



Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development

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Government of Uganda signs MoU on Atomic Energy with Russia

The Government of Uganda through the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development has signed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Russian state Atomic Energy Corporation (ROSATOM) on the cooperation in the peaceful uses of atomic energy on June 19th 2017 in Moscow.

The MoU was signed by Hon. Eng. Simon D'Ujanga, the Minister of State for Energy, on behalf of the Ugandan Government and Mr. Nikolai Spasskiy, the Deputy Director General of ROSATOM, on behalf of the Russian Government. The signing ceremony was held in the presence of the Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Uganda in Moscow, Ambassador Rutazindwa Gideon Mwebaze and the ROSATOM Director General Alexey Likhachev. The signing was also witnessed by Dr. Stephn Robert Isabalija, the Permanent Secretary, Ms. Sarah Nafuna, the Head Nuclear Energy Unit and Mr. Sabbiti Baguma, Technical Staff from the MEMD.

The Memorandum is the first step towards bilateral cooperation in area of peaceful uses of atomic energy by both countries. The document establishes a framework for cooperation with a focus on development of nuclear power infrastructure in the Republic of Uganda and the uses of radioisotopes and radiation technologies, applications in industry, medicine, agriculture and other areas. The MoU will also cover collaboration on Human Resource education and training, nuclear research centers, nuclear energy among others.

The joint working group of Uganda and Russia will define the scope of work for implementation of initiatives mentioned above. A critical step towards this end is both countries concluding an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). Discussions on the IGA were initiated at the sidelines of the IX International Forum ATOMEXPO-2017. The Agreement will facilitate the two countries in accordance with the International Atomic Energy Agency guidance.