

KEY UFAAS MILESTONES

From inception to date, UFAAS has made commendable strides below:

- ✓ **Institutional development:** Attained legal status in 2013 with a governance structure and a representative Board whose membership is changed every two years; and a vibrant Focal Desk. UFAAS has successfully mobilized and sensitized AEAS actors at national and regional levels. By March 2019, UFAAS had registered 150 fully paid up members.

- ✓ **Networking and information sharing:** Engaged over 500 actors within and outside the country via different networking and information sharing forums such as annual AEAS conferences, UFAAS website (www.ufaas-ugandacf.org); WhatsApp, Facebook, and the AFAAS Virtual networking platform (<http://networking.afaas-africa.org>).

- ✓ **Capacity development:** Enhanced the capacity of extension workers, university students and farmer organization leaders in selected topical issues as identified by partners. This was facilitated through a project on Integrating Gender and Nutrition in Agricultural Extension Services (INGENAES) under the MOU with the University of Illinois; and an AFAAS-EU grant which was aimed at promoting, strengthening and scaling up and out of national and local level AEAS innovations. Under the grant, 8 sub-grants were accessed by UFAAS members organizations with a focus on climate change, gender and nutrition, youths in agriculture and ICT for agriculture to promote a climate-smart, gender sensitive, and inclusive AEAS system.

- ✓ **Professionalism:** Under the MOU with MAAIF, UFAAS offered technical support in the drafting of Guidelines and Standards, Ethical Code of Conduct and the Procedures for Registration and Accreditation of AEAS providers in the country, which have since been launched. Currently, UFAAS is pursuing to further support the registration and monitoring processes; capacity building and creation an actor owned network for coordination, professional exchange and learning among the extension actors at different levels.

- ✓ **Lobbying and advocacy:** UFAAS continued in her pursuit for an effective and efficient AEAS system in Uganda by: engaging relevant stakeholders at policy level, for instance, through participating and providing leadership in the planning and formulation of national documents such as the National Agricultural Extension Policy (NAEP); bringing together actors to discuss and dialogue on emerging AEAS issues; and publishing position papers and declarations in the media and various platforms.

MEMBERSHIP

- i. **Eligibility:** Membership is open to Individuals and Organizations linked to AEAS.
- ii. **Becoming a Member:** Expression of Interest/registration, which can be done via the online membership page (www.ufaas-ugandacf.org) or at the focal desk.

Prescribed membership fees:

Category	Membership (Ugx)	Annual Subscription (Ugx)	Total Pay (1st Year)
Individual (Working)	100,000	50,000	150,000
Institution/organization	200,000	200,000	400,000
Undergrad students	20,000	20,000	40,000
MSc. Students	50,000	50,000	100,000
Foreign Individual	\$100	\$50	\$150
Foreign Organization	\$150	\$150	\$300

FEES PAYMENT

The fees can be:

- Paid directly to the UFAAS Focal Desk at the AFAAS Secretariat Kigobe Road, Ntinda) **OR**
- Be sent by Mobile money to 0776801091 (to Beatrice Luzobe) **OR**
- Deposited in DFCU Bank:
 - names of: Uganda Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services
 - Account Numbers: **01063501318146 (Ugx)** or **02063501318164 (USD)**.

Scan the pay slip and e-mail to UFAAS. For upcountry members, a scanned copy of the receipt will be sent after confirming payment

For mobile money inquire from the contacts below

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THE FORUM:

Uganda Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (UFAAS) brings together a wide range of actors involved in Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services (AEAS) in Uganda. The actors come from different sectors namely; Public, Academia, Private, Civil Society, Farmers Organization, Media and Development Partners. Launched in May 2011, UFAAS is registered in Uganda as the country chapter of the African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (AFAAS). AFAAS is the umbrella network organization for AEAS in Africa and through the April 2015 MOU with the African Union Commission, it has the mandate to implement the AEAS aspects of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP). AFAAS, with over 40 member countries in Africa, implements national level activities through country chapters, like UFAAS in Uganda.

OUR MANDATE:

UFAAS' mandate is to advance the overall provision of AEAS in Uganda by promoting coordination, interaction, and harmonization amongst the diverse actors who operate in a pluralistic extension system.

UFAAS is a non-state actor but links with Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) through a representative on the Board of Directors.

From 2012-2017, UFAAS focused on promoting an effective, efficient and innovative AEAS system through: institutional development; networking and information sharing; capacity development; increased professional development and advocacy among AEAS actors in Uganda.

The above strategy was reviewed in line with the emerging needs of AEAS in Uganda to give rise to the new direction outlined below.

VISION

"Professional AEAS effectively driving the agricultural revolution in Uganda"

MISSION

"To promote strategic partnerships, advocacy, capacity building, information sharing and interaction among AEAS actors in Uganda"

OBJECTIVES:

1. To strengthen and sustain an effective platform for pluralistic agricultural Advisory Agricultural Services in Uganda
2. To support information sharing and networking among AEAS actors
3. To develop capacity of Agricultural Advisory Services systems to provide innovative and business-orientated services along the agricultural value chains
4. To enhance professionalism and ethical conduct in AEAS systems in Uganda.
5. To catalyse strategic engagements and partnerships aimed at fostering a conducive environment for business oriented inclusive AEAS in Uganda

CORE VALUES

- ✓ Professionalism
- ✓ Integrity & Transparency
- ✓ Accountability
- ✓ Equity & inclusiveness
- ✓ Partnerships & Engagements

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- ✓ Environmental sustainability
- ✓ Resilient agriculture
- ✓ Agro-biodiversity
- ✓ Gender responsiveness
- ✓ Business orientation and economic feasibility
- ✓ Nutrition sensitivity
- ✓ Farmer-centeredness

THEMATIC AREAS

I. Institutional Strengthening of UFAAS

Continue to deepen implementation of the institutional framework at national and regional levels to strengthen the forum and ensure its corporate identity, governance and self-sustainability.

II. Communication, Information and Knowledge Management

Promote information exchange and shared learning by creating mechanisms that facilitate networking, information generation and sharing, and professional interaction among AEAS providers and actors in Uganda.

III. Capacity Development of different actor categories

Undertake a needs assessment of AEAS stakeholders to tailor-make interventions and linkage to available opportunities through various platforms. UFAAS will continue to facilitate training of AEAS actors in selected areas e.g. Media engagement and ICTs; Market-oriented AEAS; Gender and Nutrition; develop job-related mentorship & coaching programs; and promote innovations through competitive (matching) grants.

IV. Professionalizing AEAS in Uganda

Sensitize members and end-users on AEAS standards, ethics and accreditation procedures/other relevant information as well as facilitate access to such materials; promote ethical practice, professionalism and excellence through organizing competitions, regular evaluations of AEAS practice, and awarding/recognizing outstanding individuals/organizations; and support MAAIF in the implementation and enforcement of AEAS regulation measures

V. Advocacy and Lobbying

Proactively engage key actors to promote the recognition and visibility of AEAS as a critical driver for agricultural development; and influence policy and practice in AEAS through generating evidence on emerging and long standing AEAS issues for awareness creation among concerned AEAS stakeholders.

