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BROADCASTING DEAL ON

Uganda National Meteorological Authority is in the final stages of signing a memorandum of understanding with the National Association of Broadcasters of Uganda (NAB) in which weather forecasts will be disseminated on radio and television stations across the country.

The signing of the MOU will be on the 16th of August, 2017 in Kampala.

The ED, Dr. Festus Luboyera, in a meeting to lay grounds for signing with NAB officials said that this is a very special engagement that will show case UNMA as well as promote visibility.

He said that UNMA's biggest stakeholders are the farmers in this country and if reached through the broadcasters, it will be a big milestone.

The Secretary of NAB, Mr. Bill Tibingana said that since the beginning of negotiations, it is a joy to reach this stage. He said that for the beginning, all broadcasters will be allowed to come in and the situation will be analyzed and maybe improved after the 2 year agreement.



The ED addresses the meeting between UNMA and NAB officials, led by the secretary, Bill Tibingana (ED's left)

UNMA will also make presentations of different products offered at the NAB Annual General Meeting that will have over 100 broadcasters from across the country on the 24th of August, at Hotel Africana.

HEAVY RAINS HIT THE COUNTRY

Tuesday 8th August, 2017 is the day Kampala and indeed the rest of the county experienced heavy showers that saw most places flooded, vehicles submerged, houses full of water and property destroyed. However, the positive end was that no life was lost.

According to DFS, this was caused by south easterly and northeasterly winds and moisture abundance from the Indian ocean and Congo forests.

DADCS says this is the beginning of the rainy season that has had an early onset. This is to advise the UNMA family farmers to take advantage of this, but also to always explain to our neighbors at home in such cases.

ROTARY VISITS UNMA

UNMA this week hosted the Rotary Club of Bweyogerere Namboole headed by the President of the club, Rtn Ruth Mukasa. The club was received by the ED, Dr. Luboyera and staff.

The club was on a vocational visit, where they had come to visit and see where their member, Rtn Milton Waiswa (Mgr Installations and Maintenance) works. This is a rotary practice.



The ED welcomes the Rotarians with the President on his left.(LEFT) The ED, UNMA staff and Rotarians take a group picture in the boardroom (RIGHT)

After taking the Rotarians through the history and meaning of Meteorology, Dr. Luboyera informed the Rotarians that UNMA is now focusing on quality management, improving monitoring systems and partnering with different stakeholders to further service delivery, awareness and visibility, among other measures.

Rtn Ruth Mukasa said that UNMA's operation fits in this years rotary 'Mission Green' and that by UNMA working on high standards, it's the same as the Rotary's 4Way Test. She called for teaming with UNMA, because rotary gives an opportunity to market entities that contribute to works directly linked to helping or serving humanity. The Rotarians got presentations of forecasting and public weather reporting by Yusuf Nsubuga and Mollen Kenya respectively.

LIFE AFTER RETIREMENT

The Directorate of Research and Training last week held a knowledge sharing session where retired meteorologists Fortunanta Lubega and Justine Talenga shared experiences on life after retirement.

It was very interesting to note that it is as if these people's lives began after retirement. They encouraged staff to further education and careers and to plan for early retirement and financial stability. (DTR to share Presentations)



Ms. Fortunanta Lubega addresses staff at the knowledge sharing session.