



# INFORMATION BROCHURE

## 1.0 About Uganda Railways Corporation

Uganda Railways Corporation (URC) is a corporate organisation established in 1992 by the Uganda Railways Corporation Act, Cap331 and it is under the supervision of the Ministry of Works

and Transport, URC is mandated to construct, operate, maintain and carry out railway, marine and road services both in and outside Uganda for the carriage of Goods and Passengers.

### VISION

To be the Preferred Freight & Passenger Transporter in Eastern Africa by 2040

### MISSION

To provide reliable railway and marine services for social economic transformation

### CORE VALUES

● Accountability ● Reliability ● Innovation ● Safety ● Integrity ● Teamwork ● Efficiency

## 2.0 THE BUSINESS SEGMENTS



### Freight Operations

URC provides logistics freight solutions for exports, imports and local haulage within the region mainly categorized as containerized, bulk, heavy cargo and out of gauge cargo through the railway network operating from Mombasa to Kampala via Malaba and under Marine via Lake Victoria to and from Kisumu–Port Bell/Jinja Pier and from Dar es Salaam to Kampala via Port Bell/ Mwanza.



### Marine Services

URC offers a variety of marine services Both ports are used by the various vessels to transport cargo using Roll on Roll off facility. The Vessels include; MV Kaawa and MV Pamba for Uganda and supported by MV Uhuru for Kenya and MV Umoja for Tanzania offering 23,000 net ton capacity per month.

With possession of the largest dry dock in Uganda measuring up to 100 X 36Mtrs at Port Bell, URC offers dry dock services and docking station for local and foreign vessels.



### Nalukolongo Railways Workshop

The Nalukolongo Railway workshop's core activities revolve around maintenance and repair of the Railways Locomotives, wagons, coaches and other equipment. The workshop is equipped with machines to handle specialized repair welding, machining and maintenance of electrical machines.

The workshop also has enhanced machinery that is critical for turning, milling and boring of metals for the manufacture of flanges, gears, casings, aluminium housing and casting.



### Passenger Services

The Passenger Train plies 4 trips daily during working days from Namanve to Kampala. The seamless 45-minute journey has various halts/stops in Nakawa (MUBS), Spedag (zone 4), Kireka, Nambole and finally terminates at Namanve and vice versa with an average ridership of 4000 per day.

URC plans to expand the service from the current 12 to 67km in Greater Kampala Metropolitan area



### Warehousing and Terminals

Our Terminals at Mukono ICD, Port Bell and Jinja Pier are one stop centers with URA, Immigration, UNBS, Uganda Police and Railway security offering a variety of services including; handling imports and exports of containerized cargo and break bulk, cargo consolidation, shipping, transshipment, customs verification, weigh bridge services, berthing space, vessel docking, storage facilities, customs clearance and forwarding, ship building and repair services.

Our Warehousing facilities include; Gulu Logistics Hub (GLH), Mukono ICD (702TEUS), Kampala Goods Shed (96 Wagons), Port Bell Pier warehouse facility, Jinja Good shed, Mbale Good shed and Tororo Good shed.



## Fuel Storage Facilities



URC has fuel storage facilities in Kampala with a holding capacity of 200,000 litres.

## Real Estate

URC owns a substantial portfolio of land and property located across the country, many of which include residential and commercial buildings; warehouses and workshops; railway corridors and station reserves; marine ports and piers.

Additionally, all stations are developed with utility stores (goods shed) for cargo handling and storage purposes.

## Advertising

Our advertising spaces include;

- Kampala Station Platform
- Kampala station walk way
- Station Building Foyer
- Station building outdoor (*URC Branding*)
- Passenger Coaches Wagons(outdoor)
- Passenger coaches indoor (*Multi media/frames/posters*)
- Freight wagons (*Covered wagons*)
- Railway corridor that is close to highway for Billboard installation.
- Passenger train Halts (*upon establishment*)

## INFRASTRUCTURE



### Kampala Railway Goods Shed

- Located in Kampala on Entebbe road.
- Has a container terminal and public yard with a capacity of handling 96 wagons.
- URA offices at the facility
- Handles both imports and Exports of all types of Cargo
- Paramount security in place of both railway personnel and Uganda police.
- Well trained, professional and motivated staff.
- Equipped with CCTV cameras



### Mukono Inland Cargo Depot (MICD)

MICD is fully licensed handling terminal with Uganda Revenue Authority(Bond No. WO 412\*)

- Warehouse of 2000 square meters space.
- Handles both imports and exports of all type of cargo
- Equipped with full time CCTV cameras.
- Railway security personnel and Uganda police force.
- Fully furnished office block with some space for rent.
- URA staff stationed at the ICD to facilitate clearance.
- Professional and well trained staff.

## Ports and Piers



### Port Bell Port

Located in Port Bell Industrial Centre on Lake Victoria, Nakawa Division, Uganda: 9km from Port Bell to Kampala by rail, Marine operations with cargo vessels moving to and from Mwanza port and Kisumu port. Vessels include; MV Kaawa, Uhuru and Umoja, Capacity of hauling upto 880 metric tons per trip using Roll On Roll Off wagon facility, Handles both imports and Exports, Presence of URA , immigration and UNBS offices to facilitate clearance of cargo, exit and entry of personnel and KCCA COVID health personnel.



### Jinja Pier

Located in close proximity to Jinja industrial area, the newly revamped Jinja pier handles cargo from the port of Kisumu and Mwanza. Export cargo is loaded from the customers premises (for those with sidings) or at our yards at Kampala Goodshed/ Jinja Goodshed and railed onto MV Kaawa or MV Uhuru at Port bell or at the Jinja Pier.

