



Eng. Ben Kyemba succeeds Eng. Vincent Ochwo as UIPE President



Covid-19 Restrictions force UIPE to host an online Election for Presidency



The 18th Engineers Registration Board

UIPE NEWSLETTER



The Returning Officer Eng. Ssebugga Kimeze with his team and the Presidential Aspirants Eng. Ben Kyemba and Eng. Geoffrey Ogwang during the declaration of results

Online Elections, First of its kind

The recently concluded online UIPE Presidential elections ran for two weeks from 8th September 2020 up to 21st September 2020. They were the first the Institution has ever held since its existence. As it's the norm, the institution had organised the physical voting for the President ie members coming to Secretariat offices in Kyambogo and cast their vote using a ballot paper.

Voting was supposed to take place from 16th March 2020 and end on 21st April 2020 according to the Returning Officer Eng. Ssebugga Kimeze's report to this year's Annual General Meeting.

However this changed when COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions put a stop to public gatherings and anything that would attract a crowd and also forced the entire country into a lockdown that resulted in the suspension of the voting exercise indefinitely. According to the Returning Officer, it became quite difficult to continue with the old system and way of doing things due to the COVID-19 restrictions in place.

On this note, Council decided in August 2020 to engage a consultant to set up an electronic voting system to enable members elect their leader amidst the current circumstances.

Online voting kicked off on 8th September 2020.

Members were informed that all votes previously cast before COVID-19 Pandemic were nullified.

The Returning Officer also informed members that only the fully paid up members were eligible to vote.

With the online system, members used their membership numbers as usernames and a voting code was sent on their mobile numbers.

In this particular poll, they were two candidates vying for the Presidential seat, Eng. Ben Kyemba and Eng. Geoffrey Ogwang.

On the final day of the Presidential polls, the Returning Officer declared Eng. Ben Kyemba as the winner having polled 509, 60% of cast votes defeating Eng. Geoffrey Ogwang who polled 342, 40% of cast votes.

The online voting system is going to be adopted for UIPE Branch elections.

Eng. Vincent Ochwo hands over office

“I thank you all for your cooperation and I urge you to show the same to the incoming President.” Those were Eng. Vincent Ochwo’s last words as President of UIPE on the recently conducted Virtual Annual General Meeting.

The AGM took place on 2nd October 2020 and on the agenda among other things was announcement of election results that declared Eng. Ben Kyemba as the new President.

Eng. Ben Kyemba took over office of Presidency having won Eng. Geoffrey Ogwang in an online election organized by the institution. He succeeded Eng. Vincent Ohwo who has been President since 2018.



Eng. Vincent Ochwo handing over the office of Presidency to Eng. Ben Kyemba

In his last remarks, Eng. Vincent Ochwo highlighted some of the achievements made during his term of office and these included; an increment in membership number from 4355 to 5006 in 2019 alone, admission of 113 applicants from 67 in 2018 to Corporate membership through Joint Assessment, an increase in the number of Technician and Technologist members and Registration of UIPE Trust Deed and certification done in 2018. These and much more were completed in Eng. Vincent Ochwo’s reign in office.

Eng. Ben Kyemba assured members that he would fulfil all his promises made during the campaigns and with those words he adjourned the meeting as the new President.

COUNCIL 2020-2022

The new Council that will serve with Eng. Ben Kyemba was also revealed during this year’s Annual General Meeting by the Returning Officer Eng. Ssebugga Kimeze.

He informed members that Council Nominations were made on 17th December 2019 and the following were nominated.

Name	Position
Eng. Andrew Muhwezi	VP Membership Education and Training
Eng. Ruth Apolot	VP Finance and Admin
Eng. Lepi Bosco	Honorary Secretary
Eng. Steven Serunjogi	Honorary Treasurer

Other Council members are as follows;

Eng. Dr. Sarah Semyano

Mr. James Wasukira

Prof Eng. Peter Okidi Lating

Eng. Geoffrey Ogwang

Eng. Daniel Kisira

Eng. Flavia Guto

Eng. Anne Muhereza Akello

Eng. Dr. Florence Kiyimba

Eng. Dr. Ivan Lule

The position of Vice President Public Relations Practice and Ethics is still vacant as the nominated person ended up winning the UIPE Presidential elections.

Other remaining 3 positions will be filled by Branch representatives who are yet to vote for their leaders.

