









Rt. Hon. Ruhakana Rugunda - Prime Minister Emeritus of Uganda

Dr. Ruhakana Rugunda is the Prime Minister Emeritus of the Republic of Uganda and a medical doctor by profession.

Professional Background

- 1. Dr. Rugunda worked as a physician in various countries namely, Zambia, Washington DC, Nairobi, Kenya, Namibia and Sweden. A professional physician, Rugunda carries with him a wealth of medical experience spanning 10 years from 1975 to 1985 within which he published six papers.
- 2. His political career started as President of the National Union of Students of Uganda (NUSU), a political youth movement from 1970 to 1971. From 1979 to 1980, Ruhakana Rugunda served as the Deputy health Minister in Dr. Miton Obote's government.
- 3. Ruhakana Rugunda served as Member of Parliament for Kabale Municipality from 1989 to 2001
- 4. After Museveni took power in 1986, Ruhakana Rugunda served in various positions under the NRM government. He was Minister of Health from 1986 to 1988, Minister of Works, Transport and Communication from 1988 to 1994, Minister of Foreign Affairs from 1994 to 1996, Minister of Information from 1996 to 1998, Minister at the Presidency from 1998 to 2001, Minister of Water, Lands and Environment from 2001 to 2003 and lastly, Minister of Internal Affairs from 2003 to 2009.
- 5. He also served as Chairman of the NRM Electoral Commission, as Member of Parliament for Kabale Municipality, and President of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP).
- 6. From January 2009 to 2011, he was appointed as Uganda's Permanent Representative to the United Nations (UN) at the time the country held a seat at the UN Security Council.
- 7. In May 2011, he was instead appointed as Minister of Information and Communication Technology. Two years later, In May 2013, he was appointed Minister of Health.
- 8. The Rt. Hon. Ruhakana Rugunda was sworn in as the Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda by H.E. President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni on 2nd October 2014, becoming the 10th person to hold the office since the country's independence in 1962. He is the leader of government business in Parliament.
- 9. He has led many Government initiatives, the Government of Uganda delegation to the Juba-based Peace Talks between the Government and the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) from July 2006 to January 2009.







