# UBTEB to digitalise examination

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Commissioner Technical, Vocational Education and Training Mr Loy Muhwezi (2nd Left), UBTEB chairperson, Dr Silver Mugisha and other board officials pose for a photo after addressing exam assessor at UIRI in Namanve on February 14, 2023. PHOTO/ DOROTHY NAGITTA

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The Uganda Business and Technical Examination Board (UBTEB) chairperson has tasked the board management to commence internal discussions surrounding digitalization of their examinations.  
“I want to challenge the management to think of digitizing examinations because this analogue approach of papers is outdated. This is the one I am used to and after a period of 30 years we have been using papers, so is that the system that can be working now?” Dr Silver Mugisha, the chairperson UBTEB said during the opening ceremony of the 5th phase of assessors’ training at Uganda Industrial Research Institute, Namanve.  
Dr Mugisha said the analogue system has been working but hectic and therefore, needs to be changed to digital in order to enhance the performance of the board.  
   
“In doing that, it will reduce the cost of examination management and also increase the quality,” he argued during a nine day training workshop for examination assessors.  
UBTEB is a statutory national assessment body established by the Act of Parliament and mandated to regulate, coordinate and conduct credible examinations for the awards of certificate and diploma students in business, technical and vocational professionalism in Uganda.  
   
The examination assessors will be equipped with competence based skills which are in line with National Development Programme III hence bridging skills gaps and enhancing quality assessment by the board.  
   
The training attracted 105 participants and out of these, 21 participants are from the world of work, 48 from Government TVET centers and 36 from private TVET providers across the country.  
Dr Mugisha urged all assessors to keep an eye on what young Ugandans need to know for social transformation of the country.  
“Let’s train people to engage more in self -employment because currently, the people we train are more of job seekers. Let us change that mindset and reflect more on self- employment,” he added.

Meanwhile, the commissioner Technical and vocational Education and Training (TVET), Ms Loy Muhwezi, urged all UBTEB assessors to learn modern skills and technology which are competitive in the job market.  
 “If you train someone who is not going to do any production, then you should stop training and if you have not trained someone to have competences to add values to self, don’t bother to assess,” Ms Muhwezi said.

Ms Muhwezi added, “I wonder if the assessors in this room can operate (modern) machines. If they cannot operate, can they assess a student who is training on such a machine?”  
TVET commissioner added that the board will start examining its assessors with the same exams of trainees in order to assess their competence skills in using and understating modern technology.  
“Before you assess others, you sit the same paper and we see whether you can pass. If you fail it then we shall know that you are not capable of assessing, “she said.  
   
In the first four phases, the board attracted 506 assessors and the target number stands at 1,000 assessors.