The 18th Engineers Registration Board



Members of the 18th Board with the outgoing chairman of 17th Board Michael M. Odongo

The 18th Engineers Registration Board commenced work in July 2020 having been appointed by the Minister of Works and Transport General Katumba Wamala.

The board is made of 8 members headed by Eng. Dr. Isaac Mutenyo. Other members are Eng. George Bwanga, Eng. Dr. Florence Kiyimba, Eng. Soma Ayub, Eng. Dr. Eleanor Wozzi, Eng. Elias Bahanda, Eng. John Tumwesigye B and Eng. Ronald Namugera as Registrar.

ERB is established under the Engineers Registration Act Cap271 as a statutory body with a mission to regulate and control engineers and their profession with in Uganda. The function of the Board is to regulate and control engineers and their activities with in Uganda and to advise Government in relation thereto.

Dr. Isaac Mutenyo the chairman, holds a Bachelors degree in Civil Engineering from Makerere University, a MSC from IHE Delft in the Netherlands, A PHD from Cranfield University in the United Kingdom, a Post- Doctorate Research Fellow from the USA .He currently works as the Program Coordinator of the Uganda Support to Municipal Infrastructure Development Program in the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development. He is also a Former UIPE President. In an E- interview with UIPE Information, Dr. Isaac throw more light on the focus of the 18th Board, the relationship between UIPE and ERB and how they will work closely for the good of the Engineering fraternity, the issue of unprofessional engineers among others.

“The board will ensure that work in progress that the 17th board has passed on to us shall be prioritized and completed.” Dr. Isaac when asked on the new board’s focus. He added that as a board, they will work towards providing solutions to the following questions that have eluded the engineering practice for long. These are; why majority of engineers do not present themselves for registration after the 4years requirement, why the registration rate is so low compared to the number of engineers passed out annually from engineering institutions and why society continuously engages non registered engineers even when the risks of doing so are so obvious.

“Our main purpose shall be to guarantee the public and government of an adequate number of competent and high quality engineers to offer engineering services.” He continued.

The chairman says that the board will support UIPE through the Joint Assessment Committee (JAC) to ensure that the members of UIPE who present themselves for registration by the board meet all the requirements for registration. In addition, he clarified on the roles of ERB and UIPE, he said that ERB is a body that regulates the practice of engineering being established by an Act of Parliament. ERB registers and maintains a register of Engineers who by law are allowed to practice engineering in Uganda. UIPE on the other hand, is an association of Engineers, both registered and unregistered with a common purpose of promoting engineering.

On the issue of unprofessionalism and collapsing buildings, he called for logical investigations. He says that a logical investigation helps to establish the cause of the collapse and therefore know whether there was professional negligence. He added that he has no problem with qualified engineers doing work of engineers when they are not yet registered, however they must work under the supervision of a registered Engineer.

Dr. Isaac wishes to leave a stronger ERB, in terms of an increased number of competent high quality Registered Engineers and a more positive image of ERB to the Engineering fraternity and the general Public.

Eng. Ben Kyemba, President UIPE



Eng. Ben Kyemba was elected new President of the Uganda Institution of Professional Engineers 2020-2022. He took over office at this year's Annual General Meeting on 2nd October 2020.

He currently works with Ministry of Works and Transport as the Acting Assistant Commissioner of engineering in charge of Quality Assurance under the department of Construction Standards and Quality Management.

He previously worked with Bugiri District Local Government as a senior civil engineer in charge of the water sector where he was responsible for ensuring that communities are supplied with safe and clean water.

He holds a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Makerere University, a post graduate diploma in Project Planning and Management from Uganda Management Institute, a Bachelor of Engineering in Civil and Building Engineering from Kyambogo University, a Higher Diploma in Construction from Uganda Polytechnic Kyambogo and an ordinary diploma in Civil Engineering from Uganda Technical College Elgon.

Eng. Kyemba is a professional and registered civil engineer with over seven years of post-registration experience with the Engineer Registration Board. He is a Corporate Member of Uganda Institution of Professional Engineers and a Registered Engineer with the Engineers' Registration Board.

UIPE Information Officer sat down with Eng. Ben Kyemba to enlighten members on how some of these burning issues will be tackled during his regime.

From your experience as the former VP Membership Education Training Committee (MET), what challenges are applicants facing in the process of registration. How will you mitigate these challenges as President?

