67,309,642	30,947,203
Allowance for credit loss	2,631,851	2,176,553
Total Current Assets	409,451,693	286,760,297
TOTAL ASSETS	1,876,228,203	1,778,627,702
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Insurance contract Liabilities	35,081,568	231,588,520
Trade Payables	374,957,517	344,927,954
Amounts due to reinsurers	48,295,923	5,697,664
Related party payables	50,425,227	28,325,227
Other Creditors and payables	153,593,216	186,055,212
Tax payable	13,464,000	6,732,000
Total Current Liabilities	675,817,451	803,326,577
NET ASSETS	1,200,410,752	975,301,125
EQUITY AND RESERVES		
Paid up share Capital	733,800,000	708,800,000
Capital Reserve	1,470,514,411	1,460,730,902
Contingency reserve	48,746,468	36,081,226
Retained earnings	1,052,650,126	1,230,311,003
TOTAL EQUITY AND RESERVES	1,200,410,753	975,301,125

The annual financial statements were approved by the board of the Board of Directors on 17th May 2024 and were signed on it's behalf by:

Chairperson

Director

Bank of Baroda (Uganda) Limited

ANNOUNCEMENT

PAYMENT OF FINAL DIVIDEND FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st, 2023 (Under Rule 41 of the USE Listing Rules 2021)

Bank of Baroda (Uganda) Limited hereby informs its shareholders and the public that it received a No Objection from Bank of Uganda on 04th July, 2024 to pay dividends to its shareholders for the financial year ended 31st December 2023.

The shareholders at the Annual General Meeting of the bank held on June 6th, 2024 approved the proposed dividend of Uganda Shillings 2.00 per share for the 2023 financial year subject to approval of the Bank of Uganda.

The dividend for the 2023 Financial year will be paid by **23rd August 2024** to shareholders whose names appear on the register at the close of business on **6th August 2024**.

On behalf of Bank of Baroda (Uganda) Limited,

Karara Victor Buringuriza
Company Secretary
Date: 09.07.2024

Bank of Baroda is regulated by Bank of Uganda.
Customer deposits are protected by Deposit Protection Fund of Uganda up to UGX 10 Million.
Terms and Conditions Apply.

Ugandan Insurance Industry Shows Robust Performance and Growth

The insurance sector continued to consolidate its performance, putting up a splendid performance in 2023, as Gross Written Premiums (GWP) surged 11.3% to Shs1.6trillion year-on-year.

According to results released Thursday, by the regulator, the non-life insurance segment recorded Shs932b in GWP, up from Shs898b in 2022, reflecting a 3.79% growth. Meanwhile, life insurance saw a more substantial rise, with premiums increasing from Shs501.6b in 2022 to Shs611.4b in 2023, a notable 21.9% growth.

"This increase highlights a growing awareness among Ugandans about the importance of long-term financial security. As the regulator, we are happy about this trend because it shows the resilience of our industry," Said Alhajj Ibrahim Kaddunabbi Lubega, chief executive officer of the Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA).

According to Kaddunabbi, Health Membership Organizations (HMOs), which offer facility-based



Alhajj Kaddunabbi Ibrahim Lubega, Chief Executive Officer, Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA)

medical insurance, experienced significant growth, with premiums rising from Shs38.2b in 2022 to Shs56.3b in 2023. This 47.24% increase underlines the expanding demand for health insurance coverage.

Additionally, he said, microinsurance, essential for providing financial protection to vulnerable populations, grew by 15.57% generating Shs707m in 2023, up from US\$611m the previous year.

In terms of market concentration

and growth, non-life insurance accounted for 58.14% of the total market premiums, a slight decrease from 62.34% in 2022. Life insurance's market share increased to 38.14% from 34.82%, while HMOs accounted for 3.52% of the market share.

Lubega said the faster growth in life insurance indicates a positive trend, especially among middle income Ugandans, towards prioritizing long-term financial security.

