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PRESS RELEASE

**Polling Date for Chairpersons and Councillors for Municipalities
and City Divisions, Tuesday 27th January 2026**

The Electoral Commission informs candidates, voters and the general public that elections for Chairpersons and Councillors for the Municipalities and City Divisions will be held on **Tuesday 27th January 2026**.

During these elections, voters will cast ballots for Municipality/City Division Chairpersons; Directly-elected Councillors, and Women Councillors.

Polling shall take place at all polling stations within all Municipalities and City Divisions in Uganda, starting at 7:00am and closing at 4:00pm. Thereafter, the counting of votes and declaration of results shall take place.

Voters are urged to carefully note the following:

1. The ballot paper for use during these elections will have four columns: a column for the candidates' names; a column for the candidates' photos; a column for the candidates' symbol; and an empty box where the voter will put a tick or thumbprint to indicate a choice;
2. The voter is required to mark the ballot paper using the authorised mark of choice — either a tick or a thumbprint, in the space provided for the candidate. Please don't use any other mark!
3. The voter should be careful that his/her tick or thumbprint is not outside the box or crossing into another candidate's box. If it does, the vote will be invalid and will not be counted for your candidate.
4. However, a ballot paper that has the authorised mark of choice (a tick or a thumbprint) placed in the candidate's name, candidate's photo, or candidate's symbol, is still valid because the intention and the choice of the voter is clear.

The Commission urges voters to turn up in large numbers to vote and to follow the guidelines that have been issued for this election, in order to ensure a peaceful process.

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Polling Date for Sub County/Town/Municipal Division Elections, 2026

The Electoral Commission appointed Wednesday 4th February 2026 as the polling day for elections of Chairpersons, Directly-elected Councillors and Women Councillors for Sub County/Town/Municipal Division.

Voting shall be by universal adult suffrage, and shall take place at all polling stations in all the Sub Counties, Town Councils and Municipal Divisions, across the country, beginning at 7:00am till 4:00pm. Thereafter, counting of votes and declaration of results shall take place.

The Commission wishes to guide voters as follows:

1. The ballot paper for use during election of the Chairperson for Sub county/Town Council/Municipal Division will bear the following features:
 - a) The first column will have the full names of candidates, in alphabetical order;
 - b) The second column will have a colour photograph of the candidate for Chairperson;
 - c) The third column will have the name of the party and symbol, or independent candidates' symbol;
 - d) The fourth column will have space where the voter will tick or place a thumbprint as a mark of choice.
2. The ballot paper for the Directly-elected Councillors and Women Councillors to the Sub county/Town Council/Municipal Division will have the full names of the candidate, the symbol for the political party or independent candidate and the name of the party for party flag bearers but will not bear the photograph of the candidates;
3. The voter is required to mark the ballot paper using the authorised mark of choice — either a tick or a thumbprint, in the space provided for the candidate. Please don't use any other mark!
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Polling Dates and Venues for Election of Representatives of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) to Parliament, January-February 2026

In line with Article 61(2) of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda, the Electoral Commission appointed the dates and venues below for the elections of Members of Parliament representing Special Interest Groups (SIGs), namely; Workers; Youths; Older Persons; Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces (UPDF); and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), January-February 2026:

No	Category Of Election	Area/Region of Representation	Venue	Polling Date
1.	National Conference for Election of Workers Representatives to Parliament	National	Kibuli Secondary School - Kampala City	19 th January 2026
2.	Regional Conference for Election of Regional Youths Representatives to Parliament	Eastern Region	Civil Service College, Jinja City	28 th January 2026
3.	Regional Conference for Election of Regional Youths Representatives to Parliament	Central Region	Masaka Sports Arena - Kitovu-Masaka City	28 th January 2026
4.	Regional Conference for Election of Regional Youths Representatives to Parliament	Northern Region	Mvara Secondary School, Arua City	28 th January 2026
5.	Regional Conference for Election of Regional Youths Representatives to Parliament	Western Region	Kyebambe Girls Senior Secondary School - Fort Portal City	28 th January 2026
6.	Army Council Meeting for Election of UPDF Representatives to Parliament	National	Bombo Barracks	28 th January 2026
7.	Regional Conference for Election of Regional Older Persons Representatives to Parliament	Central Region	Wakissha Resource Centre - Wakiso District	2 nd February 2026
8.	National Conference for Election of PWDs Representatives to Parliament	National	Nsambya Gardens-Kevina - Kampala City	3 rd February 2026
9.	National Conference for Election of National Female Youth Representative to Parliament	National	Kyambogo College School - Kampala City	6 th February 2026

All candidates, their agents and supporters, election observers and the general public are reminded to observe the respective dates and participate in accordance with the guidelines for polling for the respective election.

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