



CERTIFICATE
OF
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

(Made under S.76 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2015)

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that **The Uganda Wildlife (Amendment) Bill, 2024** Bill, 2024 has been examined.

I wish to report as follows:

a) That the Bill has the following objectives:

- i) To confer on the Uganda Wildlife Authority additional functions of the Uganda Wildlife Conservation Education Center established by the Uganda Wildlife Conservation Education Center Act, 2015 (Act 27 of 2015) thereby, inter alia, relieving the Government of the financial drain on its resources and the burden of wasteful administration and expenditure by maintaining two agencies whose functions may be performed by one agency efficiently and effectively;
- ii) To facilitate efficient and effective service delivery by clearly delineating the mandates and functions of the Uganda Wildlife Authority after acquiring the additional functions, thereby avoiding duplication of mandates and functions;
- iii) To promote coordinated administrative arrangements, policies and procedures for—
 - a). ensuring the efficient and successful management, financial accounting and budgetary discipline of government agencies and departments;
 - b). enabling the Government to play its proper role more effectively; and

- c). enforcing accountability;
- iv) To restructure and re-organise the Uganda Wildlife Authority by eliminating bloated structures and functional ambiguities in the performance of its functions including the additional functions.

b) That it is expected to achieve the following major outputs:

The Uganda Wildlife Act, 2019 amended to confer on the Uganda Wildlife Authority established by Act 17 of 2019 additional functions following the merger of Uganda Wildlife Authority and the Uganda Wildlife Conservation Education Center established by the Uganda Wildlife Conservation Education Center Act, 2015.

c) Funding and budgetary implications

The Budgetary implications for the Non-Tax Revenue and Expenditure over the Medium Term is as shown in the table below:

Table 1: Budgetary Implications

	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
Category	Ushs.Bn	Ushs.Bn
Revenue (NTR)	6.57	6.57
Entrance Fees	5.284	5.284
Visitor Programs	0.641	0.641
Accommodation & Rental	0.287	0.287
Donation & Sponsorships	0.151	0.151
Other Fees	0.210	0.210
Expenditure	16.5	16.5
o/w Wage	3.944	3.944
o/w Board expenses	0.2	0.2
o/w Non-Wage	12.356	12.356
o/w Development	0	0
Net Revenue	(9.93)	(9.93)

The estimated total cost of the Bill is **Ushs.1.334bn** in form of terminal benefits for staff to be laid off and will be accommodated within the Medium Term expenditure Framework ceiling for the Ministry of Public Service as shown in the table below:

Table 2: Total Costs

		FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
Category		Ushs.Bn	Ushs.Bn
	Number of Staff (laid off)	64	0
Costs	Costs (Terminal benefits) - Billions	1.334	0

d) Savings

The Bill will generate net savings for Government amounting to **Ushs. 16.5bn** as summarized in the table below:

Table 3: Total savings

		FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
Category		Ushs.Bn	Ushs.Bn
	Wage	3.944	3.944
	Board expenses	0.2	0.2
	Non-Wage	12.356	12.356
	Development	0	0
Savings	Total	16.5	16.5
	Net Savings	15.166	16.5

Table 4: Financial Implications for the Bill over the Medium Term for Uganda Wildlife Education Centre (UWEC)

	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
Category	Ushs.Bn	Ushs.Bn
Costs	1.334	0
Staff to be laid off	64	0
o/w Terminal benefits	1.334	0
Savings	16.5	16.5
o/w Wage	3.944	3.944
o/w Board expenses	0.2	0.2
o/w Non-Wage	12.356	12.356
o/w Development	0	0
Net Savings	15.166	16.5

e) Impact on the Economy

The Bill is expected to:

- i) **Increase accountability and transparency:** The strengthened institutional capacity will lead to streamlined

reporting and improved financial management practices for wildlife conservation activities.

- ii) **Focus allocation of resources to priority areas** in wildlife conservation, including strategic planning, integrated conservation efforts, targeted species protection, community engagement, research and monitoring, eco-tourism development, and capacity building.
- iii) **Efficiency in transaction at program level:** This will improve communication and collaboration, enhance monitoring and evaluation, and, effectiveness and sustainability of conservation and education efforts in Uganda.
- iv) **Enable centralized control** over wildlife conservation and education activities and putting in place standardized policies and procedures, clear chain of command, enhanced coordination and collaboration.
- v) **Improved service delivery** through providing unified conservation and education programs, streamlining visitor services, enhancing conservation outreach, improving wildlife protection measures, optimizing administrative processes, investing in infrastructure and technology, and promoting capacity building. This will attract more investment in the program and subsequent increase in Uganda's GDP and hence economic growth.

Submitted under my hand this ^{2nd} ~~7th~~ day of March, 2024.



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