

## Uganda's Minister of Science: Country will be better off with GMO law

Uganda's Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Elioda Tumwesigye, has said Uganda should embrace science and innovation for faster economic transformation of Uganda.

Tumwesigye said it is surprising that Uganda and other African countries are still debating Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) yet countries like America had the debate many years ago and have since advanced.



Elioda Tumwesigye

"GMO debate was in the US 20 years ago. They are now talking about genetic editing," Tumwesigye said, adding: "Uganda is better off with the [GMO] law than without. We want to protect our people."

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"If Africa can embrace science, we can achieve what we want [faster economic development]. Let's use the technology as long as it is deemed safe," he said, adding that his ministry is committed to building the science sector including supporting the controversial National Biotechnology and Biosafety Bill of 2012, also referred to as the GMO Bill.

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Minister Tumwesigye noted that many Ugandans don't have an idea about GMOs and the Bill, revealing that whenever they see something big including hybrids, they call them GMOs yet Uganda doesn't have them yet.

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