



# CIDD-UG NEW YEAR MESSAGE

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CITIZEN INITIATIVE FOR DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT UGANDA- PUTTING THE YEAR 2020 INTO PERSPECTIVE.

Dear partners, CIDD-UG would like to welcome you to yet another new year, 2020 was truly a year like no other; it was a roller coaster ride for all of us. Affected many in various ways where some had to surely readjust to certain habits some of us have deliberately reset batons for fresh start, re-evaluated our goals and as we launch into 2021, Citizen Initiative for Democracy and Development Uganda (CIDD-UG) is grateful for your support and partnership, which now are more critical than ever.

As the twenty-first century unfolds, we need to meet the challenges posed by narrowing CSOs operating space and COVID-19 to Democratic Governance, promotion observance and respect for Human rights, something that COVID-19 Pandemic has set in as a testing ground for redness of Governments and leaders to deliver on. The challenge posed by narrowing CSOs operating space and COVID-19 will expectedly define CIDD-UG's actions in the next year and many other years to come.

The pandemic has exposed the critical necessity of good, transparent governance, and how fundamentally important it is **for** the growing democracies **to** deliver on their promises.

To meet this challenge, CIDD-UG is committed to enhancing collaboration with other partners Locally, Nationally, internationally and globally as one of the strategies and tools so desperately needed to support Government and citizen active engagement in democratic processes and resist backsliding to undemocratic behaviors.

For that matter therefore CIDD-UG counts on your partnership to enable her remain at the forefront of innovative work to ensure citizens in our areas of operation and Uganda as a whole enjoy the fundamental inherent and inalienable rights but also have a say on how they should be governed

As we go into the New Year, and after the experience of 2020, we are optimistic that we will, together, rise to the challenges ahead of us with energy and creativity. Happy New Year and blessed engagements are wished you.

Sincerely

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**For God and my country**

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