

The Board of Directors of Public Opinions

Kassim Omar *Policy Director*

Born on 27th July 1961 in Jinja, grew up in the eastern part of the country, lived in the west Nile and currently domicile in Kampala. He is the 1st Vice President of the Uganda National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Board Member of the Uganda Investment Authority, General Secretary of the Entrepreneurs League of the National Resistance Movement, National Chairman of the Uganda Clearing and Forwarding Agents Association, Chairman and CEO of the Nordic Freight International and Nordic Business Promotions Limited, a member of the Institute of Corporate Governance in Uganda. Member of the Board of Governors of Mashariki High School and a prominent human and animal rights activist, an active civil society advocate and a private sector lobbyist with independent mind and repute.

A very calm, humble, honest, amiable, hardworking, father of six and married with an upright bearing of a confident man who radiates latent energy and resolve. He speaks at least four local languages and three foreign languages. He has wider experience in both local and international affairs. Widely traveled and attended many international forums. Well educated with a degree in social sciences, three diplomas and other certificates in different fields and currently pursuing a degree in trade policy at ESSAMI. An eloquent and focused speaker with high degree of articulation that is greatly respected across the academic strata and social circles. Supported several youth and social development initiatives in the country, promoted lots of business into productive results, participated in various debates and radio programs, charity walks and established strong networks with grassroots associations across the country.

Nakabale Patrick *Programs Director*

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Elly Segawa Muwanga on 15th/march/1983 in a moderate retail business family at Kanjuki Kayunga district then Mukono district. Started primary Education at Kanjuki church of Uganda primary school attaining a primary leaving examination certificate in 1994. Joined Kololo senior secondary school and attained a Uganda certificate of Education in 1998 and Uganda certificate of advanced education in 2000 at the same school.

In 2003, he was awarded a Uganda Diploma in Business Studies from Makerere Business Institute; in 2004 he attained a Diploma in Accountancy from Uganda National Examination Board (Professional Business Examination). Possesses a Bachelors degree in Business computing Makerere



University. While at Makerere Business institute, the humble, honest and hard working youth, served as coordinator of the Revolutionary Movement Vision 2025 at the college. Prior to tertiary Education Patrick was a Taxi Conductor during such secondary school holidays and vacations.

In 2003 to 2005, Patrick served as Assistant lecturer and Administrative Assistant in the Principals Office - Makerere Business Institute. In 2005 served as Assistant lecturer Kampala Business Education and Research Institute. He aided consultancies at Kyambogo University, Makerere University Business School and Nkumba University

In December 2005, Patrick formed The Grands group a mother body to Ocean Enterprises Uganda limited, The Grands General Agencies limited, GGAL Grain Millers,etc. Today is the Chairman and Chief Executive officer of The Grands Group. He is also the Executive Director of Goodwill Fraternity a National Non Governmental Organization. He is happily engaged to his longtime girlfriend Mariam.

Anyine Jane Nyakato
Administrator

Born in 1982 in Kiruhura district western Uganda. She is a graduate of Makerere University with a Bachelors degree in Statistics and Population studies. She Served as NRM Mobilisor at Makerere University and has continued to participate in the activities of the National Resistance Movement. Partner-Neptune Investment Group. Co-Founder of Goodwill Fraternity.

Hon Awongo Ahmed
Advocacy Director

Born on 27th December 1961 in West Nile. Obtained a Bachelors Degree in Social Work and Social Administration from Makerere University. Acquired a Diploma in Agricultural Technology from Arapai Agricultural College. Obtained a diploma in Leadership and Management from Institute of Advanced Leadership. Obtained a Diploma in Project Planning and Management from Makerere University. He is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Democracy and Development from Uganda Martyrs University in Nkozi.

Worked as an Agronomist from 1981-1993 with the United Nations High Commission for Refugee in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) then Zaire. Worked with AIDR a Belgium NGO in 1994 in Kinshasa Democratic Republic of Congo



Served in the Office of the President of the Republic of Uganda as Resident District Commission in the Hostile Northern Uganda and West Nile in the districts of Arua, Moyo, Pader and Adjuman.

Deployed by H.E the President of Uganda as Resident District Commission for Kaabongo District at a time when cattle rustling and ethnic rivalry in Karamoja was at its highest pick.

He is a former Member of Parliament for Koboko County Constituency in West Nile Sub region of Uganda

Luzindana Adam Buyinza
Team Leader

Born on 7th July 1982 in Kayunga District the then Mukono district and pursued a Bachelors degree in secretarial studies from Makerere University. In 2002 served as volunteer Staff to the Hon Lt Col Brigadier Noble Mayombo then member of Parliament for Uganda People's Defense Forces and Chief of the Chieftaincy of Military Intelligence, In 2003, Adam served as Personal Assistant to Hon Major Kinobe then Chairman of the Movement Parliamentary Caucus and Chairman of the Standing Committee on Local Government-Parliament of Uganda, Served as Chairman of the Revolutionary Movement Vision 2025 at Makerere University. Worked as support staff at the NRM Electoral Commission. Research Administrator at the National Secretariat of the ruling National Resistance Movement, Research Officer-Office of the Government Chief Whip-Parliament of the Republic of Uganda .

