Overview of Uganda Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (UFAAS) as a Professional Network for Agricultural Extension

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Why the Agri-Extension Fora/networks?

Problem of the broken Pipe

• No organization
• No networking and information sharing
• New emerging issues
• Less opportunities

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• Low capacity, performance, value, no respect and recognition, etc

Research and Academia outputs

Extension

VC Beneficiaries
The Broader perspective of Extension Fora

Central
Lower East
Upper East
North
Lower West
In Pipeline: W/Nile, upper west
What is UFAAS?

A National Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services (AEAS) Forum

Formed in 2011 by AEAS actors and legally registered in 2013

Brings together agricultural extension and advisory services (AEAS) actors from:

- Sectors:
  - Public
  - Private
  - CSO
  - Academis
  - Research
  - Farmers Organizations
  - Media

- All fields:
  - Crop
  - Animal
  - Fisheries
  - Forestry
  - Environment
  - etc

- All levels:
  - PhD
  - Masters
  - Degree
  - Diploma
  - Certificate

Paid-Up Membership to date

- The 309 paid-up members make the general Assembly,
  - 277 (86F, 168M) are individuals
  - 32 are organisations
  - Out of the 277 individuals, 54% are youth and 37% of the youth are female.

However, the overall UFAAS reach is over 1,000 AEAS actors nationally and internationally.
UFAAS Strategic Direction

VISION

• “Quality AEAS effectively contributing to agricultural development in Uganda”

MISSION

• “To promote an effective, efficient and innovative AEAS system through strategic partnerships, advocacy, capacity building, information sharing and interaction among AEAS actors in Uganda.”

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

• To strengthen and sustain an effective platform for pluralistic agricultural Advisory Agricultural Services in Uganda
• To support information sharing and networking among AEAS actors
• To develop capacity of Agricultural Advisory Services systems to provide innovative and business-orientated services along the agricultural value chains
• To enhance professionalism and ethical conduct in AEAS systems in Uganda.
• To lobby and advocate for a conducive environment for business oriented inclusive AEAS in Uganda
PARTNERS AND MEMBERS

Partners and Donors

Members Organizations
1. Continuous National and Regional mobilization and sensitization of AEAS actors

2. Networking and sharing information with AEAS actors using different fora; eg. Website, CoP meetings, Social Media discussions, physical events, KnHubs

3. Enhance the capacity of AEAS actors at different levels through trainings and/or specific projects

4. Supporting the process of professionalizing the AEAS system in Uganda

   - Guidelines and Standards, Ethical Code of Conduct, Procedures for Registration and Accreditation of AEAS providers.
   - Sensitization on professionalism
   - e-Registration of extension actors

5. Advocacy and lobbying (Dialogues, Stakeholder meeting on topical issues, policy briefs)
Some of Current work/ engagements

- Continuous mobilization of members under the regional hubs
- E-Registration of members and other AEAS actors to create a National Database with MAAIF
- AFAAS Digital Connectors as accelerators of sustainable agriculture extension services in farming communities in Kenya and Uganda under the FARA-ASARECA-EAFF consortium
- Implementing the AFAAS Hackathon and digitalization of Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) under the CAADP XP4 project.
- With ACTED - Assessing the training needs on climate change adaptation in Nakasongola and Mbarara livestock cattle corridor districts of Uganda
- Entering a partnership with AMEA to contribute towards a system where farmers and Fos access quality and affordable services, on a sustainable basis.
- Planning the Annual National Ag-Extension Symposium (planning April 2023) see brief at in folder or ➯https://drive.google.com/drive/my-drive

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