He said efficient claims payment

remains a priority for the industry, because of its ability to nurturing trust and satisfaction among policyholders. In 2023, gross claims paid across life, non-life, and HMOs totaled Shs820.47b, accounting for 51.17% of the total GWP. This marks a significant increase from Shs618.71b paid in 2022.

The regulator also noted the contribution of brokers, stating that brokers played a vital role in the distribution of insurance products, collecting Shs541.22b in premiums in 2023. This according to Kaddunabbi was a 19.34% jump from Shs453.51b collected in 2022. "Brokers accounted for 33.8% of the total premiums, which is a reflection of their critical role in providing expert risk management advice. Bancassurance also showed strong growth, with premiums collected through this channel increasing by 25.77% to Shs179.48b in 2023," he said.

Addressing the issue of claims payments, the CEO stressed the importance of timely compensation for policyholders. "The primary reason for insurance is to provide assurance that

losses will be compensated. Previously, only 20% of premiums were used for claims, but this has improved significantly, aligning with global trends where claims payments can exceed 60% of premiums collected," he noted. He said efficient claims payment builds trust and confidence in the insurance sector, leading to increased premiums and industry growth.

Contributing factors

According to Kaddunabbi several factors contributed to the sector's positive growth, including enhanced distribution channels, increased digital engagement, improved claims payment, and a growing middle class.

The stable macroeconomic environment, with inflation contained at an average rate of 3.2%, has also been favorable for the industry.

The growth was also driven by strategic investments and innovative products that defined the market in 2023. Significant public awareness campaigns were also carried out, whose result was a change in public perception about insurance.

"It is rare to open a newspaper or switch on the radio without encountering messages about insurance. This increased visibility is positively impacting the sector," he said.

The director for strategy and market development, Sande -Protazio said the sector is poised for continued growth over the medium to long term.

With expected public sector investments, innovations like Marine Insurance, and enhanced public trust, Protazio said the sector is projected to maintain a growth rate above 10%.

"With continued effort and collaboration, as well as public investment in areas that drive insurance uptake, we will achieve great things," he said.



Sande Protazio, Director for Strategy and Market Development, IRA

Sanlam Uganda to Commission Final Phase of UGX 670 million Schools project with World Vision in northern Uganda



L - R: Mr. Robert Domnisse, Chief Executive of Sanlam Allianz Life Insurance, Mr. Jeremiah Nyagah, The World Vision Uganda National Director, Mr. Gary Corbit, the CEO of Sanlam General Insurance Uganda and Dr. Donato Laboke, Head Marketing and Channel Development, East Africa, Sanlam Pan Africa

Sanlam Uganda, a leading diversified financial services brand which comprises Sanlam Life Insurance Uganda, Sanlam General Insurance Uganda, and Sanlam Investment East Africa, has today initiated the final phase of its 'Sanlam Schools Project' in partnership with World Vision Uganda, a global not-for-profit organization. The project is dedicated to the reconstruction of schools in Northern Uganda and the project, carried out over three years has seen schools in northern Uganda benefit from funding to

the tune of UGX 670 million.

This funding was directed towards the reconstruction of classroom facilities, the provision of scholastic materials to pupils, and the improvement of the teaching environment for teachers.

Mr. Robert Domnisse, Chief Executive of Sanlam Allianz Life Insurance, expressed his gratitude to Sanlam Uganda for fostering the spirit of collaboration in their quest to promote social causes.

"At Sanlam, our mission in Africa extends far beyond providing financial empowerment. We are

deeply committed to fostering sustainable development and improving the quality of life for communities across the continent. We believe that education is a powerful tool for transformation, and it is through education that we can unlock the potential of the next generation" he stressed.

Adding, "The 'Sanlam Schools Project' is a Sanlam Groupwide initiative through which the group promotes quality education in Africa. This was made possible by the support from our Sanlam Foundation Trust in South Africa,

a South African registered non-profit developmental organization that has invested more than US\$58 million in support of development in education, financial literacy, health, water security, enterprise and supplier development initiatives, and staff volunteerism since its establishment in 2011."

