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MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS**

**STATEMENT OF THE HON. DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL
REGARDING THE PROGRAMME FOR THE CONDUCT OF
ELECTIONS OF ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS COUNCILS AND WOMEN
COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES**

INTRODUCTION

The Rt. Hon. Speaker

Hon. Members of Parliament

I wish to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to make a statement on the programme for the conduct of elections of administrative unit councils, specifically Local Council I and Local Council II, and women's councils and committees.

Rt. Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members, the term of office of the administrative unit councils and the women's councils and women's committees expired on 23rd June, 2026.

Government has, since 10th July, 2023, been extending the term of office of administrative unit councils and women's councils and committees for periods not exceeding one hundred and eighty days at a time, in accordance with regulation 12 (d) of the Local Government Councils Regulations specified in Schedule 2 to the Local Governments Act, Cap. 138, and paragraph 2(3)(d) of Schedule 2 to the National Women's Council Act, Cap. 113.

I therefore wish to brief this august House on the key activities, dates and arrangements under the electoral programme issued by the Electoral Commission.

1. Verification of residents and compilation of registers

The Electoral Commission appointed Monday, 6th July to Friday, 10th July, 2026, as the period for registration of willing village residents who intend to participate in the Administrative Unit Council elections at Village level.

During the same period, the Commission is compiling the Village Women's Council Register for purposes of conducting elections of Women's Councils and Committees.

The Commission has urged all eligible and willing residents to appear in person at the designated registration centres within their village or cell of residence to register or update their particulars before the close of the exercise on Friday, 10th July, 2026.

For emphasis, the registration exercise covers the following—

- (a) the compilation of the Village Council General Register for purposes of electing the Village, or LC I, Chairperson and approving members of the Village Executive Committee;
- (b) the compilation of the Village Women's Council Register for purposes of electing the Village Women's Committee;
- (c) the registration of willing village residents and willing women residents in separate register books provided by the Electoral Commission; and
- (d) the registration of willing women residents in both registers, to enable them to participate in both elections.

The registration exercise is free of charge and is conducted from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on each of the appointed days.

A person qualifies to be registered in the Village Council General Register if that person—

- (a) is a citizen of Uganda;
- (b) is ordinarily resident in the village of registration;
- (c) is eighteen years of age or above at the time of registration; and
- (d) is willing to be a member of the Village Council.

For the Village Women's Council Register, a person must be female, a citizen of Uganda, eighteen years of age or above, and ordinarily resident in the village of registration.

A person appearing for registration is required to provide the following particulars to the Village Election Official—

- (a) names;
- (b) National Identification Card, National Identification Number or National Identification Application Number;
- (c) age;
- (d) gender; and
- (e) village of residence.

2. Display of Voters' Registers

The display of the Village Council Register and the Village Women's Council Register will be conducted from 13th to 14th July, 2026.

The display of the registers shall commence at 8:00 a.m. and end at 6:00 p.m. at a designated public or open place in the respective village.

During the display period, voters are urged to turn up and verify the correctness of their particulars, including names, National Identification Number or Application Number, age, gender and village of residence.

Residents are further urged to report to the Village Election Official the following categories of persons for removal from the registers—

- (a) persons who are deceased;
- (b) persons who are underage; and
- (c) persons who do not reside in the village.

3. Village women's committees: composition, nominations, campaigns and polling

The Village Women's Committee shall comprise five members, namely—

- (a) Chairperson;
- (b) Vice Chairperson;
- (c) Secretary;
- (d) Publicity Secretary; and
- (e) Secretary for Finance.

The Electoral Commission has appointed 15th to 19th July, 2026, as the dates for nomination of candidates for election to the Village Women's Committee.

The nominations shall be conducted at the respective Sub-county, Town Council or Municipal Division Headquarters by the Sub-County Election Official, from

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each of the appointed days. In the case of cities, nominations shall be conducted at the respective wards.

For emphasis—

- (a) an aspiring candidate for any office on the Village Women's Committee must be female, ordinarily resident in the village, a citizen of Uganda and aged eighteen years or above;
- (b) an aspiring candidate must be registered on the Village Women's Council Register;
- (c) no academic qualifications are required; and
- (d) no nomination fee is required.

