

WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION MESSAGE



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As Uganda joins the rest of the world to celebrate the International Women's Day, the Commission takes the pleasure to congratulate all the women in Uganda on this day. As the theme for this year's celebrations goes, "Think equal, build smart, innovative for change".

The Uganda Law Reform Commission is committed to undertaking legal reforms and make recommendations for the attainment of equality, facilitating innovative changes, and bridging the gaps that hinder social, political and economic empowerment of women and men. These reforms are geared towards full realization of gender equality, addressing hindrances to women attainment of equality and elimination of gender based violence.

The Commission has undertaken studies and made recommendations for the reform of family related laws

they include: the Marriage Act, Cap, 251, the Divorce Act, Cap, 249, the Customary Marriage (Registration) Act, Cap 248, the Succession Act, Cap 164 and Children Act, Cap 59, among others. The Commission has also made recommendations for a model law to redress conflict and atrocity related to sexual violence in Uganda for accountability and justice for war victims.

The Commission continues to lobby and engage with Parliament and Government to ensure that the recommendations made in the Marriage and Divorce Bill are enacted into law.

Currently the Commission is undertaking a study to develop legislation to address issues of child grooming for sexual purpose by adults. In addition, since healthcare is key to empowerment of women, the Commission is undertaking a study to address medical negligence in health services. This is intended to promote maternal health care and ensure effective service delivery. The public is welcome to provide views and proposals to enrich these studies.

The Commission strives to undertake reforms for transformation and sustainable development of Uganda.

Happy Women's Day!