Speaking at a press engagement to announce the commissioning of the final project phase, Mr. Gary Corbit, the CEO of Sanlam General Insurance Uganda, provided an update on the project's progress and its impact on the surrounding communities. "Today is a great day for both Sanlam and World Vision. Three years ago, we embarked on an ambitious journey to bring positive change to the education sector in northern Uganda. We committed UGX 670 million to upgrade and refurbish select schools in the region. I am elated to inform you that the results of this project have exceeded our expectations. While our mission was anchored in education, the benefits have transcended beyond just education, transforming the communities where these projects are based for the better," Corbit said,

"Over three years, this project aimed to address the barriers preventing children in rural Uganda from accessing quality education. Through this initiative, we have provided adequate shelter and learning tools to students in these select schools to ensure that they have a conducive environment for their studies. Additionally, we decided to look beyond the students' needs to improve working conditions. This is aimed at providing an environment for teachers to teach the students well," he added.

Some of the schools that have benefitted from this programme include Lamogi-Omeny Kimac Primary School, Dang Dwong Parent's Primary School in Pader district and Ajali Lajwa Primary School in Agago district in Northern Uganda.

Mr. Jeremiah Nyagah, The World Vision Uganda National Director, lauded the project's impact on the children and members of the chosen communities. "When we set out to do this initiative, we were looking for a way we could build the bridge between communities in need and companies like Sanlam to ensure that they enter into mutually

beneficial partnerships. Three years after we first started, I am proud to say that we succeeded in this mission," he said.

"The impact of this project on the hosting communities is nothing short of remarkable. In one of the schools in Paiula Sub-county in Pader, it was reported in one of the local papers here that school enrolment had doubled shortly after a new block had been commissioned. Such occurrences are proof that it takes a united effort to change society, and for World Vision to be a part of something like this is a great privilege. I want to thank Sanlam for being such a great partner throughout this effort, and we look forward to working with them in similar partnerships in the future," he emphasized.

The "Sanlam Schools Project" is part of the company's CSR initiatives, which encompass various projects including education, all funded by the Sanlam Foundation Trust. This is a South African registered non-profit developmental organisation has invested in various causes in the last 12 years. These investments have been directed towards enhancing the education sector, promoting financial literacy, addressing health issues such as HIV/AIDS, and supporting enterprise and supplier development initiatives and employee volunteerism.



I&M Bank celebrates 50 years in championing financial inclusion

The echoes of celebration still resonate as I&M Bank Uganda commemorated fifty years of banking excellence.

The Golden Jubilee celebrations, held at the Victoria Hall at the Kampala Serena Hotel, was a testament to the bank's enduring legacy and its profound impact on the Ugandan banking landscape.

The event, which brought together a diverse array of stakeholders including customers, employees, regulators, partners, and dignitaries, was a resounding success.

Guests were treated to an evening filled with festivities, heartfelt tributes, captivating entertainment, and networking opportunities.

As a continuation of the celebrations, I&M Bank Uganda will also participate in a series of CSR activities across the country, as well as engage customers and the business community in financial symposiums aimed at improving financial literacy.

Reflecting on the 50-year journey, I&M Bank CEO, Robin Bairstow, expressed gratitude for the dedication of bank's staff, the loyal customers, the support from partners, and the visionary leadership and the resilience by the institution's founders, as some of the key aspects that have propelled the organisation forward, across the region over the past five decades.

"We owe this milestone first to the resilience and a cross-generational vision of the founders of the I&M Group. The dedication of our employees, the loyal customers that have stood and grown with us, the invaluable support of our different partners, and the visionary leadership that has guided the business along the way," remarked Bairstow.

Throughout the celebration, there was a palpable sense of pride in the bank's achievements and a shared excitement for the future. Guests had the opportunity to get first-hand knowledge about I&M Bank's humble beginnings, from a well orchestrated photo show of the founders and some of the early customers, that were showcased on boards at the arrival area.

