

NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM HON. DR. JOHN CHRYPESTOM MUYINGO

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My fellow Ugandans,

As we welcome the dawn of a new year, I extend my heartfelt greetings and best wishes to all Ugandans—young and old, men and women, wherever you are across our beautiful nation and beyond our borders. We thank the Almighty God for the gift of life, for His protection throughout the past year, and for guiding us into 2026 in peace and good health.

Each new year invites us to pause and reflect on our journey as a nation—our achievements, our challenges, and our shared aspirations. Uganda's story is one of hope, resilience, and progress. Across every district and community, our people continue to work hard, dream big, and lift one another in the true Ugandan spirit of solidarity. For that, I salute you all.

As we step into 2026, let us renew our collective commitment to unity, love, and service. Regardless of our political views, faiths, or backgrounds, we remain one people—bound by a common destiny and a shared desire to see our country prosper. It is only through peace, mutual respect, and cooperation that our beloved Uganda can continue to move forward.

This is an important year for our democracy as we prepare once again to go to the polls. I urge all Ugandans to participate peacefully and responsibly. Let us demonstrate the maturity of our democracy by valuing dialogue over confrontation, understanding over division, and the spirit of nation-building above all else.

In that same light, I wish to express my confidence in the visionary leadership of His Excellency President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni and the National Resistance Movement (NRM). Under his stewardship, Uganda has made remarkable progress in ensuring stability, expanding access to education, modernizing infrastructure, and promoting economic empowerment. The current focus on *Protecting the Gains* reflects the NRM's commitment to consolidating peace, deepening socio-economic transformation, and moving Uganda towards higher middle-income status.

We have come a long way, and together, we must protect the gains we have made—by nurturing discipline, strengthening our institutions, empowering our youth, and building an economy that serves every Ugandan family. Education remains central to these efforts, as it is through learning that individuals and communities find the power to shape a better future. We will continue working tirelessly to expand access, improve quality, and align our education system with the needs of our dynamic economy.

As we welcome this New Year, let us do so with gratitude, renewed determination, and unwavering faith in God. May our homes be filled with peace, our hearts with kindness, and our hands with the strength to keep building our nation. Together, let us continue to pursue a Uganda that is united, peaceful, and prosperous for generations to come.

I wish every Ugandan a blessed, joyful, and prosperous New Year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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