



**THE SECOND NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE
HUMAN RIGHT TO ADEQUATE FOOD IN UGANDA**

MAKERERE UNIVERSITY, 18TH – 19TH APRIL 2023

**CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE AND COMMITMENT
TO UPHOLD THE HUMAN RIGHT TO ADEQUATE FOOD
FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF UGANDA**

19th April 2023

PREAMBLE

Recognising that the human right to adequate food is one of the most fundamental human rights that is crucial for the sustenance of the planet and the prosperity of its all people, stakeholders from Uganda and other parts of the world convened physically and virtually at Makerere University for the Second Conference on the Human Right to Adequate Food on 18th and 19th April 2023. The Second Conference was held twenty years later after the First Conference held in January 2003 at Jinja in Eastern Uganda.

AFFIRMATION

Affirming that the human right to adequate food is firmly established in international human rights instruments: Article 25(1) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) of 1948; Article 11 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICECR) of 1966/1977; Article 24 and 27 of and the Convention on the Rights of the Children (CRC) of 1989;

Recognising that Uganda is a State-party to instruments that recognise the human right to adequate food and has, committed to undertake all possible measures within its means to ensure that food is a human right in the country.

Noting that the 1995 Constitution of the Republic of Uganda under Objectives XIV, XXII together with other national laws and policies also recognise the human right to adequate food.

COMMITMENT

Aware of the significant occurrences of hunger, starvation, malnutrition, food-related mortalities and the other consequences of deprivation of the right to adequate food across Uganda, we the representatives of the people of Uganda at this Conference commit that we shall:

- 1) Increase civic awareness and education through mass campaigns across the country about the human right to adequate food and other human rights in general.
- 2) Advocate for the human right to adequate food at all times to ensure no one is left behind in the struggle to end the indignity of hunger and malnutrition in Uganda.
- 3) Support monitoring and reporting on the human rights to adequate food through an annual status report and conference.
- 4) Re-convene every year to take stock of progress achieved and renew commitments until the face of hunger and malnutrition are wiped out across Uganda.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The Government of Uganda should to review the Food and Nutrition Policy of 2003 to strengthen the human right to adequate food.
2. Government of Uganda should expeditiously enact a law that upholds, safeguards and promotes the human right to adequate food in accordance with Article 8A(2) of the 1995 Constitution of the Republic of Uganda.

3. A technical unit with relevant structures to support operationalisation, monitoring and reporting on the human right to adequate food should be established under relevant authorities to support the progressive realization of this for all Ugandans at all levels.
4. Government should adequately fund the Uganda Human Rights Commission to effectively monitor the right to adequate food and conduct continuous civic awareness, education and advocacy to deepen knowledge and actions to advance the human right to adequate food in Uganda.

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