

GUIDING POINTS TO THE REGIONAL COOPERATIVE CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS

Findings from the Cooperators Consultative Meeting in Kampala

1. **Cooperators resolved that Uganda Cooperative Alliance maintain the role of Apex institution.** Unlike CAP 112, which is definitive on the existence of a single Apex body namely Uganda Cooperative Alliance, the proposed amendment is silent in S.4(b) on specifically naming the Uganda Cooperative Alliance as the Apex body. This may mean more apexes with the risks of divisions, infighting that can weaken the cooperative movement
2. **Cooperative Autonomy.** Cooperators resolved that the status quo on the powers of Uganda Cooperative Alliance be maintained contrary to the Amendment Bill 2014 which gave a lot of power to the register of Cooperatives.
3. **The Cooperative Development Authority.** Cooperators resolved that The current law and the proposed Amendment Bill is in our view weak in this crucial area of improving coordination and regulation amongst cooperatives. To achieve this, we strongly recommend the following: (i) clarity of roles of the Uganda Cooperative Alliance, the tertiary, secondary and primary cooperatives and how they collaborate with all stakeholders and (ii) the creating of a well-resourced and better organized *Cooperative Development Authority* under the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, as the body responsible for facilitating, guiding, regulating, supervising, and monitoring the operation of the entire cooperative movement in the country.
4. **The Cooperative Provident Fund.** Cooperators resolved to establish a Cooperative provident fund that would support activities of Cooperatives development in the Country especially Capitalizing the Cooperatives in Business and the members who have retired from their various jobs
5. **The Cooperative Education Fund.** Cooperators resolved that 1% of the turn over from Cooperatives to be put aside for education however 50% of the proceeds to be retained at the Cooperative society and the other 50% banked with UCA
6. **Members of Parliament exclusion on the Board of any Cooperative.** Cooperators resolved that members of parliament not be excluded from their various leadership roles in their Cooperatives based on the Cooperative principles.
7. **The Cooperative Agenda Alinement to the SDG.** Cooperators resolved that the Cooperative Agenda be aligned to the International Sustainable Goals if the value of promoting Cooperatives is to be embraced
8. **Over-emphasis on the promotion of financial Cooperatives than other forms of Cooperatives.** Cooperators resolved that the Amendment Bill 2014 focus should be inclusive other than focusing more on SACCO's

Regional Cooperatives Consultative Meeting Talking Points

No	Topic	Talking Points
1	Cooperators resolved that Uganda Cooperative Alliance maintain the role of Apex institution	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The role of the Apex Institution (UCA) 2. How can the Cooperatives contribute to the strengthening of the Apex Institution? 3. Why unite under one Apex Institution? 4. How can UCA be united to restore its position? 5. Does the structure of the Cooperative Movement affect the growth of Cooperatives?
2	Cooperative Autonomy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the Cooperative Movement operate in full Autonomy? 2. Do we see the operations in the Ministry of Trade Industry & Cooperatives give way to the mandate of UCA perform its role as an Apex Institution?
3	The Cooperative Development Authority	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do Cooperatives see the value of having the Cooperative Development Authority?
4	The Cooperative Provident Fund.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are Cooperators ok with the provident fund? 2. Does the Cooperative Movement have the mandate to manage the Fund? 3. What is the value proposition of every Cooperative in the provident fund?
5	The Cooperative Education Fund	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can every Cooperative remit 1% of their turnover to the Education Fund?
6	Members of Parliament exclusion on the Board of any Cooperative	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why should the members of parliament be allowed to be on the boards of their Cooperative? 2. What value does the inclusion of the members of parliament on the Cooperative Boards come along with?
7	The Cooperative Agenda Alinement to the SDG	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do the Cooperatives understand the International Sustainable Development Goals? 2. Do Cooperatives uphold to score on the International Sustainable Development Goals?
8	Over-emphasis on the promotion of financial Cooperatives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do Communities/Cooperators appreciate that there are different forms of Cooperatives? 2. Why is emphasis put on SACCOs than the entire Cooperative Movement?