Campaign meetings for the Village Women's Committee elections shall be held for three days, from 20th to 22nd July, 2026. The campaign meetings or public rallies shall be conducted from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on each campaign day.

The Electoral Commission has appointed Thursday, 23rd July, 2026, as polling day for election of the five members of the Village Women's Committee.

Polling shall take place in a public or open place within the village and shall be by voters lining up behind nominated candidates, their representatives, portraits or symbols, in accordance with section 123(2) of the Local Governments Act, Cap. 138.

4. Elections from Parish/Ward to National Level for women's councils and committees

The Parish or Ward Women's Council shall consist of all members of the Village Women's Committees in the Parish or Ward.

The Sub-county, Town or Division Women's Council, which shall constitute the electoral college at that level, shall consist of members of the Parish or Ward Women's Committees in the Sub-county, Town or Division, and a representative of women with disabilities elected from among women with disabilities in the Sub-county, Town or Division through their structures.

The District or City Women's Council, which shall constitute the electoral college at that level, shall consist of Chairpersons of the Sub-county, Town or Division Women's Councils and a representative of women with disabilities elected from among women with disabilities in the District or City through their structures.

The election of Executive Committee members from the Parish or Ward level to the National level shall be conducted in accordance with the programme attached as Appendix B to this statement.

The issuance of nomination forms to aspiring candidates from the Parish or Ward level to the National level shall take place alongside the display of the respective electoral college registers.

5. Composition of Village or LC I Executive Committee

Each Village, or LC I, shall have an Executive Committee consisting of eleven members as follows—

- (a) Chairperson;
- (b) Vice Chairperson, who shall also be Secretary for Children Welfare;
- (c) General Secretary;
- (d) Secretary for Information, Education and Mobilisation;
- (e) Secretary for Security;
- (f) Secretary for Finance;
- (g) Secretary for Production and Environmental Protection;
- (h) Secretary for Youths;
- (i) Secretary for Women, who shall also be the Public Health Coordinator;
- (j) Secretary for Persons with Disabilities Affairs; and
- (k) Secretary for the Council of Older Persons.

6. Nomination of Candidates for Village, or LC I Chairperson

The Electoral Commission has appointed 15th to 19th July, 2026, as the dates for nomination of candidates for election as Village, or LC I, Chairpersons.

The nominations shall be conducted at the respective Sub-county, Town Council or Municipal Division Headquarters by the Parish Election Official, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each of the appointed days.

These elections shall be conducted under the multiparty political dispensation. Political parties and organisations are therefore urged to prepare accordingly.

Aspiring candidates for election as Village, or LC I, Chairperson may collect nomination forms from the Parish Election Official of the parish in which the village is located from 9th to 14th July, 2026.

An aspiring candidate for Village, or LC I, Chairperson must be a citizen of Uganda, aged eighteen years or above, resident in the village where he or she intends to stand, and registered on the respective Village Council Register.

No academic qualifications are required for election as Village, or LC I, Chairperson, and no nomination fee is required.

7. Campaigns and Polling for Village, or LC I Chairperson

Campaign meetings for election of Village, or LC I, Chairperson shall be held for eight days, from 20th to 27th July, 2026.

The campaign meetings or public rallies shall be conducted from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on each campaign day. Campaigns shall be conducted and limited to the village of the respective candidate. No candidate shall be permitted to hold physical campaigns outside or beyond his or her village.

Polling for election of Village, or LC I, Chairperson shall take place on Tuesday, 28th July, 2026, in a public or open place within the village, commencing at 7:00 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m.

The election shall be conducted by voters lining up behind nominated candidates, their representatives, portraits or symbols, in accordance with section 123(2) of the Local Governments Act, Cap. 138.

For clarity, the following programme shall guide voting day—

- 7:00-10:00: Assembly and Verification of voters by the Village Election Official (Presiding Officer)
- 10:00-11:00: Voter education and briefing of voters on voting procedures by the Village Election Official (Presiding Officer)
- 11:00-11:30: Voting by the electorate lining up and counting of votes
- 11:30-12:00: Filling of Form EC10 and declaration of Chairperson-elect
- 12:00-04:00: Nomination and approval of Executive Committee members by the Village Council and filling form EC11

The following members of the Village Executive Committee shall be nominated by the elected Village Chairperson from among members of the Council present and approved by the Council, one by one, by show of hands—

- (a) Vice Chairperson, who shall also be Secretary for Children Welfare;
- (b) General Secretary;
- (c) Secretary for Information, Education and Mobilisation;
- (d) Secretary for Security;
- (e) Secretary for Finance; and
- (f) Secretary for Production and Environmental Protection.

