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### **Press Release**

Esteemed members of the press,

Today marks another episode where we share insights on the interreligious Family Festival 2024 that was launched on 7<sup>th</sup> of May, an event that brings together religious leaders, cultural leaders, political leaders, youth, women, entrepreneurs, people of different professions, among others walking side by side with their spouses, children to celebrate the institution of the family in Uganda and Africa at large.

The Family Festival 2024 is organized under the **theme:**  
**“Celebrating Family, Faith, Freedom: One Family under God for an African Renaissance”**

As we all know, the festival is an affirmation that the Family is an integral unit, cardinal and basic for society and Nation Building. The family if well nurtured is a centre of socio-economic transformation.

The festival will offer opportunity to celebrate our interconnectedness, deep-rooted values and deeper understanding that it's the family that defines us all in Africa.



We come to offer updates that the entire world is mobilized to join Uganda in protecting, promoting and upholding the family institution, as well rooted African extended family values.

This festival will attract dignitaries from within and outside Uganda drawn from faith institutions, civil society agencies and development partners. We call upon you listening and watching from wherever you are to join our solidarity in entrenching what matters most to us - the Family.

A number of our cultural leaders, artistes and educationists have all confirmed attendance. At the Family Festival at Kololo Independence Grounds on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2024 we shall be dancing, singing, exhibiting our heritage, dining in jubilation of who we are, we are all products of the family institution; an institution that we all hold dear.

This will mark the beginning of such celebrations annually, and we continue to appeal to all couples to come for blessings for your family. All singles to come mingle and get suitable partners and all youth to come and gain inspirations of the joy of being married, male and female as rooted in our tradition and faith teachings.

On the same day, we will offer community service through free medical services like screening for cervical, breast, and prostate cancer, HIV testing and counseling, Malaria testing, Eye checkup, blood donation, health education, etc. Entry is free.

We request traditional institutions to be organising cultural dances, schools to be organising skits, drama and songs, churches to be organising songs and all our artistes to be warming up to entertain families on that day.

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This being the first of its kind Family Festival, we have invited everyone, to come and celebrate on the 29th June 2024 at Kololo Independence Grounds.

Marital counseling is free, medical services are free, food is free, entertainment is free and enjoyment is free.

Thanks for standing with us in upholding families, one family at a time, one family under God.

