

Flag of Uganda - A Brief History



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Trivia

The original Ugandan Minister of Justice, Grace Ibingira, designed the flag.

Technical Specification

Adopted:	9 th October 1962			
Proportion:	2:3			
Design:	Six black-yellow-red-black bands with a white circle with grey crowned crane in the centre.			
Colours:	PMS	Yellow: 116	Red: 186	Grey: 430

Brief History

The first flag of Uganda was the flag that was adopted in 1894 when the British colonised the country. Prior to this there was no specific flag flown in the area that was previously split up into kingdoms. The flag adopted with a typical British blue ensign that featured a emblem in the centre right that depicted a grey crowned crane

When Uganda gained independence in 1962 a new flag was adopted. It featured a plain green field with a yellow-bordered blue vertical stripe at the centre. Inside the blue stripe is a Gold silhouette of the grey crowned crane.



The Flag of the British Protectorate of Uganda (1894 – 1962)



The Flag of Uganda (1962)

The green flag was short lived as the new flag was adopted in the same year. The new flag featured 2 black, 2 yellow, 2 red horizontal stripes with a white circle in the centre that featured a grey crowned crane.

Each element of the flag has a specific meaning. Black colour represents the African people, yellow colour represents sunshine, red colour represents the blood of the people and the grey crowned crane represents the gentle nature of the people.



The Flag of Uganda (1962 to Present Day)

The Flags of the Kingdoms of Uganda

There are four main pre-colonial kingdoms of Uganda, each have their own flag.

Ankole has a flag that is a plain green field with two African drums, crossed spears and lion in the centre.

Buganda has a flag with a blue field, a white vertical stripe in the centre with a lion, shield and crossed spears.

Bunyoro has a flag with a white field, two blue zig-zag lines with a red square in the top left hand corner that features a drum, crossed spears, crown and banner.

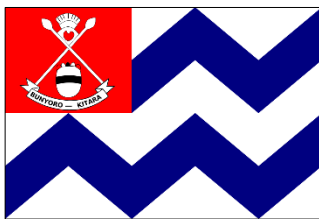
Toro has a blue and yellow horizontal bicolour with their coat of arms in the centre.



The Flag of Ankole



The Flag of Buganda



The Flag of Bunyoro



The Flag of Toro

The Coat of Arms of Uganda

The Coat of Arms of Uganda was adopted in 1962. It features a black shield with white and blue wavy lines, a golden sun and a drum. Behind are crossed spears, below is the land with a banner stating "THE GOD AND MY COUNTRY". On the left hand side is an antelope and the right hand side is a grey crowned crane.



The Presidential Standard of Uganda

The presidential standard of Uganda is a plain red field with a stretched national flag in the lower portion and the coat of arms at the centre.



The Historical Standard of the Governor of Uganda

The Standard of the Governor of Uganda was flown from 1914 to 1962. It is a defaced Union flag with emblem of the British Protectorate of Uganda at the centre.

