participation in the government. Britain democratised some of the local governments and the first African’s were permitted in the legislative council in 1945. By 1955, half the legislative council were Africans. A general election was held in 1961 and the country became self-governing in 1962.

Celebrations and Traditions

Like other countries, Independence Day is a day of national pride in Uganda. There is a national celebration at the Kololo ceremonial grounds with the President presiding over the ceremony. Heads of state for other countries also attend the ceremony.

Celebrations are held throughout Uganda and activities are designed to promote the nation. There are parades and performances by well-known artists. There are also demonstrations of native dance and cultural celebrations. Festivals include traditional foods and drinks with many in attendance wearing traditional clothing. The Ugandan flag is prominent at all celebrations as a demonstration of pride in the country.

- **Popular Holidays**
- Archbishop Janani Luwum Day
- Easter
- Independence Day
- Martyrs’ Day
- National Heroes’ Day
- NRM Liberation Day