The I&M Bank Uganda Board Chairman- Suleiman Kiggundu Junior, Orient Bank Founder cum I&M Bank Uganda Non Executive Director Dr. Ketan Morjaria, and the bank's CEO Robin Bairstow, held a fireside chat where they let guests into the latest initiatives, products, and services, the bank has rolled out in with the aim of enhancing customer experience and drive financial

inclusion.

The discussion spotlighted the bank's commitment to innovation and digital transformation, underscoring its strategic focus on meeting the evolving needs of its customers in today's rapidly changing banking landscape.

"Over time, I&M Bank has become the market leader in digitalization of products and services, enhancing customer convenience through introduction of innovative services like I&M Bank Mastercards, offshore banking, and our digital pod at Kingdom Kampala, that has significantly changed ATM banking," Ketan said.

Bairstow took a moment to reflect on the bank's commitment to corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives.

He highlighted the bank's CSR activities, which aim to support the community and individuals in need.

Bairstow reiterated the importance of these initiatives in fostering a stronger bond with clients and contributing to the welfare of society as a whole.

"The golden jubilee is a testament not only to our longevity, but also to the lasting impact we've had on the communities we serve and the individuals whose lives we've touched," Bairstow stated.

He highlighted that the bank has a series of community outreach programs and business symposiums lined up in different parts of the country, as a continuation of the golden jubilee celebrations.

Dr. Ketan Morjaria, the Non-Executive Director and founding member, commented on the journey from Orient Bank to I&M Bank Uganda.

"With I&M Bank Uganda, we now offer more refined products, including digital innovations. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our customers for their continued support and loyalty," he added.

Kiggundu emphasized the bank's core values and appreciation for its supporters, as part of the foundation that has enabled it reach the 50-year milestone.

"Honesty and transparency have always been our cornerstone. We remain committed to our customer-centric approach, treating everyone like family with care and respect. Thanks to all partners, customers, and the staff that stayed with us through the challenging times."

I&M Bank group CEO- Kihara Maina, took guests through ghetto humble beginnings of the bank in Nairobi, the strategic initiatives that foster growth and development, and its community-focused programs.



I&M Bank Executive Director, Sam Ntulume led a toast to five decades



"Our mandate is to serve you with utmost excellence across all the markets we operate in. Through our foundational pillars and shared values like environmental conservation, education and skills development, enabling giving, and economic empowerment, among others," he stated.

Finance Minister Matia Kasaija applauded I&M Bank for the vital role in the country's economic landscape, by providing essential financial solutions to businesses and individuals, hence driving economic development.

"I&M Bank has been a trusted partner in our quest for economic development, and we appreciate your commitment to our nation's prosperity. Notably, your focus on supporting healthcare, education, and the environment, which demonstrates your dedication to the national development agenda. As we celebrate this milestone, we also



celebrate the bank's adaptability in times of challenges," he noted.

The Golden Jubilee celebrations, which are spread across all East African countries where the bank

has presence, served as a poignant reminder of the institution's enduring legacy and its unwavering dedication to shaping the future of banking in Uganda and beyond.

UBA Chairman Urges Entities to Embrace ESG For Sustainable Operations in a Dynamic Business Environment

Businesses have been encouraged to embrace Environmental Sustainability Governance (ESG) practices which are more than a regulatory requirement, but a strategic move towards enduring sustainability and resilience in a dynamic business environment. The call was made at the 7th Annual Bankers Conference held under the theme: Navigating the future of banking: ESG, Sustainability, and Digital Transformation.

The conference follows the recent launch of the banking industry ESG framework aimed at championing the process of integrating ESG principles and sustainability into the operations of supervised financial institutions in the country.

While speaking at the conference, PostBank Uganda Managing Director who also doubles as Uganda Bankers Association (UBA) Chairman, Julius Kakeeto, encouraged entities to embrace ESG as it is a fundamental component of a resilient and sustainable financial future.

"The regulatory landscape is rapidly evolving to support the accelerated shift towards a sustainable future and manage the challenges this presents, thus embracing ESG is now more than a regulatory requirement but rather a strategic move towards enduring



Julius Kakeeto, Chairman, Uganda Bankers Association (UBA)

sustainability and resilience in a dynamic business environment," Mr. Kakeeto said.