Delays in the assessment of reports, some assessors tend to delay with applicant's reports and this is frustrating. Training of more assessors will be able to solve this issue. In addition, despite of a number of CPDs on Technical and Career report writing, applicants still submit substandard work. However we shall not tire from teaching.

The number of Technicians and Technologists is still low despite efforts of most of the past presidents. What new measures have you lined up to increase the number of Technicians and Technologists?

I will scale up sensitization and workshops for Technician and Technologist in all the branches. I also intend to reach out and engage with organizations who employ majority of technicians and technologists to support them and also demand that UIPE members are given priority during the recruitment process.

In addition will also embark on empowering them legally as a proposal made under Engineers Registration Amendment Bill (2018) to register Technicians and Technologists under law.

For one to apply for UIPE Membership he/she has to drop their applications at Kyambogo offices. Many ask why branches can't be given more powers to receive applications. What are you going to do about this matter?

Actually branches can receive applications from members and then get any member to deliver them at the secretariat. This relieves the applicant travel costs to deliver their application to Secretariat offices in Kyambogo.

In your manifesto, one of the issues listed to be tackled is the issue of UIPE Visibility. How are you planning to increase on the visibility of UIPE during your term of office?

We intend to increase our online presence e.g on social media platforms; actively participate in activities of other regional and international engineering organizations.

How do you plan to transform UIPE to embrace the vision of Diversity and Inclusion?

UIPE has a Diversity and Inclusion policy, and I will value and appreciate, respect and adopt for the good of all members and also encourage UIPE members to do the same.

What efforts will you put in place to ensure a quick transition from a manual to an online application system?

We want to engage the Consultants from EU who are offering the Technical Assistance to UIPE to ensure that we expedite the process and we have it piloted.

He called upon all Engineers, Technologists and Technicians to take keen interest in the affairs of the Institution and ERB.

UIPE MEMBERS' SACCO



Chairman of UIPE Members SACCO Eng. Dr. Isaac Mutenyo (third from left) and some of the members and executives after first Annual General Meeting

Early this year, an initiative spearhead by Engineers Registration Board Chairman, Eng. Dr. Isaac Mutenyo was made that lead to an establishment of the Engineers' SACCO which was later registered as Uganda Institution of Professional Engineers Members' SACCO. The probationary registration was completed on 28th August 2020 and it is valid for 2yrs till 28th September 2022.

The SACCO's mission as informed by the chairman is to become the largest and most efficient SACCO in Uganda.

On 3rd October 2020, the SACCO held its first General Meeting at UIPE Secretariat offices in Kyambogo. The meeting was presided over by Ms. Manjeri Nabirye, the Commercial Committee Officer at Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA), the first executive committee was birthed after the elections which were held during the meeting.

The Executive Committee is as follows

No	Name	Designation
1.	Eng. Dr. Isaac Mutenyo	Chairman
2.	Eng. Dr. Frank Sebbowa	Vice Chairman
3.	Eng. Ruth Apolot Engeu	Secretary
4.	Eng. Dr. Dorothy Okello	Treasurer
5.	Eng. Ronald Namugera	Member
6.	Eng. Steven Serunjogi	Member
7.	Ms. Florence Luwedde	Member
8.	Eng. Henry Francis Okinyal	Member
9.	Mr. Aloysius Kafeeza	Member

The SACCO focuses on engineering development but not restricted to only Engineers/UIPE members. For one to become part of the SACCO they are required to pay 50,000 as membership fee which is paid once. Each member must buy 10 shares minimum and each share is at 200,000 making it 2m.

As a member you are also required to pay a monthly contribution of 50,000, making a total of 600,000 a year. These payment will be made through the Stanbic bank Account number 9030017759115 in the name of Uganda Institution of Professional Engineers SACCO, Kyambogo Branch and also through mobile money.

Members will be allowed to borrow in due time.

Graduate Training Programme 2020

The Institution has recently passed out a call for graduates to apply for this year's Graduate Training Programme. (GTP)

The 2020 GTP is targeting unemployed graduates (only Bachelor's degree graduates having graduated between 2018 and 2020) who will be placed in the different Institutions/organizations for training.

The trainees will be provided with opportunities to participate in work of Engineering nature, together with structured guidance and oversight from a supervising Engineer appointed by UIPE, to enable them achieve the required attributes in a timely manner.

The purpose of the programme is to help graduate Engineers bridge the skills and experience gap between Education and Professional registration.

