

UN FAMILY PROMOTE SDG3 THROUGH MTN MARATHON

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Before day break of 19th November 2017, Kololo Ceremonial Grounds in Kampala was painted in yellow with marathoners including UN staff waiting to be flagged off for the 14th edition of the MTN Marathon.

As I made my way through the thick crowd at the starting lane, I bumped into one, Moses, who looked excited and I asked him if this was his first time to participate. "I have been coming for the marathon since it started here in Uganda but this particular one is special to me because it's all about saving lives," he replied while doing his final stretches for the run.



Ms. Rosa Malango UN Resident Coordinator in a green cap posing for a photo with UN staff after the 2017 MTN Marathon.

The theme for this year was improving Maternal Health and reducing risk to cancer, which are both linked to Sustainable Development Goal 3 (SDG 3)- Good Health and Well-being. Like Moses, most participants were in support of this cause including UN staff who ran to promote SDG3.

“Maternal health and the fight against cancer are all about the Sustainable Development Goals-that’s why I am running,” said Ms. Rosa Malango, UN Resident Coordinator when asked why she was excited about this year’s MTN marathon.



Ms. Rosa Malango, UN Resident Coordinator posing for a photo with UN medalists Ms. Viola Akumu on her left and Mr. Abilio Alfeu on her right after the MTN Marathon.

The UN agencies who participated included; FAO, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, OHCHR and UN Women. Two UN staff won medals in the 21km category; Ms. Viola Akuma from Pulse lab Kampala and Mr. Abilio Alfeu from UNFPA.