



OVERVIEW OF THE UGANDA FORUM FOR AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY SERVICES (UFAAS)

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THE ORIGIN OF UFAAS

- UFAAS is a country chapter of the Africa Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (AFAAS) in Uganda.
- AFAAS is a continental forum for Agricultural extension and Advisory Services.



STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Vision:

“Quality AAS effectively contributing to agricultural development in Uganda”

Mission:

To promote an effective, efficient and innovative AAS system through advocacy, capacity building, information sharing and increased professional development among AAS actors in Uganda



STRATEGIC DIRECTION CONT...

Broad Objectives:

- To establish and sustain an effective platform for Advisory Agricultural Services in Uganda
- To promote professional development, information sharing and networking among AAS actors.
- To build capacity of Agricultural Advisory Services systems to provide innovative and client-oriented services.
- To promote professionalism and ethical conduct in AAS systems in Uganda.
- To advocate and lobby for an enabling environment for Advisory Agricultural Services in Uganda.



CORE VALUES

- **Integrity and Transparency**
- **Ethical conduct and professionalism**
- **Accountability**
- **Teamwork**
- **Partnerships**

Actors/ Members

- UFAAS is intended to bring together a wide range of actors in AAS.
 - **Academia** (Agricultural Universities and Institutions)
 - **Public sector** (Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industries and Fisheries (MAAIF)/National Agricultural Advisory Services (NAADS, National Agricultural Research Organization)
 - **Non-Governmental Organizations** (NGOs)
 - **Private Sector Companies**
 - **Farmer Organizations (FOs)**
 - **Media** (Print and electronic)

Membership

- **Institutional membership** is for institutions that contributes directly to agricultural extension and AAS;
- **Ordinary membership** is open to professionals in agricultural extension related fields;
- **Associate and honorary membership** is to other institutions and persons who subscribe and contribute to UFAAS objectives.

Membership Fees

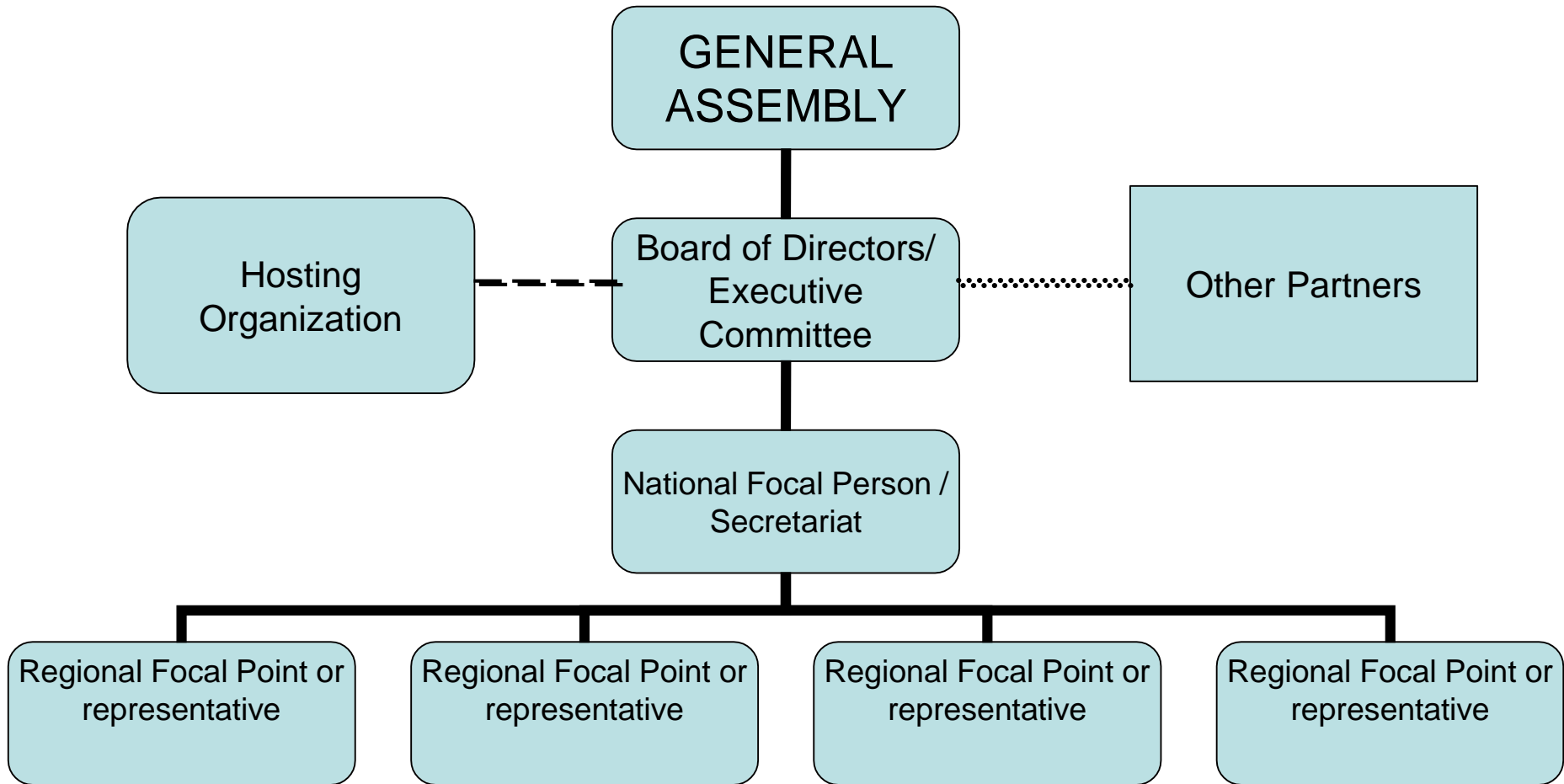
Category	Membership (Ushs)	Subscription
Individual	100,000	20,000
Institution	200,000	100,000
Associate-Individual	300,000	
Associate-Institution	500,000	



THEMATIC AREAS

1. Institutional Strengthening
2. Networking and professional interaction
3. Capacity Building
4. Professionalization of AAS
5. Lobbying and Advocacy

Governance structure



Progress to date

- Launching of the Forum and institution of representative interim committee May 2011
- Strategic plan and constitution finalized
- Legally registered in January 2013 with a logo and now a website (www.ufaas-ugandacf.org) and email address (ufaas2013@gmail.com)



PROGRESS TO DATE

- Host organization –identification process ongoing, Temporarily at the AFAAS Secretariat
- Sensitization and mobilization of members at regional and national level
- Registration of members in progress, starting with expression of interest (forms available)
- Linked to AFAAS, IFAD and CAADP None State Actor (NSA) platform

Progress to date

- Finalizing operational plan and financial policy
- Supporting National AAS innovations
 - started with an inventory of innovative AEAS
- Advocating for an effective and efficient national extension policy
 - Organized a dialogue
- Partnering with the media-4 articles so far

Way Forward

- Establishment of a focal point/host organization;
- Resource mobilization
- Holding an AGM to elect a substantive board
- Implement planned activities under the strategic plan and the partnership

Key success factors

- Enthusiastic and committed stakeholders and members willing to contribute resources (time, money, information.....)
- Champions in each sector and region/district across the country
- Result-oriented leaders
- Value for participation for all categories of members

- Thank you for listening