A member of the 2006 NRM Delegation to the Communist Party of China. He is the coordinator of the USA Free Parliamentary Party in Uganda. Founder of The Lab Foundation, Co-Founder and Executive Secretary of Goodwill Fraternity, Partner and Director Lab Holdings Limited.

A committed human rights activists and a promoter of democracy and good governance. He is happily engaged to Sauda and their beloved daughter Summayya Buyinza.

Waiswa Kassim Balabyeki
Liaison Officer-United Kingdom

Born in 1980 in Kagoma County Jinja district Eastern Uganda. Holder of first Class degree in food science and technology from Makerere University as well as a Masters degree in Food Technology from the University of Reading in the United Kingdom. He defeated his opponent to emerge as winner to serve as Minister for Food Affairs in the Great Lumumba Hall-Makerere



University. He served as Policy Advisor to the Opposition Uganda Young Democrats at Makerere University as well as Election Strategist for the Late Hon Vicente Lugonvu during the highly disputed Makerere University Guild Presidential Elections. He is currently Pursuing a Postgraduate degree in Food Immunology at the Queensland University-United Kingdom.

Robert Atuhairwe
Field Officer

Born on 2/10/1980 in Kyandahi Kagongi Kashaari County, Mbarara district. Attended Rwamanuma Primary School, Kyambogo Primary School, Ntare School for Uganda certificate of education, completed his advanced level at Bishop's Senior School, Mukono and joined Uganda Christian University (UCU), Mukono for a bachelors degree in mass communications.

He is a journalist who read Mass Communication at Uganda Christian University-Mukono. He has also worked as a reporter for Red Pepper, a local Ugandan newspaper/ tabloid where he was a Parliamentary/Political reporter and rose to become a News Editor. He is also one of the founders of the Youth Initiative for East African Development (YIEAD), an organization tailored to uplift the youth and renew their interest in fighting Aids and being politically aware and active. He is a Partner with International Brokerage Company Limited.

Philosophy: In life, never do anything in bad faith. Also, be very principled but with reasonable flexibility.

Kategere Thomas Mukisa
Outreach Director

Born in Kamuli District Eastern Uganda. Holder of a Bachelors Degree in Social Sciences from Makerere University. Former Chairman of the Uganda Young Democrats Makerere University. Served as Minister for Private Students Affairs at Makerere University. He is a committed NRM Cadres in Kamuli district. Spearheaded the formation of the Students Revolutionary Government at Makerere University following the massive rigging of the guild presidential elections in favour of Hon Maurice Kibalya. Mobilized students for a massive peaceful demonstration following the death of Hon Edgar Mukundane, then Minister of Off Campus Affairs-but the demonstration turned into a deadly riot of the time culminating into massive vandalism of university properties, government owned vehicles, destruction of and robbery of properties in the nearby centers, etc.

He is currently the Rt Hon Speaker of Kamuli District Local Government



Luyiiga Benard
Human Rights Officer

Holder of a Bachelors degree in Social Sciences from Makerere University. He is completing his thesis for the award of a master's degree in Human Rights from Makerere University. He won the highly contested students elections to serve as Chairman of the Great Lumumba Hall-Makerere University, served as Chairman of the Council of Chairpersons-Makerere University, together with Hon Luzindana Adam Buyinza, the Late Hon Lugonvu Vicente, Hon Waisswa Kassim Balabyeki and Hon Lugoloobi Hamidu formed a Nationwide students lobby and pressure group known as the Advocacy for Federal Governance in Uganda. He is currently the Honorable Councilor Representing Makerere University constituency in Kampala City Council. He served as chief Strategist and Spokesperson of the Uganda Young Democrats at Makerere University

Lugoloobi Hamidou
Advocate and Legal Officer

Holds a bachelor's degree in Law from the faculty of Law Makerere University as well as a diploma in legal practice from the Law Development Center. He served as Legal Advisor to the Revolutionary Movement Vision Makerere University as well as Rt Honorable Speaker of the Great Lumumba Hall-Makerere University. He was appointed by the Uganda Electoral Commission as a district deputy Registrar for Mbarara district. He is currently working at the headquarters of the Uganda Electoral Commission. He is also a private Advocate of the Courts of Judicature of the Republic of Uganda. He is a member of the Uganda Law Society as well as the East African Law Council.

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