The programme is supported by UK's Royal Academy of Engineering as part of the Global Challenge Research Fund (GCRF) Africa Catalyst Phase3 Project: Strengthening Diversity and Inclusion in Uganda's Engineering Sector.

The GTP brings together the Graduate Engineer, the Employer and UIPE/ERB so that trainees have the necessary experience and skills to qualify for Corporate Membership with UIPE and to register with the Engineers' Registration Board. Once registered with ERB, one is licensed to practice as an engineering professional in Uganda

This year's Programme has attracted 207 applicants who will be scrutinized and qualified applicants will be called for an Induction ceremony before being placed in their respective companies for training.

Recruitment

UIPE is undertaking Phase3 of the GCRF Project focusing on Strengthening Diversity and Inclusion in Uganda's Engineering Sector with support of an award from Royal Academy of Engineering.

Among the activities to be delivered is Development of Training workshops for Technicians (Ordinary Diploma holders) and Technologists (Higher Diploma).

The Institution therefore passed a communication seeking to hire a consultant to develop training and workshops content for Technicians and Technologists. The workshops should be demand driven courses that enhance the professional growth, competences and relevance across the country and resultantly stimulate membership growth for these specific classes.

Currently the number of Technicians and Technologists is 84 & 77 respectively. They are hardly attracted to attending UIPE activities as most of the trainings and conferences are more inclined towards the Engineers.

Applications received are going to be screened and the best consultant will be hired to carry out the task.

Elected members

Applicants considered by the 486th Council Meeting on 24th August 2020 under the various categories

FELLOW MEMBERS

1. Eng. Dr. Alinaitwe Henry Mwanaki
2. Eng. Dr. Odongo Michael Moese

TECHNOLOGIST MEMBERS

1. Mr. Waiswa Salim
2. Mr. Musame Michael Busigu
3. Mr. Epanu Alex

CORPORATE MEMBER

Eng. Akena Eric

PROVISIONAL CORPORATE

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| 1. Mr. Mutyaba Johnson | 26. Mr. Birimumaso David |
| 2. Mr. Ssonko George | 27. Mr. Ocen Samson Jackey |
| 3. Mr. Atwine Ronald | 28. Mr. Tusiime Robert Kasoota |
| 4. Mr. Kaguhangire Steven | 29. Mr. Athiyo A. Ronald |
| 5. Mr. Isoke Jennifer Brenda | |
| 6. Ms. Grace Kijja | |
| 7. Mr. Kagaba Geoffrey | |
| 8. Mr. Asiiimwe Fred Arali | |
| 9. Mr. Odongo Francis | |
| 10. Mr. Mabweijano George Patrick Joseph | |
| 11. Mr. Okidi Patrick | |
| 12. Mr. Moro Phillips | |
| 13. Ms. Kalembe Lydia | |
| 14. Mr. Sseruwu Patrick | |
| 15. Mr. Ssekayingo Stephen | |
| 16. Ms. Nagawa Lilian | |
| 17. Mr. Ocan Jolly Joe | |
| 18. Ms. Musenero Leah | |
| 19. Mr. Katungi Raymond | |
| 20. Mr. Kabugo Ibrahim Sekitoleko | |
| 21. Mr. Ariiho Arthur | |
| 22. Mr. Ntwirenabo Coleb | |
| 23. Mr. Kanya Elemia | |
| 24. Mr. Kibaya Allan Rogers | |
| 25. Mr. Muganga Jonathan | |

TECHNICIAN MEMBERS

1. Mr. Hitts Emmanuel
2. Mr. Tumwesigye Benon
3. Mr. Muhumuza Grace
4. Mr. Bagaga Robert
5. Mr. Kiroko Shalif
6. Mr. Nyamucwangani Raymon
7. Mr. Mugarura Moses
8. Ms. Namiiro Brenda
9. Mr. Tuhaise Fredrick
10. Mr. Anyole Abel
11. Mr. Tugume Richard Nelson
12. Mr. Kalema Mustafa Namunye
13. Mr. Luvunia Daniel
14. Mr. Okello Dickens
15. Mr. Akampurira Bruce

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

Honorary members	250,000
Fellow Members	250,000
Corporate members	200,000
Provisional Corporate members	200,000
Graduate members	150,000

