

MAAIF constitutes committee to raise HIV/Aids awareness

On December 1, the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) joined the rest of the world to commemorate World Aids Day hinged on ensuring a safe work place for positive living employees under the theme; ‘National solidarity and shared responsibility towards ending HIV/Aids.’

Solidarity and shared responsibility is important now, more than ever before, given the dual pandemics of COVID-19 and the HIV/Aids in the workplace and the associated stigma. It is against this background that MAAIF has set up an HIV/Aids coordination committee to sensitize stakeholders in the ministry in order to defeat the two pandemics. Headed by Mr. Herbert Kiguli, the commissioner Human Resources, it includes Ms. Lydia Aliwonya as the HIV/Aids focal point officer and representatives from the ministry departments.

“We need to deal effectively with an epidemic that threatens the lives of so many. And for that, we have to confront controversy associated with the pandemics. It also requires us to innovate, and to confound mindsets wisely,” noted Mr Kiguli.

MAAIF provides survival tips for retiring staff

Staff at the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) will not need to worry about retirement when the time comes. This follows the ministry’s resumption of retirement trainings aimed at equipping staff who have one to four years to retire from public service with skills and financial literacy.



On December 2, the ministry's Human Resources department conducted a *Preparing for Retirement* training focusing on among other topics financial management, relationship-building and optimal utilization of gratuity. The well-attended workshop was an eye-opener for participants, especially the opportunities life presents when one retires.

“The modern innovations in farming create an opportunity for one to engage in piggery or bee-keeping without the need to wear down the body physically,” noted one of the participants. “I’m looking forward to managing my farm using the latest technologies.” The exercise which was last conducted five years ago will be conducted more frequently to enable the persons who have served diligently to ease into retirement smoothly.

