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CLARIFICATION ON MISINFORMATION REGARDING THE ALLEGED GIVEAWAY OF LUBIGI WETLAND

I am Nakatudde Ruth, the Principal Physical Planner at Wakiso District Local Government, responsible for spatial and physical planning, as well as development control within the District.

My attention has been drawn to a video circulating on social media, accompanied by the caption: "After chasing away people from Lubigi, it is now an industrial park." The caption and allegations arising from it are false, misleading and based on a misrepresentation of the information presented in the video.

For the avoidance of doubt, the video captures me explaining the Detailed Physical Development Plan for the road corridor along Sentema Road in Wakiso Sub-county, Wakiso District in a community meeting at Nankuwadde on the 29th of October 2026, to which my CAO, Mr. Jude Mark Bukenya instructed me to attend to offer planning progress and guidance.

The plan was prepared to create public awareness, guide land use and regulate both ongoing and future developments along the road, particularly following its tarmacking.

The planning area covers a 500-metre radius along Sentema Road, stretching from the Wakiso–Kampala boundary along the bypass and encompassing areas of Nankuwadde, Kireka-Bira and Nakabugo.

It is important to clarify that this planning area is entirely different from Lubigi Wetland, which is located along Hoima Road in Nansana Municipality. The two areas are geographically distinct and should not be confused.

Furthermore, contrary to the claims circulating on social media, the plan does not provide for the allocation or giveaway of Lubigi Wetland to any investor but rather, it seeks to strengthen environmental protection by restricting further encroachment into sensitive wetland areas, particularly the Nasere section, through the proposed establishment of a buffer zone and an ecological conservation area in the form of a sustainable ecological park.

Regarding the industrial area appearing on the plan, this refers to an already existing industrial establishment developed by private investors in Nankuwadde Village who were chased away from Kisenyi in Kampala. The physical development plan simply recognises and integrates this existing development into the broader spatial planning framework. It does not represent a new allocation of wetland land or a proposed industrial park within Lubigi Wetland.

I therefore wish to categorically state that I have never given away Lubigi Wetland to any investor, as alleged. Lubigi remains a protected environmental resource, and its conservation and protection must be guided by the applicable laws and environmental regulations.

As the Principal Physical Planner, I remain committed to promoting lawful land use, responsible environmental stewardship, integrated spatial planning and sustainable development across Wakiso District.

I also want to state that I have not run away as one may imagine but am out of the country in Japan to an official study/ training program on urban solutions with lawful permission.

I urge members of the public and social media users to seek factual information from the relevant authorities before sharing misleading content that can cause unnecessary public alarm and undermine legitimate planning and environmental conservation efforts.

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