

CSO Strategy Workshop on Implementation of UPR Recommendations, 28 November- 2 December, 2016, Kampala, Uganda

Outcome Charter

Uganda's human rights record was reviewed in the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) for the first time in October 2011 during which time the State received 182 recommendations out of which it Accepted 130 and Noted 52 recommendations. Uganda underwent its second UPR in November 2016. In the second cycle, Uganda received 226 recommendations out of which it Accepted 143, Noted 65 and left 18 pending. The Government of Uganda will provide responses to pending recommendations no later than the Thirty-Fourth Session of the Human Rights Council in March 2017. The State of Uganda has until the next UPR in 2021 to implement received second cycle UPR recommendations.

Within the UPR framework, it is encouraged to include civil society in the implementation of UPR recommendations. The success of CSOs' engagement in the UPR ultimately depends on their ability to follow up on UPR obligations and to form partnerships with their Government and other UPR stakeholders.

In order to explore possibilities of cooperation among the different stakeholders involved in the UPR process, Ugandan Civil Society Organisations (see Annex 1) met for 5 days to constructively discuss how to collaborate with the Government and other stakeholders to implement UPR recommendations.

As a result of this five-day workshop, and based on the analysis of all the recommendations received by Uganda, Civil Society Organisations have agreed to advocate for and to prioritise the following objectives:

- Mandate the CSO UPR Steering Committee, consisting of all cluster heads, to establish terms of reference that transforms it into the National CSO UPR Coalition that remains seized on inclusive UPR follow-up throughout and between UPR cycles;
- That the National CSO UPR Coalition utilises the implementation plans and action strategies developed during the CSO strategy workshop to track progress on a regular basis;
- To prioritise and intensify advocacy on the pending recommendations with a view to having them accepted, ahead of the formal adoption of Uganda's second UPR report, to be held in March 2017;
- To support the Government of Uganda in implementing all recommendations;
- To ensure that the Government of Uganda enhances space for all civil society actors to operate

- To ensure that the Government complies with laws protecting all human rights defenders
- To reform electoral laws so as to ensure free, fair, and transparent elections.
- To lobby for the adoption of the Prevention and Prohibition of Torture Regulations
- To popularise the Prevention and Prohibition of Torture Act among the public
- To build the capacity of law enforcement institutions to utilise the Prevention and Prohibition of Torture Act for effective investigation and prosecution of perpetrators of torture.
- To advocate for open invitations to special procedures mandate holders.
- To advocate for adoption and implementation of the National Action Plan on Human Rights.
- To undertake civic education so that citizens understand their rights and responsibilities
- To advocate for the passing of the human right defenders law that incorporates the UN Declaration for Human Rights Defenders Protection and Safety.
- To ensure that all girls and boys complete free, equitable and quality primary and secondary education leading to relevant and effective learning outcomes, particularly literacy and numeracy
- To improve access to education, particularly in marginalised areas and vulnerable groups
- To increase job quota for people with disability
- To intensify efforts to raise public awareness on the rights of people with disabilities
- To strengthen the implementation of the National Agricultural Policy to address food insecurity and malnutrition
- To review and enact the draft Food and Nutrition Bill of 2008.
- To establish and earmark funds for a National School Feeding Program to improve school attendance, retention and completion rates among students
- Raise the health budget to 15% in line with the Abuja declaration and enact the National Health Insurance bill to cover vulnerable groups such as indigents, people with disabilities, the elderly and children and the informal sector.
- Increase access to sexual and reproductive health services to all persons without discrimination, fully implement an inclusive School Health Policy and Adolescent health policy and strengthen measures to fight maternal mortality and morbidity.
- To advocate for a baseline study to establish community access to cultural sites in areas of Extractive Activities, National Parks and Forest Reserves.
- To ensure that companies that exploit natural resources conclude agreements with affected communities to allow them to access cultural sites and resources and be adequately compensated.
- To ensure that Government respects and promotes the rights of land owners by not amending Article 26 of the Constitution on compensation of land owner.
- To review and enact the Minimum Wage Bill by 2017 so as to provide a minimum wage of Uganda Shillings 200,000 and implement the law by 2018.

- To advocate for the enactment of the Marriage and Divorce Bill of 2009 and the Sexual Offences Bill
- To amend the Succession Act to promote equal inheritance rights to both women and men
- To advocate for the full implementation of the Domestic Violence Act 2010
- To intensify the engagements with the law enforcers (police) to reduce discrimination and violence against persons based on their real or perceived sexual orientation.
- To continue advocating for laws that promote equality and non-discrimination and repealing provisions of the Penal Code Act that penalizes same sex consensual relations
- To ensure that all children born within and outside the national territory are registered.
- To end teenage pregnancy and child marriage.
- To intensify the awareness on the nodding disease and advocate for establishment and functionality of treatment and rehabilitation centres
- To advocate for the establishment of magistrates courts within refugee settlements
- To advocate for passing of the legal aid policy
- To seek assistance for its efforts towards improving human rights in its territory, particularly the rights of migrants and asylum seekers
- To develop and implement social security reforms to protect the most vulnerable groups and individuals

With this Outcome Charter, the signatories commit to continue working on the implementation of UPR recommendations throughout the second UPR cycle, together with all relevant stakeholders, and to meet regularly in order to facilitate the discussion and provide updates on the status of their activities.

