

**KEY UFAAS MILESTONES (2018-2023)**

The key milestones of the last strategic period (2018-2023) under each of the thematic areas:

**Institutional development**

- ✓ Membership growing by over 400% (from 72 to 366).
- ✓ At least 5 regional hubs established in the Western , Central, Lower Eastern, Upper Eastern and Northern Region.
- ✓ New strategic plan for 2024-2028 developed.
- ✓ Funding directly or indirectly accessed (up to 2022): \$289,000 from different donors and partners for projects, studies and assignments; \$26,870 as membership dues payments; \$435,750 as contributions towards regional and national ag-extension events; and in-kind support equivalent to about \$20,000 obtained from support organisations.

**Communication, Information & Knowledge Management**

- ✓ ICT Technical Working Group formed and operationalized.
- ✓ Over 1,000 AEAS actors brought together and engaged in information sharing and networking.
- ✓ Strengthening of the digitalization of CSA activities through: training, winning a Hackathon; capturing case stories, packaging and disseminating knowledge products.
- ✓ Conducting and participating in various regional, national and continental AEAS events.
- ✓ Fully engaging the members and other actors using social media (d-group, WhatsApp platforms, Twitter and YouTube, etc).
- ✓ Keeping the two websites functional (<https://ufaas-ugandacf.org> and <https://aeas-uganda.org/> ).

**Capacity Development**

- ✓ Incorporating capacity building activities into all the events as main or side events by partners.
- ✓ Capacity building of 155 (32% F) youths in CSA.
- ✓ Over 40 youth (5 F) sent for internship training under the MoU between UFAAS, Makerere University and Bixter /Expedia Ltd.
- ✓ Training 9 youth in digital extension delivery and entrepreneurship for rural communities for Bugiri and Luwero districts.

**Professionalising, Lobbying and Advocacy**

- ✓ Technical Working Group (TWG) on Professionalization and advocacy formed and operationalised.
- ✓ A total of 15 awards given out excelling members .
- ✓ Attending advocacy training activities, organized by AFAAS/ FARA and USAID Feed the Future.
- ✓ Organising several dialogues on different topics, both at regional and national levels.
- ✓ Training and sensitising 162 extension workers from 38 districts on ethics, standards and professionalism in AEAS.
- ✓ Developing and disseminating advocacy briefs and position papers to relevant stakeholders, including policy makers.

**MEMBERSHIP**

- i. **Eligibility:** Membership is open to professional individuals and Organizations providing AEAS.
- ii. The **link for membership registration and payment** is: <https://forms.gle/QwGWgcxNsAp3eUfV9>. Also access UFAAS at [www.ufaas-ugandacf.org](http://www.ufaas-ugandacf.org) , more details about the forum and its activities.

**FEES PAYMENT**

Category	Membership	Annual Subscription	Total Pay (1st Year)
Individual (Working)	Ugx100,000	Ugx. 50,000	Ugx. 150,000
Institution/ organization	Ugx. 200,000	Ugx. 200,000	Ugx. 400,000
Undergrad students	Ugx 20,000	Ugx. 20,000	Ugx. 40,000
MSc. Students	Ugx 50,000	Ugx. 50,000	Ugx. 100,000
Foreign Individual	\$100	\$50	\$150
Foreign Organization	\$150	\$150	\$300

**Prescribed membership fees:**

- The fees can be:
- ✍ Paid by Airtel Mobile Money number: 4300025
  - ✍ Deposited in DFCU Bank: Account Numbers: **01063501318146 (Ugx)** or **02063501318164 (USD)**.

Both the Momo and bank account numbers are in the names of: Uganda Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services

In both cases, scan the pay-slip and e-mail to UFAAS. A scanned copy of the receipt will be sent after confirming payment.

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**UGANDA FORUM FOR AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY SERVICES**



**A unique, innovative and inclusive platform that brings together a wide range of pluralistic actors involved in Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services (AEAS) in Uganda**

**A Country Chapter of the Africa Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (AFAAS), itself a continental chapter of the Global Rural Advisory Services (GFRAS)**



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## THE FORUM:

Uganda Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services-UFAAS (<https://ufaas-ugandacf.org/>) is a professional network organisation that brings together Agricultural Advisory and Extension Services (AEAS) actors in Uganda. It is one of the 40 Country chapters of the Africa Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services-AFAAS (<https://www.afaas-africa.org/>). AFAAS is the umbrella network organisation for AEAS in Africa, and one of the continental fora under the Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services-GFRAS ([www.gfras.org](http://www.gfras.org)).

UFAAS was established in May 2011, following an institutional assessment that found out that, while there were several professional networks related to agriculture, none was holistically embracing all the AEAS issues in Uganda. The forum is a legal entity, registered in 2013.

UFAAS is a non-state actor that works very closely with Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF), through national and local government representatives who are part of the Board of Directors.

Since inception, UFAAS has continued to focus 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.

When the most previous Strategic Plan 2018-2022 was reviewed in line with the emerging needs of AEAS in Uganda, a new one for 2024-2028 was developed.

### Snapshot of the 2023 National Ag-Extension week



## STRATEGIC DIRECTION

UFAAS has always shaped its strategic direction towards achieving the same vision and mission with values and guiding principles.



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”



VALUES

Professionalism, Integrity and Transparency, Accountability, Equity and Inclusiveness, Partnership and Engagement



PRINCIPLES

Environment Sustainability, Resilient Agriculture, Agro-bio-diversity; Gender-responsiveness, Business Orientation and Economic Feasibility, and Nutrition Sensitivity and farmer-centeredness.

### OBJECTIVES:

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

## NEW THEMATIC AREAS (2024-2028)

UFAAS implements activities through thematic areas and Technical Working Groups (TWGs). The new thematic areas of 2024-2028 are:

**I. Institutional and Membership Development:** Building an effective, efficient, sustainable and a compliant organization with a vibrant and satisfied AEAS membership.

**II. Communication, Knowledge Management and Digitalization:** Setting up mechanisms that enable all UFAAS members to access and exchange information and knowledge among themselves for professional, personal and membership development.

**III. Professionalization, Lobby and Advocacy for AEAS:** Attaining full recognition and support by all key stakeholders (including legislators) at all levels for a professional AEAS system, along the entire agricultural value chain.

**IV. Resilient and Inclusive Agriculture (RIA) :** Promoting and advocating for resilient, environmentally friendly, and inclusive agriculture in Uganda.

**V. Private Sector Agriculture Extension Services (PSAES):** Actively promoting and supporting the practice and visibility of Private Agricultural Extension Services (PSAES) while ensuring financial feasibility.

### Advocacy : A dialogue on the status of AEAS in Uganda



### Commissioning of Master Trainers for Agro-ecology

