

NRM MANIFESTO REVIEW 2023

Since its inception over six decades ago, Uganda's Electricity sub-Sector continues to evolve, hitting major milestones across the three segments of generation, transmission and distribution. The commitment of the NRM Government to infrastructure as enlisted in the 2021 -2026 Manifesto, has facilitated a major transformation, delivering the Country from Power Supply defficiency.

The Eletricity Regulatory Authority continues to appreciate the Government, and all Energy Sector players for your support that enables the Sector to grow and excel.

2021 - 2023 ELECTRICITY SUB-SECTOR PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

POWER Generation



The Government continues to prioritize The Government continues to prioritize investment in power generation. Between 2021 and 2023, fourteen (14) generation plants were commissioned, adding over 131.53 MW to the Country's total Installed Generation Capacity which stands at 1,401.96 MW. Of this capacity, 6.99 MW is Off-Grid systems, and 1,394.97 MW is on the National Grid.

The Government of Uganda has also successfully tested and dispatched 80 MW of Karuma Hydropower Plant to the Grid.

ELECTRICITY Act, 1999 (Amendment)



In 2022, the Government of Uganda successfully completed the amendment of the Electricity Act, Chapter 145 Laws of Uganda. The amendment, among other benefits, provides deternent penalties for vandalism of electricity, infrastructure, a vice that frustrates efforts to accelerate access and provide quality and reliable electricity services.

TARIFF Incentives



5.7 Cents per kWh Tariff for industrialists able to increase production capacity to maintain their monthly billing invoice without affecting the financial sustainability of the Electricity Supply. The move targets to support the Country's industrialization agenda.

The Government of Uganda has further introduced a Cooking Tariff of UGX 412 per kWh for domestic consumers to promote clean cooking.

REGULATORY Ranking



Viganda's electricity regulatory framework was identified as Africa's finest in the Electricity Regulatory Index study conducted by the African Development Bank in 2022.

ELECTRICITY Connections



With effect from 14th December 2022, the No-Pole electricity connection cost was reduced from UGX 720,883 to UGX 470,000. Electricity connection applicants now have the option of paying the full UGX 470,000 upfront or a minimum of UGX 200,000 and accessing a credit facility of up to UGX 270,000 availed under the Uganda Development Bank (UDB) financing scheme. The UDB credit facility, at zero interest rate, is recoverable from the customer at a minimum of 15% of every electricity purchase over a period of up to 8 years, with an option of early repayment.

CONSUMER Protection



To heighten its effort on consumer protection, ERA established a Consumer Protection Center. The Centre is a redress point for unresolved electricity complaints from consumers. In 2023, ERA will also establish its first regional office in Gulu District and later roll out the same to other regions of the country. The regional offices aim to bring the regulatory services closer to electricity users and enhance the monitoring of Licensees' compliance with Quality of Service standards.



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