

TUGATA E-BULLETIN

TUGATA PARTICIPATES IN THE SOLAR ECLIPSE EVENTS



On 3rd November 2013, TUGATA joined the rest of the Tourism stakeholders to attend the events of viewing the Total Solar Eclipse that was held in Packwach at Owinyi Primary School Nebbi district.

The chief viewer was His Excellency the President of Uganda, Mr. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni joined by Minister of Tourism Wildlife & Antiquities Hon. Dr. Maria Mutagamba, Political leaders, dignitaries and people from other countries.

In her speech, Hon. Mutagamba mentioned that the theme of the event was to address the global community mobilisation and sensitisation of the local community. She also referred the President of Uganda as the **“President of the Eclipse”**

President Yoweri Museveni in his remarks noted that;

- Uganda is endowed with natural resources of water, flora and fauna that attracted growth of Tourism.
- The creation of tourism police reduced the number of cases as reported by the tourists. The unit also helped in boarder control and reduced poaching.
- Uganda received a number of accolades including one from the lonely planet and from other trusted publications. This has helped Uganda to regain its glory that had been lost during the time of instabilities.
- The tourism sector is a major employer in the country and brings in a lot of revenue to the economy
- Tourism is a green economy with no pollution

However, the President highlighted some effects the tourism industry has faced;

- Terrorism was top on agenda, on this matter he regretted to all for being subjected to the tight security checking by the military.
- Poaching and encroachment of the local community in the parks was another. He appealed to the community to keep away from the national parks.

The President thanked all people who made it to Packwach to view the eclipse that last appeared in 1466, he mentioned that he was happy to host all in a safe environment and appealed to the tourists to visit other tourism sites in Uganda.

Next solar eclipse will appear in year 2114.

DEFAULT INSURANCE POLICY



Thank you members for attending the meeting TUGATA called at Lion Assurance office on 23 October 2013 to discuss the way forward for DIP after no-responsiveness from IATA. Thank you all for your support following this meeting. TUGATA is pleased to report that finally, on 30 September 2013, IATA did write to communicate the confirmation of Lion Assurance to carry 10% of the DIP cover in Uganda. This in effect means that Lion is the Uganda lead insurance company and the DIP programme is finally operating under the laws of Uganda under the guidance of the Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA). Indeed, TUGATA received unwavering support from

Al Hajj Kaddunabi and his team at IRA who ensured that the scheme would be operational by 01 November 2013.

TUGATA is still in discussions with Lion Assurance to ensure that all subsequent paperwork is filed properly with Mercantile Insurance, IPP in London and IATA in Kenya/Amman. The approval of Lion Assurance was an unprecedented success for TUGATA members as well as an example for our East African neighbours: KATA and TASOTA. Thank you all for your faith in allowing your elected Committee to work on your behalf.

There has been a revision in the insurance premium upwards, due to the fact that statutory taxes have to be paid, etc. The full justification shall be communicated to members after TUGATA's meeting with Lion Assurance.



UP-COMING EVENTS

TUGATA TRAINING

TUGATA shall hold a training of its members which is meant to address challenges faced while conducting their business in travel industry.

The training is sponsored by Ministry of Tourism Wildlife & Antiquities. Dates and Venue shall be communicated.



Delta Airlines shall officially open their new offices on;
Date: Tuesday 19th Nov. 2013
Time: 12:00 noon - 2:00pm
Venue: Delta Airlines Offices (located on Buganda Road, opp. African Village, Park Royal Shopping Mall, upper floor.

TUGATA AT WORLD TOURISM DAY



SEPT. 2013

The celebrations of the World Tourism Day 2013 took place in Fort Portal, Boma grounds. This year's theme was **“Tourism and Water Protecting our Common Future”** The event started with a week long Tourism Expo that took place at Boma grounds where various players in the Tourism industry showcased their products.



Gorilla Permit Promotion
 From 1st to 30th November

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East Africans	UGX250,000
Foreign non Residents	\$500 \$350
Foreign Residents	\$475 \$300

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