He further highlighted, "The case of Uganda provides a compelling illustration of ESG integration with the National Development Plan (NDP III) incorporating commitments to regional and international development frameworks, including ESG. The second Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) outlines ambitious targets, aligned with national policies like Vision 2040

and the National Climate Change Act of 2021."

The 2024 UBA conference aimed at;

- Briefing stakeholders where the banking & financial sector is on ESG & sustainability and its application in customer/business operations & relations therein.
- Demonstrating & ensure the industry ESG framework & sustainability strategies align with the national (Government) climate strategy & sustainability agenda/

goals.

- Sharing lessons learned in the ESG journey or experience from other jurisdictions (risks, challenges, regulatory frameworks, success stories among others).
- Promoting sustainable finance initiatives by zooming in on technology as an enabler in the ESG journey and multiplier role of the energy sector.
- Positioning the banking & financial sector in Uganda to attract more collaboration & partnerships in promoting/delivering ESG &

Sustainability objectives.

Bank Of Uganda, Executive Director of the Bank Supervision Directorate, Tumubweine Twinemanzi reaffirmed BOU's support towards the banking sector. He noted that, "Bank of Uganda working with UBA established an industry ESG framework that was rolled out two weeks ago. Unlike other countries, in Uganda the Central Bank approached the ESG agenda differently by allowing the banking industry to be at the forefront of the framework and as the regulator we followed. I believe in addition to the guidelines we have in place that business operators can adopt while conducting business.

The Permanent Secretary and Secretary to the Treasury, Ministry of Finance, Ramathan Ggobi, affirmed that the Uganda's economy is safe and growing at a good rate which is 6%, revealing that

it has recovered from various shocks that were affecting it for the last 5 years. He mentioned that the Ministry has a good plan for accelerating economic growth.

Commenting on the ESG move, Mr. Ggobi stressed government's commitment to climate change adaptation and mitigation with several policies put in place to support this agenda.

"Financial institutions occupy a pivotal position in addressing ESG risks because they can direct capital towards transformative investments and projects that are sustainable and bring about inclusivity coupled with positive environmental & social impact, thus we must us fully integrate ESG principles into our business practices for a sustainable business environment," Mr. Kakeeto concluded.

Stanbic launches Unit Trust as industry assets hit shs2.8trillion

In a move poised to transform Uganda's investment landscape, SBG Securities, a subsidiary of Stanbic Uganda Holdings Limited, has launched the Stanbic Unit Trust (SUT), an innovative investment vehicle that empowers Ugandans to pool their resources, leveraging professional fund management to generate favourable returns.

SBG Securities is a subsidiary of Stanbic Uganda Holdings (SUHL), a listed entity on the Uganda Stock Exchange operating four other businesses including Stanbic Bank Uganda, Stanbic Properties Uganda, Stanbic Business Incubator and Fly Hub.

"Tonight, we are here to celebrate the success of one of our young businesses—SBG Securities, the entity specialised in investment management and advisory. We are

launching the Stanbic Unit Trust on the back of recent success including the delivery of the MTN Uganda IPO in 2022—Africa's largest in that year, and of course the just concluded secondary market offering which registered oversubscribed participation," said SUHL Chief Executive Francis Karuhanga.

Breaking Barriers to Investment

With a minimum investment requirement of just UGX 100,000 and subsequent deposits as low as UGX 50,000, SBG Securities Chief Executive Grace Semakula told patrons at the launch event that, 'the SUT shatters traditional barriers to entry, making investment accessible to a wider audience.'

"Our team of experienced fund managers will navigate the investment environment, diversifying portfolios across treasury bills,

bonds, fixed deposits, and shares to minimize risk and maximize returns for our customers," said Semakula.

The Stanbic Unit Trust accommodates various investment goals and needs, offering three distinct funds including Money Market Fund (short-term), Bond Fund (medium-term), and Balanced Fund (long-term). Semakula said, clients can also invest jointly, for minors, or as part of a savings group.

