

By Vision Reporter

The First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Mrs. Janet Museveni, has met the Honorary Consul of Uganda to Israel and chief executive officer of the Agro Studies Programme, Yaron Tamir, who she hosted at State House Nakasero, last Thursday.

Tamir's delegation included Ozalvo Ada Ester and Inbal Shuval from the Agro Studies Training Centre in Israel, the Agro Studies co-ordinator in Uganda, Isaa Agaba Mugabo and Ruhinda North MP, Thomas Tayebwa.

During the meeting, Mrs. Museveni and her guest discussed the importance of following up the students who complete the 11-months' agricultural on-job training apprenticeship at the Agro Studies Training Centre in Israel.

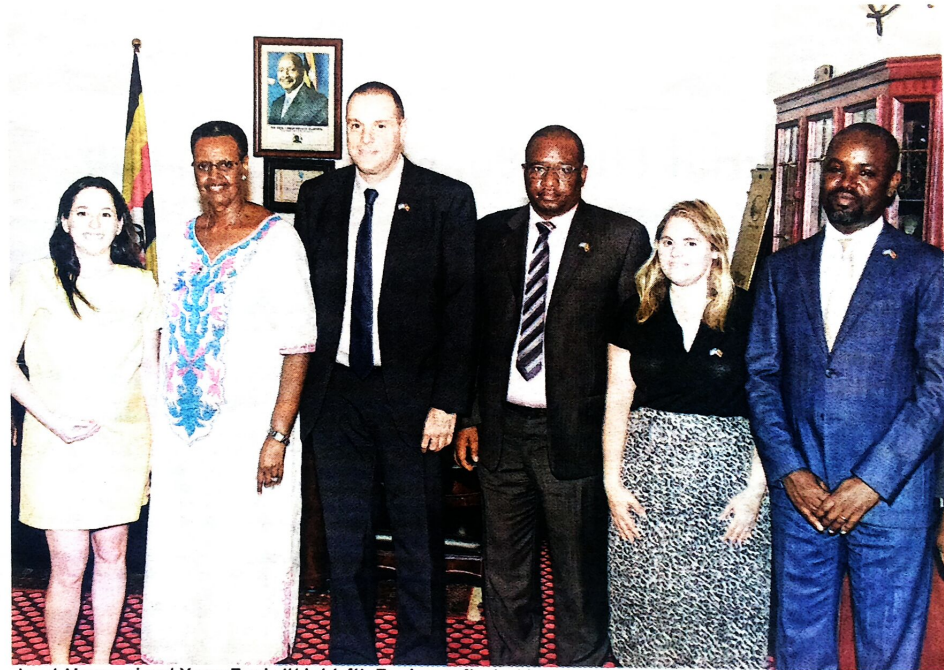
According to a release from her office, the First Lady, said there was need for students to utilise modern farming methods and skills they acquire during the training in Israel on return home. They should become entrepreneurs and also teach others.

Mrs. Museveni and the officials discussed a proposal by Israel to establish a drip-irrigation rice demonstration farm at Kabanyoro (Makerere University) farm on which some of the Agro Studies graduates can practice the skills and knowledge they acquired during their training.

She thanked Tamir for the work he is doing as the honorary consul of Uganda to Israel.

Tamir said Israel and Uganda were already working on an agricultural protocol to enable

## Critically monitor Israel agro studies programme graduates – First Lady



Janet Museveni and Yaron Tamir (third-left). Tamir was flanked by Inbal Shuval, the chief operations officer, Ozalvo, Agaba and Tayebwa after their meeting at State House Nakasero in Kampala recently. PPU photo

the two countries exchange products such as pineapples from Uganda and cow semen

from Israel. He also talked about promoting Uganda as a tourism destination for

the people of Israel. He said in the near future, an Israel airline would be flying into

Uganda once a week.

Agaba said 1,331 Ugandan students had benefited from

the Agro Studies training in Israel since 2013.

Out of these, 10 are working with the agriculture ministry as inspectors in the export market sector and the rest are involved in individual businesses, with some pooling resources to work as business entrepreneurs.

### BETWEEN THE LINES

■ Mrs. Museveni and her guest agreed that setting up a demonstration farm will help graduates of the Israel Agro Studies practise the skills and knowledge they acquired during their training.

Currently, 250 students are undergoing an 11-month hands-on training at the Agro Studies Training Centre in Israel.

The training will expose them to modern farming methods in horticulture, greenhouse, crop and animal agriculture.

The students also go through a social attitude and mindset transformation and come out ready to become youth cadres of agricultural transformation and job-creation through commercial agriculture production, agro-processing and innovations.