



UGANDA NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS BOARD

REMARKS BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF UNEB ON THE OCCASION OF THE RELEASE OF RESULTS OF THE 2022 UGANDA ADVANCED CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (UACE) EXAMINATION

Friday, 3rd March, 2023

The Hon. Minister of State for Higher Education representing
the First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports

Hon. Ministers of State for Education

The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education & Sports

The Executive Director, UNEB

Senior Officials of the Ministry of Education and Sports

Senior Officials of UNEB

Members of the Press

Ladies and Gentlemen

Hon Minister, the Uganda National Examinations Board presents to you the results of the 2022 Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE) for release, in accordance with Section 4(1) (b) and 5 (1) of the UNEB Act No 1 of 2021. The examination was successfully conducted between 21st November and 9th December, 2022. This is the last of the three examinations the Board conducts, which marks UNEB's full accountability to you our Minister and the nation for the Board's functions and the resources allocated to it.

As was the case with the other two examinations, the threats of Ebola outbreak at examination centres pose challenges to the Board. By God's grace, Hon Minister, the Board came out of this with no reported fatalities.

The Board noted at the end of the registration that there would be a decrease in candidature yet again. This time though, the decrease is much less than it was during the 2020 examination. The Board resolved that the causes of these decreases be investigated. The Board was pleased to receive an offer from Makerere University to lead these investigations with participation of UNEB.

I am informed that the study is complete in respect to girls, but the report is yet to be presented/shared with UNEB. We note, however, that the number of candidates who did not report to take the examination increased from 1.0 per cent to 1.3 per cent. Absenteeism had been reducing steadily over the last four years (2017-2020).

The Board notes that entries for Sciences at UACE continue to be lower than for Humanities. It is gratifying though, that the numbers have gone up apart from Physics.

Hon Minister the performance of the candidates has improved especially at the upper level of candidates obtaining 3 Principal passes. At the other levels, the pass rates are comparable. As was the case in the 2020 examination, female candidates have proportionally (in terms of percentages) performed better than the males at all levels, and have shown a lower failure rate. Even at individual subject levels, they have shown a better performance.

However, we continue to see fewer girls offering Science combination. Hon Minister, you had directed that the Ministry of Education and Sports should lead in a study along with UNEB, to investigate the reasons for this. This has not yet been done due to funding problems.

Performance in Biology, that had shown improvement in 2020 has again gone down. The Board believes that the review of the curriculum by National Curriculum Development Centre may solve this problem.

Hon Minister, the Board is grateful to you for your leadership which gives clear guidance and necessary support to the Board. This enables the Board to deliver on its mandate, even amidst challenges.

I thank my colleagues on the Board for their cooperation in providing the necessary policy guidance throughout the examination cycle.

In a special way, I thank the Executive Director and the Staff of the Secretariat for the hard work that ensured that the 2022 cycle of examinations was successfully completed even when conditions were very difficult.

I congratulate the candidates who have performed well and wish them well in their future progress.

I now ask the Executive Director to present the Release Statement that gives details of what I have just highlighted. Thereafter, it will be my singular honour to present to you the 2022 UACE results for official release to the public.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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