

the Uganda Women's Education Society to Save Orphans, and is the matron for the National Youths Forum plus several youth initiatives on HIV and sexual reproductive health. Her campaigns have focused much on abstinence and faithfulness.

Prof. Tlou appealed to Janet to champion the prevention of paediatric HIV infections. "We need you as a champion for Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV," Tlou said.

Speaking at the same meeting, the director general of Uganda AIDS Commission, Dr. Kihumuro Apuuli, noted that 150,000 children under 15 years in Uganda are HIV-positive, with 98,000 needing treatment but only 24,000 accessing it. Of the ones on treatment, 38% do not return after being diagnosed or after the first treatment.

Apuuli also noted that adults, who should be an example to the youth, are the ones contributing to over 50% of new infections mainly because of multiple concurrent partnerships.



Sheila Tlou (left) tours Komamboga health centre with KCCA officials on Wednesday

UNAIDS chief decries gender violence

By VISION REPORTER

The visiting UNAIDS director for East and South Africa, Prof. Sheila Tlou, has called for an end to domestic violence in Uganda as one way of reducing HIV infections in the country.

"Our aim is to transform this country," Tlou said. "Therefore, we need to tell the men that it's not cool to disrespect women and that gender-based violence is very uncool."

She made the remarks during a tour of Komamboga Health Centre III in Kawempe municipality on Wednesday.

She was accompanied by Dr. Kihumuro Apuuli of the Uganda AIDS Commission and Dr. Zainab Akol, the chairperson of the national AIDS control programme.

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Joan Rwanjeru Murumu
1950 - 11th November 2008

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, Love leaves a memory no one can steal.
Aum, its three years today since you were called to be with the Lord. We loved you very much and your memory will always live in our hearts forever.
You're dearly missed by your family, relatives, friends and in-laws.

There will be a memorial service today **Friday, 11th November, 2011 at 5.00pm** at Bugolobi Church of Uganda.

seriously look about you, for I am your God. I will uphold you with My righteous right hand!
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Museum hearings start

By ANDANTE OKANYA

Senior presidential advisor on culture Dr. Ephraim Kamuhangire has opposed the proposed plan to demolish the Uganda Museum, saying it would deny Ugandans a right to enjoy their cultural heritage. Testifying yesterday at the High Court in Kampala, Kamuhangire said the proposal to construct the 60-storey East African Trade Centre would be an ill-fated and irresponsible venture.

Trial

The court case came up after the trade ministry sought partnerships in order to build a trade centre

The museum is situated on plot 5-7 Kira Road, in the city suburb of Kitante.

He was testifying as witness number two in a case against the Government over claims that the museum is to be demolished to pave way for the proposed building.

"Demolition of the entire museum building and replacing it with a trade centre would be denying the people of Uganda their right to preserve and enjoy their cultural heritage," Kamuhangire said.

The trial judge is Eldad Mwangushya. is Eldad Ladislaus

Rwakafuuzi is the lawyer representing the petitioners while government's chief legal advisor the Attorney General (AG) is represented by State Attorney Susan Adong

Historic Resources Conservation Initiatives, Cross Cultural Foundations of Uganda, Historic Buildings Conservation Trust and Jenga Afrika went to court challenging the proposed project.

Their fears are based on an a print media notice published in the press on January 14 by the then tourism, trade, and industry ministry inviting interested bidders to enter into a contract with the Government to finance, design, and build the proposed structure.

Witness number three Robert Tumwesigye accused the Government of ill-intentions, alleging that no environmental impact assessment study had been carried out.

The organisations want court to declare the demolition unequal to the use of the land as a site for the trade centre.

Government has refused any demolition plot and has since maintained that it intends to construct the centre next to the building housing the museum.

According to the Government, the structure that will take 30 years to build is to be undertaken through a public-private partnership to cost over sh760b. The current museum building was constructed in 1954. The case continues on December 1.

Uganda rice production goes up

By ANNE MUGISA AND RONALD KALYANGO

Uganda's rice production has increased from 120,000 metric tonnes in 2002 to 200,000 metric tonnes in 2010, agriculture minister Tress Bucyanayandi said.

"The country has since 2002, managed to save about \$50m annually because of reduced rice importation," he said while opening a regional rice meeting in Kampala.

Twenty-three African countries are meeting at the Speke Resort Munyonyo to discuss ways of improving production by 2018. The meeting of the Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD) is funded by the Japanese International Co-operation.

Of concern is Africa's perennial food insecurity. Dr. Namanga Ngongiri, the director of CARD Secretariat and president of the Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa, noted that the continent spends between \$30b to \$45b on food importation annually and that this year alone, it will import between \$7.5b and 10.5b worth of rice.

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