## URC PROJECTS

### Rehabilitation of the Tororo – Gulu Railway line

This year, Government of Uganda through the Ministry of Works and Transport, and Uganda Railways Corporation as implementing partner signed a contract with China Roads and Bridge Corporation to rehabilitate the 375 - kilometer railway line from Tororo through Mbale, Soroti, Lira to Gulu Logistics Hub (GLH). For the next 2 years, the project will be implemented. The project is fully funded by the Government of Uganda as part of the efforts to increase the stock and quality of strategic infrastructure to accelerate Uganda's competitiveness and creating the integrated transport infrastructure and services in the country.

### Emergency Rehabilitation of Namanve – Tororo section

Works on the 234 kilometer line commenced in 2022 to improve it for traffic. In February 2023, the rehabilitated line was handed over to Government through Uganda Railways Corporation (URC). The new line has facilitated increased speeds of up to 50km/hr which had helped to improve the transit times, reduced accidents on rail and facilitated increased load railed.

### Gulu Logistics Hub

In 2020, Government of Uganda in partnership with the European Union commenced construction of a multi model hub in Gulu District. Works on the hub are complete. The Hub will act as a designated area for transportation, organisation, separation, coordination and distribution of goods for national and international transit on a commercial basis. It will also be utilised for storage and warehousing, distribution of freight, custom clearance, trucking and shipping, offices for the logistics players and users, and other value-added services such as last-mile connectivity, packaging and re-export, among others. GLH project is aligned with the NDP II's objective no 2 (section 4.9.4), which addresses the requirement for increasing the stock and quality of strategic infrastructure to accelerate the country's competitiveness.

### Capacity Building Program (2022 - 2025)

The Government of Uganda approved \$25.9M for the URC Capacity Building Program including Refurbishment of the 28 km Mukono – Namanve – Kampala meter gauge railway project which aims to improve efficiencies in train operations and reduce the average cost of rail freight in Uganda. This project implementation shall be phased.

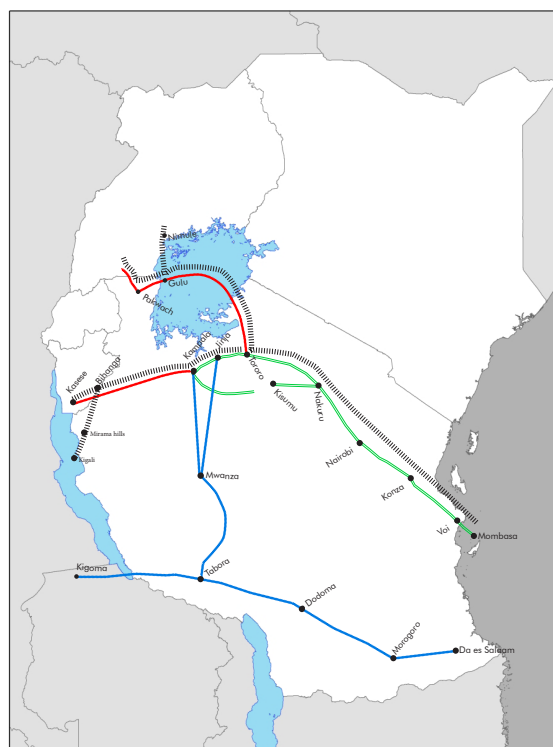
### Rehabilitation of the Kampala – Mukono Railway line

Uganda will have its first concrete sleeper line constructed from Kampala to Mukono. Works on the 26.8 km line have commenced, with the 1<sup>st</sup> phase from Kampala to Namanve and 2<sup>nd</sup> phase from Namanve to Mukono. The line, when completed will offer more Ugandans an opportunity to travel efficiently at low rates from Kampala to Mukono.

### Standard Gauge Railway (SGR)

The plan is to develop the Malaba - Kampala SGR route (272Km) ahead of the Northern (762km) and Western (662.42km) routes. Currently, the SGR Project Management Unit is undertaking project preconstruction activities with a main focus on acquiring land for the Project. GoU plans to commence construction works for the Malaba - Kampala SGR network in FY 2022/2023 and works will be completed after 42 months.

## THE RAILWAY NETWORK



### METER GAUGE RAILWAY

- Northern Route
- Southern Route
- Un-Operational Network
- Standard Gauge Railway Formation

## THE INDICATIVE RATECARD

GENERAL CARGO IMPORTS PER MT				GENERAL CARGO EXPORTS-PER MT		
FROM	TO	GENERAL	STEEL	FROM	TO	US/TONNE
Mombasa	Kampala	24	24	Kampala/Jinja	Malaba	10.98
	Tororo	10	10	Tororo	Malaba	7
Malaba	Kampala	24				
	Jinja	10				

IMPORTS SOUTHERN ROUTE TRANSIT TIME: 5 DAYS		
Dar es Salaam	Portbell/Kampala	68
Wagon Loose Cargo;Ex Mwanza	Jinja Pier	18
	Portbell	15
EXPORTS SOUTHERN ROUTE TRANSIT TIME: 5 DAYS		
Portbell	Mwanza	15
Jinja Pier	Mwanza	18

FROM	TO	20 FT CONTAINER		40 FT CONTAINER			
		0 – 30 TONS	30.1 – 34 TONS	1 X 20ft Empty	0-30 TONS	< 30 TONS	1 X 40 ft Empty
CONTAINER TRAFFIC - IMPORTS-USD \$							
KILINDINI	KAMPALA	1,305.00	1,513.00		1,850.00	2180	
KILINDINI	JINJA	1,305.00	1,513.00		1,850.00	2,180	
CONTAINER TRAFFIC - EXPORTS - USD \$							
KAMPALA	KILINDINI	730	798		970	1038	
JINJA	KILINDINI	730	798	150	970	1038	225

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