

OUR VISION IS TO BRING DIGITAL WORLD TO EVERY UGANDAN, HUAWEI BOSS

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Secondly, we keep sharing our core competence with Ugandans, including innovative technologies, knowledge, global experience and case studies.

The pace of global technological development in the new knowledge economy has raised demand for ICT skilled employees.

ICT skill is essential rather than optional. That is why Huawei attaches great importance to skill transfer by skilling ICT practitioners, sending 10 Ugandans to Seeds for the Future programme every year for two-week training, working with UCC and universities in organising ICT competitions and co-operating with universities in recruitment and offering internship to top students.

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WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS?

According to Huawei's Global Industry Vision 2025, a report which provides predictions about the future of industry and society, by 2025, human kind will have a digital economy worth \$23 trillion. To fully reap the benefit of the digital age, every country needs to be well-prepared.

Digital and intelligent technologies are opening up exciting new possibilities and opportunities, yet in Uganda, with more than 80% of the population living in rural areas, many people still do not have access to digital services.



The First Lady giving out a certificate to the Seeds for the Future student recently

Rooted in Uganda for ten years plus, Huawei would like to be a helping hand to the transition process that is happening in Uganda.

Guided by our globalisation strategy, we fit our global

development reality by fully complying with applicable laws, rules and regulations and creating job opportunities for local talents who hold different responsibilities in finance, law and public relations.

I am also proud to share with

you that Huawei entered the top 100 taxpayers in Uganda in 2015. In 2016, we obtained the Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) issued by Uganda Revenue Authority.

We believe Internet access brought by the network of communication towers and fibre is like the "soil" which provides the fertile ground for "crops", which in this case are services like Safe City, E-government, E-education, E-health and E-agriculture, which enhance public social services delivery and better allocation of resources.

So our future investment plan will align with this view of bringing connectivity by increasing ICT infrastructure and boosting application of ICT.

We will continue investing strategically to bridge the digital divide in terms of the ICT infrastructure, innovative

solutions, knowledge and skill transfer.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACTIVITIES?

We consider corporate social responsibility good in prioritising business development, looking at the enormous needs in developing countries and priorities that have the greatest impact to Uganda. This explains why we have sponsored heavily in the MTN Marathon since 2012.

We have also leveraged what we do best by helping communities with programmes that go beyond business and offer skills and opportunities through Seeds for the Future programme since 2016, the Huawei ICT competition and the certification, which was introduced in 2018.