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**Press Release**

**Countrywide Re-organisation of Polling Stations in Preparation for the 2025/2026 General Elections**

The Electoral Commission, under Section 12(1) (d) of the Electoral Commission Act, 1997 (Cap 140) is mandated to establish and operate polling stations for elections.

In preparation for the 2025/2026 General Elections, the Commission will re-organise polling stations countrywide to enable voters to conveniently cast their votes, by ensuring adequate space at polling stations as well as a manageable number of voters per polling station.

The re-organization exercise will be conducted from 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024 to 16<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

**During the exercise, the following activities will be undertaken:**

**1. Merging:**

Polling Stations with a significantly low number of voters within the same parish/ward, without justification, will be merged, taking into consideration the proximity of the villages and distances traveled by voters to the polling station.

**2. Splitting:**

Polling Stations with more than 1,200 voters (for Kampala Capital City) and more than 900 voters for the rest of Uganda, will be split into one or more polling stations.

**3. Rationalising polling stations:**

Polling Stations that were large and had earlier been split based on the alphabet, e.g. ABC Primary School A-M and ABC Primary School N-Z will be split based on villages and/or cells where practical.

**4. Re-location:**

The following categories of polling stations will be re-located:

- a. Stations that are congested or located in contestable areas, e.g. near bars and private premises like people's compounds, will be relocated and renamed, where possible;
- b. Stations clustered in polling centers where there is inadequate space for polling activities;
- c. Stations where proximity to voters is not well-observed resulting in voters traveling long distances to vote; and,
- d. Stations where new infrastructure developments have taken place, e.g. new buildings, housing estates, roads, factories, etc.

**5. Re-naming:**

The following polling stations shall be re-named during the exercise:

- a. Polling stations whose names have changed due to re-location; and,
- b. Polling stations that do not portray the area name where they are situated.

The exercise shall also involve harmonisation of the parish and village names with the corresponding polling stations.

**6. Creation of new polling stations:**

The Commission shall create a polling station for any electoral area or new Parish with no polling station, or where a new polling station is legitimately required.

The Commission appeals to all members of the public to co-operate with the respective election officials in this matter and participate effectively for a better electoral process.



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