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**Statement by the Chairperson, Electoral Commission on Adjustment of the Period for
Nomination of Candidates for the General Parliamentary and Local Government
Councils Elections, and Related Issues Under the Roadmap for the 2025/2026 General
Elections**

1. Introduction

Dear esteemed partners, members of the press, it is my privilege and pleasure to welcome you to this press briefing at the Electoral Commission.

Today, the Commission wishes to update the public about some adjusted dates on the Roadmap for the 2025-2026 General Elections, as follows:

2. Adjustment of the Period for Nomination of Candidates for Local Government Councils Elections, 2025/2026

The Electoral Commission has adjusted the dates for nomination of candidates for Local Government Councils Elections including Special Interest Groups (Youths, Persons with Disabilities and Older Persons) elections, which was initially scheduled to commence on 3rd September 2025 and end on 12th September, 2025 for all levels of Local Government.

The nomination exercise has been disaggregated by level of Local Government Council Elections, rescheduled and will now be conducted as follows:

a) District/City (Chairpersons, Lord Mayor and Councillors)

The nominations will be conducted from Wednesday, 3rd September 2025 to Friday, 5th September, 2025 at the office of the respective District/City Returning Officer;

b) Municipality/City Division (Chairpersons and Councillors)

The nominations will be conducted from Monday, 8th September, 2025 to Wednesday, 10th September, 2025 at the office of the respective District/City Returning Officer.

c) Sub County/Town/Municipal Divisions (Chairpersons and Councillors)

The nominations will be conducted from Thursday, 11th September 2025 to Wednesday, 24th September, 2025, excluding the weekend, at the respective County Headquarter.

The nomination forms and guidelines for District Councilors, Municipal Councilors and Sub-County Councilors' elections will be collected from the respective District/City Electoral Commission Office, starting on Monday 11th August 2025.

The nomination forms for District Chairpersons elections will be accessed for downloading from the Electoral Commission Website <https://www.ec.or.ug> **Starting Monday 11th August 2025**

3. Adjustment of the Period for Nomination of Candidates for Parliamentary Elections, 2025/2026

The Commission has further adjusted the nomination of candidates for Parliamentary Elections including Special Interest Groups (Youths, Persons with Disabilities and Older Persons) which was earlier scheduled to be conducted from 16th September 2025 to 17th September, 2025. The nominations will now take place on Wednesday, 15th October 2025 and Thursday, 16th October 2025 at the office of the respective District/City Returning Officer.

The nomination forms and guidelines for Parliamentary Elections will be accessed for downloading from the Electoral Commission website: www.ec.or.ug starting on Monday 11th August 2025.

4. Collection of Nomination Forms, Supporter Forms and Nomination Guidelines for Presidential Elections, 2026

The Electoral Commission has designated the period from Monday, 11th August 2025 to Wednesday, 24th September 2025 for the collection of nomination forms and guidelines for the 2026 Presidential Elections.

During this period, Presidential aspirants will collect:

- a) Nomination forms
- b) Supporter forms, which are to be used for collecting signatures of not less than one hundred (100) registered voters from at least two-thirds (2/3) of all districts in Uganda.
- c) Guidelines for nomination and related activities.

Please note that the collection of these forms and guidelines will be done physically at the Electoral Commission Head Offices, located on Plot 1-3 & 5, 7th Street Industrial Area, Kampala, from 8:00 am until 5:00pm on each week day.

The physical collection is to allow the Commission to identify and document presidential aspirants, and notify relevant authorities across the country to expect them in the field and offer them support, as may be necessary.

An individual intending to collect nomination forms and supporter forms on behalf of a Political Party/Organisation must present written proof of authorisation. This authorisation

must be issued by the Secretary General of the Political Party/Organisation or a designated official.

Likewise, aspirants intending to contest as independents and seeking to collect nomination and supporter forms must present proof of registration as voters.

Conclusion

The Commission would like to thank all stakeholders in the electoral process for the support you have given to the implementation of the Roadmap so far.

The Commission particularly appreciates the voters who fall under the Special Interest Groups, that is, the Older Persons, Persons with Disabilities, and the Youth, for their participation in the ongoing electoral programme for the election of Special Interest Groups Committees from the Village to the National Level.

The Commission calls on all stakeholders to take note of the remaining and ongoing activities on the Roadmap and to participate in the respective activities following the guidelines for the elections.

A soft copy of the Roadmap is available on the Electoral Commission website: www.ec.or.ug.

I thank you for listening to me.

For God and my Country,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mugenyi Simon', is written over a faint, light blue background that resembles a map of Uganda.

Justice Byabakama Mugenyi Simon
CHAIRPERSON, ELECTORAL COMMISSION