



- Representing members at all National and International Forums.
- The Association has put in place a Gender Policy and strategies aimed at promoting women and youth involvement in UNFA activities.
- Information services through the "Farmers Voice" magazine, Bi-monthly District Newsletters, Radio Programmes, Bi-monthly Television Programmes, Hotlines and Brochures.

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- Agricultural Advisory services to members through Special Interest Groups and Extension Link Farmers.
- Organising/conducting trainings for farmers at different levels on both technical and political issues concerning farming and UNFA respectively. The Association also offers a comprehensive Farm Management Certificate Education Course at three levels, i.e. Yellow, Blue and Green levels.
- Organising Agricultural shows, Competitions as well as Farmers' Tours and Exchange visits at District, National and International levels.
- Training members on marketing strategies like pooling of produce and selling collectively to buyers.
- Assisting members to access good quality farm inputs and implements at comparatively affordable prices.
- Establishing a Credit and Marketing Scheme for members.

POINTS TO NOTE

UNFA is a democratic and transparent organisation whose representatives are elected right from the grassroots to the Apex level.

All elected officials serve voluntarily and on the basis of interest to serve and improve the welfare of fellow farmers.

UNFA is a self-sustaining members' organisation supported by contributions from members and most services to members are on a demand-driven and cost recovery basis for sustainability.



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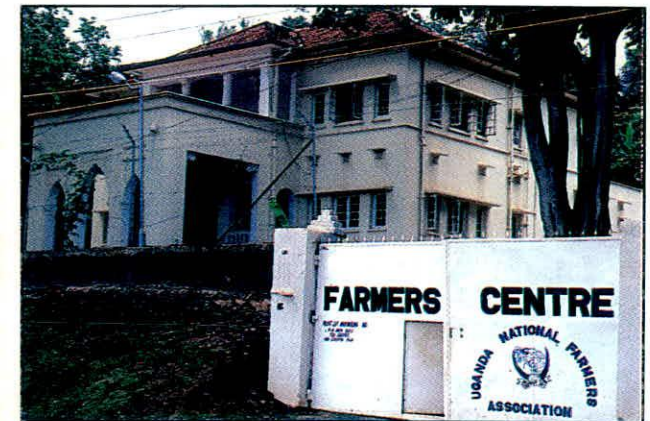
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PREAMBLE

UNFA is a private Apex organisation embracing farmers organisations and agro-related industry with a view of utilizing and enhancing their capacity and improving their members household income.

BACKGROUND

The Association was founded in January 1992 by farmers from all over Uganda who gathered at Colline Hotel-Mukono to discuss food security and agriculture in the country and was inaugurated by the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries.

UNFA is duly registered with the NGO Board and is recognised by government, International organisations, and donors.



MAIN OBJECTIVES

To bring all farmers organisations and agro-based industries in Uganda under one Apex (Umbrella) organisation as a common front for the promotion, coordination and safe guarding of their activities and interests.



To improve farmers' incomes and welfare through increasing the quality and quantity of their production by providing services to members on demand and at a cost.

WHO CAN BE A MEMBER?

- All farmers organisations in Uganda are eligible. Individual farmers should register with their farmers organisations throughout Uganda.
- Community based NGOs
- Companies
- Associations or other legal entities engaged in agriculture enterprises or agro-related industry.

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP



Ordinary Member

- Fully paid up registered member with voting rights.

Associate Member

- Member with no voting rights.

Life Member

- All subscribers to the memorandum and articles of Association and any member co-opted by the Farmers Council.



Honorary Member

- Any person or organisation may be co-opted by the Farmers' Council at its discretion.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



The structure comprises of:

- The National Executive Committee
- The Farmers Council
- Sub-committees

THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

This is the supreme leadership organ elected from and by the Farmers' Council and headed by a President.

THE FARMERS COUNCIL

This comprises of the National Executive Committee, and the entire number of delegates for all fully registered member organisations. It legislates on policy issues and it is the supreme decision making body of the Association.

APEX SECRETARIAT

Headed by the Chief Executive Secretary, assists the National Executive Committee in initiating and implementing the programmes of the Association, through the following departments, manned by professional and self motivated staff.

- Administration
- Information services
- Agricultural Advisory services
- Training
- Gender
- Marketing
- Credit and Marketing subsidiary
- Accounts

SERVICES TO MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

- Lobbying government for favorable policies on agriculture.
- Advocacy roles especially in regard to linkages with government and all the stake holders.
- Formulation of policies that govern the Association.