

Executive Summary

This report on the state of conservation of the Tombs of Buganda Kings at Kasubi, a World Heritage Property, responds to World Heritage Committee Decisions 37 COM 7A.21. It also provides an update to previous conservation reports submitted to World Heritage Committee by state party.

The state party and the key stake holder Buganda Kingdom, has continued to seek ways to reconstruct the tombs. A fundraising activity for the necessary corrective measure to the property is on going, and is expected to be completed by the end of March, 2014. This will allow completion of the master plan with effective time lines and work plans.

Capacity building in at all levels of custodians in respect of research, documentation, disaster risk management, thatching skills, restoration of artifacts, and decorations has been enhanced at all levels, and will continue as we move from one stage to another. The campaign has moved to involve the entire community living in and around the World heritage property.

The interpretation and public awareness program concerning the restoration of the property has been effectively handled. The first phase was handled during the emergency planning, now is the fundraising awareness that has enabled the prime minister of Buganda Kingdom travelling across the country receiving donations toward the reconstruction of the site, the response is overwhelming. The 3rd- phase is targeting the period of April 2014 when the roof of the main tomb structure will be about to commence.

The Re-construction of the site has commenced with the main tomb house Muzibu Azaala Mpanga, already the walls and the poles have been completed, the steel strum for the roof is under being fabricated for the roof to works to commence in may 2014. The perimeter wall, the twin houses and a water born toilet are in progress. The chief widows house (Kaddulubale) restoration has undertaken place by traditional artisans.