

## UTA 5 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN



Uganda Tourism Association (UTA), the apex body of tourism private sector Associations launched its 5 year strategic plan whose implementation will provide a forum to enhance full cooperation and coordination of strategic actions between the tourism public and private sector.

Speaking at the launch in Serena hotel on Thursday, 21 August 2014, UTA President Mr. [Herbert Byaruhanga](#) advised that the five year plan will guide the sector in driving Uganda's socio-economic transformation as per the Uganda Vision 2040.

Herbert called upon stakeholders to forge a way forward on tourism matters rather than concentrate on individual battles that put the industry at stake.

He thanked the consultants Mr. Celestine Katongole and Dr. [Wilber Ahebwa](#), for their voluntary effort in formulating the strategic plan.

Speaking at the same function, Hon. Dr. Maria Mutagamba Minister of Tourism Wildlife and Antiquities who also represented the Prime Minister, Amama Mbabazi mentioned that the government recognizes the role private sector plays in tourism development.

She emphasized that the maiden strategic plan is a right step towards the realization of the National Vision. The minister thanked UNDP who were represented by their country director Ms. Almaz Gebru for funding the project and urged the other associations that are not yet members of UTA to join the apex body.

The total budget of the 5 year strategic plan is estimated at UGX 3.6 billion.



## SAA ANNOUNCES NEW TRAVEL REGULATIONS

Effective from 1 October 2014 Children under the age of 18 years travelling in and out of South Africa are required to carry the following documentation:

### Children travelling with both parents must produce:

- An Unabridged Birth Certificate as well as a valid Passport.

### Children travelling with a guardian must produce:

- An Unabridged Birth Certificate as well as a valid Passport for the child in question.
- The Guardian is required to produce proof of consent (Affidavit Letter) from both parents giving permission for the children to travel.
- The affidavit should be no more than three months old, from date of travel.
- They will also need copies of the passports of the parents, as well as the contact details of the parents.

### Children travelling with only one parent must produce:

- An Unabridged Birth Certificate as well as a valid Passport.
- Proof of consent (Affidavit Letter) from the other parent granting permission for the child to leave the country and a certified copy of Identity or Passport document of the parent.
- The affidavit should be no more than three months old, from date of travel.
- In the case of divorce/separation of the parents, a court order granting full parental responsibilities and rights or legal guardianship in respect of the child, if he or she is the parent or legal guardian of the child.
- If applicable, the Death Certificate of the other parent registered on the Birth Certificate.

### Children travelling as an unaccompanied minor must produce:

- An Unabridged Birth Certificate as well as a valid Passport.
- Proof of consent (Affidavit Letter) from both his or her parents or legal guardians to travel in or out of the country
- The affidavit should be no more than three months old, from date of travel
- A letter from the person who will receive the child in South Africa, including that person's full contact details and residential address as well as copy of their Passport or ID book.
- The letter must also include details about where the child will be staying, and full contact details of both parents and legal guardians.
- All documents mentioned above must either be original or certified as true copies of the original
- his regulation applies to foreigners and South Africans alike.
- in cases where the certificate is in a language other than English, it must be accompanied by a sworn translation issued by a competent authority in the country concerned.

## UP-COMING EVENTS

**TUGATA Midterm meeting**  
**Date:** 30th Sept. 2014  
**Venue:** Sheraton Hotel  
**Time:** 08:30AM

**World Tourism Day**  
**Date:** 27th Sept. 2014  
**Venue:** Mbale