Transparent and Affordable

With an annual management fee of 2%, investors can trust SBG Securities' professional oversight and management, further consolidated by being a member of the Standard Bank Group—Africa's largest commercial bank by assets.

The Stanbic Unit Trust is designed to be an affordable and reliable investment option, making it an

attractive choice for Ugandans seeking financial growth.

Today, most Ugandans shy away from conventional investment tools such as stock investment, preferring investment in land or rental construction. However, recent trends have seen a surge in uptake in unit trusts as they find them more transparent and affordable.

For instance, the global mutual fund industry manages over \$60 trillion in assets, according to the Investment Company Institute reporting for 2022). In Africa, the collective investment scheme (CIS) industry has also grown significantly, with assets under management reaching \$120 billion, according to a 2022 survey by Africa Collective Investment Scheme.

"In Uganda, we are also seeing the unit trust industry showing strong growth, with assets under

management increasing by 20 per cent in the past year alone, according to reporting by Capital Markets Authority Uganda.

At Stanbic Uganda Holdings, we want to enable our customers tap into this impressive growth and not be left behind ensuring that they have access to financial investment services and that's why we have designed the Stanbic Unit Trust," said Karuhanga.

Join the Investment Revolution

Potential investors can onboard easily, either physically at SBG Securities' offices or digitally through their website. Simply provide a National ID, passport photographs, and complete the requisite forms.

"The Stanbic Unit Trust is a game-changer for Ugandan investors," said SBG Securities Board Chair Aggie Konde. "Our team of young expert professionals led by our Chief Executive Grace Semakula will ensure you enjoy a low-risk investment experience for your savings, coupled with flexible contribution options enabling individuals to steadily grow their funds," said Konde.

UAEVLA lifts champions' trophy at insurance sports gala

The Uganda Association of Engineering Values and Loss Adjustors (UAEVLA) emerged victorious at this year's Insurance Sports Gala, after trouncing approximately fifty other teams to lift the trophy. The event, held annually to foster solidarity and competition among insurance industry participants, saw fierce rivalry and outstanding performances from various teams. UAEVLA clinched the coveted gold medal in the football tournament, after beating AAR In penalties, in a heated show of talent and skill.

"Our success story is rooted in the collaborative spirit of our members, who pooled their resources and talents to form formidable teams. Each member organization contributed their best employees, enabling us to assemble a highly skilled football team and a competitive volleyball squad. Rigorous training sessions ensured that our players were well-prepared, cohesive, and ready to face the competition," said Abubaker Semambo, UAEVLA Chairman. The football tournament was the highlight of the gala, stretching from morning until evening. Players from each team demonstrated unparalleled skill and coordination, with new teams defeating several strong teams that had previously dominated the event.

According to Semambo, this triumph is not just a win for UAEVLA but a celebration of unity and hard work. "Our members, their employees, and all those who supported us played a crucial role in this achievement. We are incredibly proud to now hold the title of champions in the insurance industry's Sports Gala," he said. The Insurance Regulatory Authority



IRA CEO - Alhaj Ibrahim Kaddunabbi Lubega delivers closing remarks at the Insurance Industry Sports Gala 2024



Ms. Annet Katusiime, Market Development Manager, UIA congratulating UAEVLA Chairman Abubaker Semambo who emerged football champions at the 2024 Insurance Sports Gala (IRA) chief executive officer, Ibrahim Kaddunabbi Lubega said



Congratulations UAEVLA



the gala provided an excellent platform for networking, fostering relationships, and promoting a healthy, competitive spirit within the insurance sector.

"This event is not just about sports; it's about reinforcing the unity and resilience of our industry. We come together today to celebrate our achievements and to strengthen

our bonds as colleagues in this vital sector," Lubega said during the gala. The gala, a tradition spanning years, brought together over 2,500 participants from across Uganda's insurance landscape. Teams engaged in friendly competitions across different sports, fostering camaraderie and teamwork among industry players.

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