The following members shall join the Village Executive Committee by virtue of having been elected Chairpersons of their respective Village Committees for Special Interest Groups—

- (a) Chairperson of the Village Youth Council, who shall be Secretary for Youths;
- (b) Chairperson of the Village Women’s Council, who shall be Secretary for Women and also the Public Health Coordinator;
- (c) Chairperson of the organisation for Persons with Disabilities at the Village level, who shall be Secretary for Persons with Disabilities Affairs; and
- (d) Chairperson of the Village Council of Older Persons, who shall be Secretary for the Council of Older Persons.

8. Election of Parish/Ward, or LC II, Chairperson and Executive Committee Members

Members of the Village Executive Committees in the respective Parish or Ward shall constitute the Parish Council for purposes of election of the Parish or Ward, LC II, Chairperson.

The election of Parish or Ward, LC II, Chairperson, and the nomination and approval of Parish Executive Committee members shall be conducted in accordance with the following programme—

No.	Activity	Period
1.	Compilation of Parish/Ward (LC II) Voters’ Register	29 th July, 2026
2.	Display of Parish/Ward (LC II) Voters’ Register	30 th – 31 st July, 2026
3.	Nomination of candidates for Parish/Ward (LC II) Chairperson	3 rd August, 2026
4.	Campaigns for Parish/Ward (LC II) Chairperson	4 th – 9 th August, 2026
5.	Polling Day for Election of Parish/Ward (LC II) Chairperson	10 th August, 2026

The issuance of nomination forms to aspiring candidates for Parish or Ward, LC II, Chairperson shall take place alongside the display exercise scheduled for 30th to 31st July, 2026.

9. Compliance with the Law and Electoral Guidelines

The Electoral Commission has issued comprehensive guidelines to enable stakeholders to participate in the entire electoral programme. The programme is progressive in nature, moving from the Village to the Parish level in the case of Administrative Units, and from the Village to the National level in the case of Women’s Councils and Committees.

I therefore urge all aspiring candidates, political parties, organisations, voters and stakeholders to acquaint themselves with the relevant laws and guidelines in order to appreciate their respective roles and responsibilities before, during and after the elections.

10. Facilitation of Ad hoc Election Officials

The following is the payment schedule for ad hoc election officials handling the electoral process—

S/N	Category	Amount
a)	Sub-county Election Official (SEO)	546,433 per Month (Deployed for 2 months)
b)	Parish Election Official (PEO)	288,125 per Month (Deployed for 2 months)
c)	Village Election Official (VEO) Registration and Display of the register	10,000= per day for 5 days (50,000=) per person during Registration. 10,000= per day for 3 days during Display
d)	Presiding Officers	30,000=
e)	Polling Assistant/Enumerator	20,000=
f)	Election Orderly Officer	20,000=

10. Conclusion

Rt. Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members, Government remains committed to ensuring that the elections of Administrative Unit Councils and Women’s Councils and Committees are conducted in accordance with the law and the programme issued by the Electoral Commission.

I therefore urge all Ugandans to participate in this electoral programme peacefully, responsibly and in accordance with the applicable laws and guidelines. This will ensure a smooth, lawful and orderly electoral exercise.

I thank you.

For God and my Country.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kafuuzi Jackson Karugaba', written in a cursive style.