Kampala, Uganda, 2nd December, 2016

Annex 1

List of CSOs

S/N	Organizations Name	NAME OF ORGANIZATION
1	MACCO	Adjumani
2	Adjumani district NGO Forum	Adjumani
3	Medical Teams International	Adjumani
4	TPO-Uganda	Adjumani
5	AIDI	Amudat
6	Arua District NGO Network	Arua
7	Media HRNJ-U	Arua
8	RICE	Arua
9	SICINET	Bukedea
10	Buliisa District NGO Forum	Buliisa
11	Rwenzori Information Centre of Education-RICE-NET	Fort Portal
13	ACODEM	Gulu
14	ACTV	Gulu
15	African Community Development	Gulu
16	Foundation for Justice and Development Initiative	Gulu
17	Gulu District NGO Forum	Gulu
18	GWED-G	Gulu
19	HURIFO	Gulu
20	Recreation for Development and Peace Uganda	Hoima
21	BMN/ACOHORI	Iganga
22	Busoga Cultural Center	Iganga
23	Busoga Media Network	Jinja
24	NEMACY	Jinja
25	Youth Coordinator-Jinja Diocese	Jinja

26	Ik Agenda Development Initiative	Kaabong
27	NAFODU	Kabale
28	Association of Human Rights Organization (AHURIO)	Kabarole
29	Kabarole NGO's/CBO Association	Kabarole
30	RAC	Kabarole
31	RIDE-Africa	Kabarole
32	Rwenzori Anti-Corruption Coalition (RAC)	Kabarole
33	Twerwaneho Listener's Club (TLC)	Kabarole
34	Human Rights Network for Journalists	Kabarole, Soroti, Arua
35	Kalangala HRDs	Kalangala
36	KHRD Network	Kalangala
37	AGHA-Uganda	Kampala
38	Bahai Faith	Kampala
39	Bethsaida Community	Kampala
40	CCFU	Kampala
41	CECORE	Kampala
42	CIPDA Uganda	Kampala
43	COUPSTA	Kampala
44	DCI-UG	Kampala
45	Defend Defenders	Kampala
46	Finn Church Aid	Kampala
47	Forum for Education NGO's in Uganda	Kampala
48	GRA	Kampala
49	HEPS-Uganda	Kampala
50	Hope After Rape	Kampala
51	HRAPF	Kampala
52	HURINET-U	Kampala
53	IBH-Uganda	Kampala

54	IPPFARO	Kampala
55	ISER	Kampala
56	IWILAP	Kampala
57	Lutheran World Federation	Kampala
58	MCJL	Kampala
59	Mystory Initiative	Kampala
60	PANVSP	Kampala
61	SMUG	Kampala
62	Uganda Joint Christian Council (UJCC)	Kampala
63	UNYPA	Kampala
64	UPRQ	Kampala
65	YEC	Kampala
66	VEDCO	Kamuli
67	KALI	Kasese
68	KADDAN	Katakwi
69	United Organization for Batwa Development in Uganda	Kisoro
70	ANPCAN	Kitgum
71	COW Foundation	Kitgum
72	Kitgum NGO Forum	Kitgum
73	Volunteer Action Network Uganda-Kitgum	Kitgum
74	HRD Karamoja	Kotido
75	Kotido NGO Forum	Kotido
76	Kumi Human Rights Initiative	Kumi
77	NACWOLA	Kumi
78	Teso-Karamoja Women's Initiative for Peace (TEKWIP)	Kumi
79	Transform Uganda	Kumi
80	DEFORA	Kyenjojo
81	Kyenjojo NGO Forum	Kyenjojo

82	Kyenjojo NGO/CBO's Forum	Kyenjojo
83	Women and Rural Development Network (WORUDET)	Lamwo
84	CALDINI-Uganda	Lira
85	Community Affairs Network (COMMANET)	Lira
86	Corruption Brakes Crusade (COBRA)	Lira
87	Foundation for Human Rights Initiative	Lira
88	Lango Cultural Institution	Lira
89	Lira District NGO Forum	Lira
90	Platform for Community Empowerment (PLACE)	Lira
91	The Apac Anti-Corruption Coalition	Lira
92	HURECA	Mayuge
93	BUCET	Mbale
94	Mbale Human Rights Activist/Human Rights Agenda	Mbale
95	International Anti-Corruption Theater Mbarara	Mbarara
96	Kakika Women's Group	Mbarara
97	Mbarara District Civil Society Organisations' Forum	Mbarara
98	FIDA	Moroto
99	KAPDA	Moroto
100	Karamoja Development Forum	Moroto
101	Karamoja Women and Children in Mining and Peace Support	Moroto
102	Karamoja Women in Development	Moroto
103	Karamoja Women's initiative for development	Moroto
104	MONARLIP	Moroto
105	Restless Development	Moroto
106	Uganda Law Society-Legal Aid Project	Moroto
107	Moyo District NGO Forum	Moyo
108	Namutumba District NGO Forum	Namutumba
109	YIFAD/Namutumba	Namutumba

110	Nebbi District NGO Forum	Nebbi
111	Community Voices and Action (CVA)	Oyam
112	CARITAS	Pader
113	CHARFORD	Pader
114	Pader District NGO Forum	Pader
115	Action Aid	Pader/Kampala
116	SAF-Teso	Soroti
117	SOCADIDO	Soroti
118	Soroti Dev't Association NGO Network	Soroti
119	Teso Anti-Corruption Coalition	Soroti
120	Yumbe District NGO Forum	Yumbe
121	Life Concern	Zombo