

Invitation



Uganda Ahead of the Elections - A Conversation with Bobi Wine

12 January 2021, 14:00 - 15:00hrs (CET)
| 16:00 - 17:00hrs (EAT), online

On 14 January 2021, Uganda will hold parliamentary and presidential elections. The political atmosphere in the country is tense. During the election campaign, numerous opposition members were arrested. Unrest broke out throughout the country. More than 50 people were killed in violent protests and clashes between opposition supporters and Ugandan security forces in November last year. Finally, in December, a ban was imposed on all election rallies to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

Ten challengers are running in the election against President Yoweri Museveni (78), who has ruled the East African country since 1986 and has long been considered a stabilising factor and a close ally of the West. The front-runner and Museveni's main challenger is the MP and pop star Robert Kyagulanyi Ssentamu, better known as *Bobi Wine*, who is particularly popular with younger voters. Bobi Wine began his political career in 2017 when he entered the National Parliament as an independent candidate. In this election, he is running for leadership under the newly formed opposition alliance *National Unity Platform*. During the election campaign, Bobi Wine was also arrested several times, most recently on 30 December 2020.

Against this backdrop, the **German Africa Foundation** and **Luise Amtsberg MP** would like to offer you the opportunity to participate in the online conversation "**Uganda ahead of the elections - a conversation with Bobi Wine**". This event will take place two days before the election and seeks to inform about the situation in Uganda and will offer the opportunity for a direct exchange of views with Bobi Wine.

Welcome Remarks: **Luise Amtsberg MP**, Bündnis 90/ The Greens

Introduction & Moderation: **David Schwake**, Secretary General, German Africa Foundation

Impulse: **Bobi Wine MP**, presidential candidate for the *National Unity Platform*

Q&A Session: *Via video link and chat*

Please register [here](#) for the event. Connection information will be sent to you the day before the event.

The event will be translated simultaneously in **German and English**.

Alternatively, you can follow the event via our [YouTube-Livestream](#) but only in English and without the possibility of actively engaging in the discussion.

We look forward to your participation and your questions.

Data protection notice: Please note that by registering you agree that your data will be temporarily stored for the purpose of sending connection information. Additionally, you also agree that the event may be recorded that film and image material may be published on the internet.

