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LIST OF ACRONYMS

GDP.....	Gross Domestic Product
WTTC.....	World Travel and Tourism Council
UWA.....	Uganda Wildlife Authority
MICE.....	Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions
SPSS.....	Statistical Package for Social Sciences
COVID-19.....	Corona Virus Disease of 2019
CAA.....	Civil Aviation Authority

ABSTRACT

The study was carried out with the purpose of finding out the contribution of airport infrastructures on tourism development. The objectives for the study was; To find out the role of terminal building on tourism development, to find out the role parking space on tourism development and to find out the role of run ways on tourism development. The researcher applied both qualitative and quantitative techniques in designing the research. A total of 30 respondents participated in the study and were selected using random sampling method and convenience sampling. The data was collected using questionnaires and interviews and presented using tables, graphs and pie charts for easy analysis.

The study looked at airport infrastructures as source of government revenue, and they are the major source of foreign exchange earners in most part of the world .The industry is one of the most important sectors of a nation's economy as they provide and create jobs, especially during times of holidays (summer break); they are a source of innovation and entrepreneurial spirit; they harness individual creative effort; and they create competition and are the seed bed for businesses of the future

The study also highlighted the contribution of airport infrastructures on tourism development. It relied on content analysis from the existing studies, and the outcome revealed that improvement in airport infrastructures and contributes to tourism development.

It was however recommended that since the tourism development plays a great role towards community livelihoods the government should lay strategies in order to improve on the sustainability and development of the tourism industry and livelihoods of the local communities

It was also recommended that the government develops different strategies such as formation of tourism development association, formation of ministry of tourism and wildlife antiquity, exempting some tourism establishments from paying taxes and looking for investors to invest in the sectors and others and promote the industry.

CHAPTER ONE

BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

1.0 Introduction

This chapter presents the introduction, background of the study, problem statement, purpose of the study, objectives, research questions, scope of the study, conceptual framework, significance of the study, and definitions of key terms.

1.1 Background of study

The contribution of Travel & Tourism to GDP was USD 7,170.3bn (9.8 % of GDP) in 2019, and is forecast to rise by 4.0 % p.a. to USD 10,986.5bn (10.8 % of GDP) by 2026. In 2019, the total contribution of Travel & Tourism to employment was 9.5 % of full employment including jobs (283,578,000) indirectly supported by the industry. This is expected to rise by 2.5 % p.a. to 370,204,000 jobs by 2026 (11.0 % of total) Travel & Tourism investment in 2019 was USD 774.6bn, or 4.3 % of total investment. It should rise by 4.5 % p.a. over the next ten years to USD 1,254.2bn in 2026 (4.7 % of total) (WTTC Travel & Tourism Economic Impact 2019) Tourism development is known to create jobs at various levels that are essential to the growth of the rural and national economy (Ekechukwu, 2019). According to (Ekechukwu, 2019) increase on the level of tourism development in the different countries by practicing modernization of sectors, modernization of theme parks, government support, improvement of safety, introduction of modern technology, development in transport and others but still there is a gap in tourism development hence promoting the researcher to investigate airport infrastructure to tourism development in Uganda by using Entebbe international airport as a case study.

Globally according to (France tourism market research report 2022), France witnessed the modernization of Charles de Gaulle airport and Paris Orly airport in their infrastructure has led an increase of 38.07 million outbound trips in 2022., French tourists were able to travel internationally when most countries lifted their travel bans resulting in a significant increase in the number of outbound trips in 2022 when compared to the previous year due to improved airport infrastructure.

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