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# NATIONAL CAREER GUIDANCE DAY SET FOR FRIDAY

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Zafar (left) with Nakazibwe and Wambaka at Entebbe airport on Tuesday

A top official from the Commonwealth Secretariat in the UK has jetted into the country for the forthcoming National Career Guidance Day, where emerging technologies will be the centre of discussion.

Alia Zafar, the director of the human resources and facilities management division of the Commonwealth Secretariat in the UK, arrived in the country on Tuesday for the Seventh National Career Guidance Day slated for tomorrow.

The National Career Guidance Day is organised by Incredible Youth International in partnership with the education and ICT ministries. It will take place at Kololo Independence Grounds and is scheduled to be graced by President Yoweri Museveni and First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Mrs Janet Museveni.

Organised under the theme *The Future of Work: Surviving the AI Era*, the event will bring together teachers and learners from upper primary, secondary schools, tertiary institutions, universities, training organisations and other stakeholders in the education and employment sectors.

Sponsored by the Strategic

Group of Companies, the event will also feature policy frameworks, technology exhibitions, career mentorship sessions, innovation showcases and industry engagement platforms. Young people will get the opportunity to learn

directly from professionals, innovators and industry leaders.

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evolving industry demands.

Speaking to journalists at the VIP lounge of Entebbe International Airport on Tuesday evening, Zafar, one of the senior leaders at the Commonwealth Secretariat, said it was her first time in

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Uganda and was excited to be part of the national career fair. As a guest speaker, she will tackle the topic, *Surviving in the AI Era*.

Zafar was received by James Brian Ntwatwa, the president of Incredible Youth International, a private organisation; Dr Kosea Wambaka, the chairperson of the Strategic Group of Companies and Brenda Nakazibwe, an official from the Technology and Innovation Secretariat, who represented the science, technology and innovation minister.

The director said as the Commonwealth Secretariat, they value the education of young people.

"I am happy to be here and

looking forward to meeting the young people that will gather. I hope to have an interactive session and provide them with guidance around careers and how to take this journey forward," she said.

Asked about the kind of package she had brought for the young people, Zafar said she would be exploring steps they need to take, how they need to build their careers and the kind of planning they need to take on to build a strong future.

"Young people need to understand how to build on those available opportunities since they are everywhere, within and outside the country."

She explained that technology is not something that anyone can run away from.

Wambaka urged Ugandans to pick interest in career guidance, explaining that his firm sponsored the event in order to help young people.

"The most important thing is to grow the young people and give them the skills that can help them get jobs," he explained.