



Sciences for Prosperity

UGANDA NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

FACT SHEET

BRIEF BACKGROUND:

The Uganda National Academy of Sciences (UNAS) is an autonomous, honorific and service organization comprising of a diverse group of scientists from the physical, biological, social and behavioral sciences. It was founded in 2000 and was granted a Presidential Charter to operate as the National Academy of Uganda in January 2009. Our vision is to improve the prosperity and welfare of the people of Uganda through science by generating, promoting, sharing and using scientific knowledge and giving evidence-based advice to government and society.

The organizational structure of UNAS consists of the General Assembly, Council, Standing Committees and the Secretariat.

The membership includes Founding members, Fellows of the Academy, Foreign Fellows and Honorary Fellows. As of March 2014, there are 56 Fellows and 60 Members.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES:

Tenth Annual Meeting of African Science Academies (AMASA 10).

This meeting is hosted annually by one African Academy through the bidding process. UNAS in conjunction with NASAC won the bid to host AMASA 10 in November 2014 here in Uganda. The theme for the meeting is; "Ensuring Country Ownership in Africa's Development Agenda Beyond 2015"

The Advisory Committee on Vaccines and Immunization (ACVI).

ACVI was constituted in June 2012 mainly to advise and guide the Ministry of Health (MoH) in particular and the country at large on the effective use of vaccines to control vaccine-preventable diseases.

Malaria Vaccines Committee (MVC).

MVC was formally launched in April 2011 with initial funding from Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH) with the task of preparing a malaria vaccine decision-making framework for Uganda.

Research Academia, Science and Professional Association Self Coordinating Entity (RASP-SCE).

RASP-SCE project started in June 2005 to contribute to the National Response to HIV and AIDS through coordinating Research, Academic, Scientific Professional work and output. UNAS offers a secretariat to RASP-SCE. RASP activities are funded by the partnership fund at Uganda AIDS Commission.

Climate Change Committee.

This is a six months project that started in January 2014 with the aim of establishing an experts committee to oversee efforts and investment in climate change mitigation and adaptation in the country

The Global Antibiotic Resistance Partnership Uganda Working Group (GARP-UG).

GARP-UG Working Group started in January 2014 with the overall mandate of assessing, packaging and presenting to policymakers the necessary evidence to inform various antibiotic policies. GARP is an initiative of the Center for Disease Dynamics and Economic Policy (CDDEP).

RECENT PUBLICATIONS:

1. Enhancing Awareness of the benefits of Biotechnology and GMO for National Development. (Policy Brief) December 2013
2. Impediments to Uganda's Current Social Development.(Conference proceedings) March 2013
3. The Advisory Committee on Vaccines and immunization: Improving Vaccine and Immunization Coverage in Uganda. (Policy Brief)January 2013
4. Policy Advisory in Uganda. Establishing the Advisory Committee on Vaccines and Immunization.(Meeting report)October 2012

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