

# Inter-Religious Council of Uganda



## Religions for Peace

### URGENT ANNOUNCEMENT

#### INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE 2020/21

November 30, 2020

Fellow citizens, we greet you all in the name of the almighty!

On November 6<sup>th</sup> 2020, The Inter-Religious Council of Uganda, together with The Elders Forum Uganda (TEFU), the Inter-Party Organization for Dialogue (IPOD), the National Consultative Forum (NCF) and the Independent Electoral Commission announced that they will organize two Presidential Candidates' debates during this election cycle. The convening organizations also announced that in addition to the presidential debates, they will also organize debates in selected constituencies and cities that are considered hot spot areas.

The convening organizations envisioned that these debates would provide a balanced space for all presidential candidates to sell their agenda to all Ugandans, share their manifestos, visions, address key pertinent issues arising from the electorate and make a commitment to free, fair and violence free 2020/21 general elections. In addition, provide an open and inclusive platform to enable citizens engage their prospective candidates on the vision and development processes they have for the country.

However, due to unforeseen constraints, including limited resources and the COVID-19 pandemic situations, the convening organizations regret to inform the general public that the presidential and constituency debates are for now indefinitely postponed. IRCU together with partners call upon the candidates and the entire electorate to continue engaging in a peaceful manner as we prepare for the forthcoming 2021 elections.

**FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY**



His Eminence Sheikh Shaban Ramadhan Mubaje

**Grand Mufti of Uganda**

**Chairperson, Council of Presidents**

**FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE INTER-RELIGIOUS COUNCIL OF UGANDA**