GRADUATE MEMBERS

1. Mr. Mukhwana Benjamin Khabusi
2. Ms. Akello Leila Gonasa
3. Mr. Byamukama Richard
4. Mr. Mwesigwa Jonathan
5. Mr. Waswa Alosious
6. Mr. Obim Benard Harold
7. Ms. Ampa Sheila Secret
8. Mr. Kasozi Edward
9. Mr. Aijuka Brian
10. Mr. Tumuhimbise Daniel
11. Mr. Dhaira Abbey
12. Mr. Muwonge Raymond
13. Mr. Chelangat Cyrus
14. Mr. Baita Richard
15. Mr. Gibusiwa Calvin
16. Mr. Kasagga Samuel
17. Ms. Shiba Doreen
18. Mr. Olinga Peter
19. Ms. Aguti Josephine
20. Mr. Ssenyonjo Kirabo Patrick
21. Mr. Mutilu Joseph
22. Ms. Akello Kevin Odiya
23. Mr. Kisegerwa Julius
24. Ms. Muyimba Josephine
25. Mr. Niwamanya Tumwine Disma
26. Mr. Oja Albine Bayi
27. Mr. Nuwasiima Aggrey
28. Mr. Mukuru Silverio
29. Mr. Lokowa Abraham Dove
30. Mr. Bright Juma Sulaiman
31. Mr. Wathum Richard
32. Mr. Kajjuba Hubaine. G
33. Mr. Mulira Alex Ssenyondo
34. Mr. Ocen Stephen
35. Mr. Mulongo Benbridge
36. Mr. Arineitwe Wenseslas
37. Mr. Mutesasira Sam
38. Ms. Nakubulwa Deborah Bitiiju
39. Mr. Mukundane Felix
40. Ms. Abalo Concy Atare
41. Mr. Ogalo Alex
42. Mr. Arinaitwe Robert
43. Ms. Cakuru Mildred
44. Mr. Lopeyok Hussein Juma
45. Mr. Ngolobe Collins
46. Mr. Mutebi Salim Hussein
47. Mr. Makumbi Deogratius
48. Mr. Bwambale Vincent
49. Mr. Lugya Sadam
50. Mr. Hope Stallah
51. Mr. Kasasa Peter
52. Ms. Businge Bridget
53. Mr. Makubya Yusuf Kiganda
54. Mr. Kigongo Norbert Zirimenya
55. Mr. Ariebe Tomas
56. Mr. Abang Timothy
57. Mr. Mugume Graham
58. Mr. Kiggundu Ronald Bosco
59. Mr. Kaye John Bosco
60. Mr. Were Ivan
61. Mr. Majjanga Brian
62. Mr. Ssendwula Herbert
63. Mr. Maziina Derrick

STUDENT MEMBERS

1. Mr. Bwambale Semu
2. Mr. Bainomugisha Benjamin
3. Mr. Sseguya John
4. Mr. Kyabangi Bimark
5. Mr. Kiyaka Tonny
6. Ms. Nambi Hellena Kibuule
7. Mr. Nahabwe Ivan
8. Mr. Walusimbi Hamza
9. Mr. Raymond Stamina
10. Mr. Byaruhanga Luka
11. Mr. Kasenge Kenneth
12. Mr. Kyomuhendo Ivan
13. Mr. Ssendendo Joel
14. Mr. Muyanja Geoffrey
15. Mr. Arinaitwe Edgar
16. Mr. Kateregga James
17. Mr. Arinaitwe Jonas
18. Mr. Oyang Joshua
19. Mr. Arinda Allan
20. Ms. Namisango Anitah
21. Ms. Kirabo Leah
22. Mr. Wanale James Ssewava
23. Mr. Kizairwe Kelozi Kabahurr
24. Ms. Najjuma Ramlah
25. Mr. Amanya Sentume Martin
26. Mr. Beinomugisha Deus
27. Mr. Ssebuyungo Patrik
28. Mr. Maumbe Emmanuel
29. Mr. Abaho Agrey
30. Mr. Asasira Yonah
31. Ms. Katusabe Joan
32. Mr. Tuhumure Isaiah
33. Mr. Tumwebaze Antony
34. Mr. Agaba Peter
35. Mr. Kafumufu Joseph
36. Mr. Mpanga Joseph
37. Mr. Ssendendo Martin
38. Mr. Bagaboine Don Humphrey
39. Mr. Mubiru Ashiraf
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49. Ms. Nankya Scovia
50. Mr. Maisaba Francis
51. Ms. Mirembe Angel
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