

UEGCL plans to match power supply with demand

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Uganda's quest for industrialisation is going to be boosted by an increment in power production in the next five years.

The executive director for Uganda Electricity Generation Company Limited (UEGCL), Eng. Harrison Mutikanga, has said the company is set to have installed a capacity of 1292.1 MW by 2023, up from today's 906MW.

He made the remarks as he launched the company's five year (2018-2023) strategic plan on Friday at Kabira Country Club in Kampala.

The launch also doubled as the company's end of year party where a number of staff

members were rewarded for excellence and hard work.

"This five-year strategic plan aims at positioning the company to fulfill its mandate and mission of providing reliable, quality and affordable electricity and economic development of the country," said Mutikanga.

The focus for the period is based on operational excellence, stakeholder and reputation management, sustainable growth and an engaged workforce.

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the remaining 20% will be exported to countries such as Rwanda.

Proscovia Margaret Njuki, the UEGCL board chairperson noted: "This plan comes at a critical time when the company is gearing for the completion of flagship hydropower projects such as Karuma (600MW) and Isimba (183MW) and subsequent

oversight of their operation and maintenance."

She added that the company's mission is to ensure that energy production corresponds to the foreseen energy demand, given the Government's goal of transformation of the population.

"The board is convinced that work will be carried out diligently over the next five years while emphasising value for money," said Njuki.

Company assets also grew from sh510b to sh3.3trillion this year, attesting to a significant progress in the implementation of flagship projects of Karuma and Isimba, read part of the documents.