**UPC Elects New President**



Mama Miria Kalule Obote, widow of the former president, Dr. A.M. Obote, was today, November 28, 2005 elected president of Uganda Peoples Congress (UPC). Mama Miria Obote polled 280 votes while her closest challenger, Hon Patrick Mwondha polled 147 votes. The third candidate, Hon. Aggrey Awori polled 12 votes. The election was free, fair and transparent.

Prior to the vote, the position had attracted several candidates including Hon. Cecilia Ogwal who stepped down in favor of candidate Patrick Mwondha. Candidates Hon. Okullo Epak and Engineer Darlington Sakwa also stepped down in favor of candidate Patrick Mwondha. This set the stage for the three finalists, Mama Miria Obote, Patrick Mwondha and Aggrey Awori to battle it out before Mama Miria was declared winner.

Amid jubilation and joyous chants of Mama, Mama, Mama, the new president, Mama Miria Obote was sworn in as president of UPC. Immediately following her victory, Mama Miria Obote made the following appointments under article 4(10) of the Party Constitution:

**Vice President**

Mr. Okello Okello John Livingstone (Kitgum)

**Secretary General:**

Mr. Peter Mukidi Walubiri (Kamuli)

**National Chairman:**

Prof. Patrick Rubaihayo (Mbarara)

**Treasurer:**

Haji Badru Kendo Wegulo (Butaleja)

**Women Leader:**

Mrs. Mary Tiberwondwa (Bushenyi)

**Youth Leader:**

Mr. Benson Ogwang (Apac)

**National Vice Chairman:**

Mr. Chris Opio ( Kumi)

**Asst. Secretary General:**

Chris Opoka- Okumu (Nebbi)

**Asst. Treasurer:**

Mr. Joseph Ochieno (Tororo)

**Asst. Women Leader:**

Ms. Joyce Nayor (Moroto)

**Asst. Youth Leader:**

Mr. Eric Sakwa (Mbale)

The Party President also appointed the following Principal Special Advisors;

Ms Rebecca Eremye (Kaliro): Women Affairs

Dr. Moses Apiliga (Moyo): Foreign Affairs

Mzee Mella (Kapchworwa): Party Ideology

Appointments of Personal Assistants were also made as follows;

Hon. Margaret Ateng Otim (Lira)

Mr. James Akena (Kampala)

Hajjati Zalwango (Kampala)