Kafuuzi Jackson Karugaba (MP)

HON. DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Appendix A: Summary Programme for Administrative Units (Village [LC I] and Parish [LC II]) Elections 2026

Village (LC I) Level		
No.	Activity	Period
1.	Recruitment of Sub County and Parish Supervisors	25 th June, 2026
2.	Recruitment of Village Election Officials	22 nd June–1 st July, 2026
3.	Display of names of recruited Village Election officials at the Parish/Ward	2 nd July, 2026
4.	Training of Village Election Officials at Parish level	3 rd July, 2026
5.	Verification of residents and compilation of Village General Voters Registers	6 th – 10 th July, 2026
6.	Cut-off date for compiling the Village (LC I) Voters Register	10 th July, 2026
7.	Display of the Village (LC I) Voters' Register	13 th – 14 th July, 2026
8.	Issuance of nomination forms at the Parish level, to aspiring candidates	9 th – 14 th July, 2026
9.	Nomination of candidates for Village (LC I) Chairperson at the Sub County/Town/Division Headquarters	15 th – 19 th July, 2026
10.	Candidates' campaigns for Village (LC I) Chairperson	20 th – 27 th July, 2026
11.	Polling Day for election of Village (LC I) Chairperson (lining, counting, filling forms, declaration of winner; nomination and approval of LC I Executive by the Village Council Meeting)	28 th July, 2026
Parish/Ward (LC II) Level		
No.	Activity	Period
1.	Compilation of Parish/Ward (LC II) Voters' Register	29 th July, 2026
2.	Display of Parish/Ward (LC II) Voters' Register	30 th – 31 st July, 2026
3.	Nomination of candidates for Parish/Ward (LC II) Chairperson	3 rd August, 2026
4.	Campaigns for Parish/Ward (LC II) Chairperson	4 th – 9 th August, 2026

5.	Polling Day for Election of Parish/Ward (LC II) Chairperson	10 th August, 2026
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Appendix B: Summary Programme for Women Councils and Committees Elections (Village to National level), June – September 2026

Village/Cell Level		
No	Activity	Period
1.	Compilation of Village Women's Register	6 th – 10 th July, 2026
2.	Cut-off for compilation of Village Women's Register	10 th July, 2026

3.	Display of the Village Women's Register	13 th – 14 th July, 2026
4.	Issuance of nomination forms at the Parish level, to aspiring candidates	9 th – 14 th July, 2026
5.	Nomination of candidates for election of five (5) Members of the Village Women's Committee at the respective Sub County, Town, or Municipal Division Headquarters	15 th – 19 th July, 2026
6.	Candidates' Campaigns for Election of Village Women Committee	20 th – 22 nd July, 2026
7.	Polling Day for Election of the five (5) Members of the Village Women Committee (lining, counting, filling forms and declaration of winners)	23 rd July, 2026
Parish/Ward Level		
1.	Compilation of Parish/Ward (LC II) Women's Register	29 th July, 2026
2.	Display of Parish/Ward (LC II) Women's Register	30 th – 31 st July, 2026
3.	Nomination of Candidates for Parish/Ward Women Committee at the respective Sub County/Town/Division Headquarters	3 rd August, 2026
4.	Candidates' Campaigns for Parish/Ward (LCII) Women Committee	4 th – 6 th August, 2026
5.	Polling Day for Election of Parish/Ward (LC II) Women Committee	7 th August, 2026
Sub-County/Town/Municipal Division Level		
1.	Compilation of Sub county/Town/Municipal Division Women's Register	11 th August, 2026
2.	Display of Sub County/Town/Municipal Division Women's Register	12 th -13 th August, 2026
3.	Nomination of Candidates for election of Sub County/Town/Municipal Division Women Committee at S/County, Town, Mun. Div. Headquarters	14 th August, 2026
4.	Candidates' Campaigns for the election of Sub County/Town/Municipal Division Women Committees	15 th - 17 th August, 2026
5.	Polling for elections of Sub County/Town/Mun. Div. Women Committee	18 th August, 2026

District/City Level		
1.	Compilation of District/City Women's Register	19 th August, 2026
2.	Display of District/City Women's Register	20 th -21 st August, 2026
3.	Nomination of Candidates for District/City Women Committee	24 th August 2026
4.	Campaigns for the election of the District/City Women Committee	25 th - 27 th August, 2026
5.	Polling Day for Election of District/City Women Committee	28 th August, 2026
National Conference for Election of the National Women Committee		
1.	Compilation of the National Women Council Register	30 th - 31 st August, 2026
2.	Display of the National Women's Register	1 st – 2 nd September, 2026
3.	National Conference for the National Women Committee Elections	3 rd – 4 th September, 2026