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

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Uganda Forum for agricultural Advisory Services
Web platform: www.networking.afaas-africa.org/uganda/
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
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

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THEMATIC AREAS

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

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Board of Directors/ Executive Committee

National Focal Person / Secretariat

Hosting Organization

Other Partners

Regional Focal Point or representative

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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