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**REQUEST BY A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION TO BE  
ACCREDITED TO PROVIDE ADVISORY SERVICES TO THE COMMITTEE**

**DEADLINE 30 JUNE 2011**

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Instructions for completing the request form are available at:

<http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/en/forms>

N° 5504

**1. Name of the organization**

**1.A. Official name**

Please provide the full official name of the organization, in its original language, as it appears in the supporting documentation establishing its legal personality (section 8.b below).

National Council of Traditional Healers and Herbalists Associations (NACOTHA) -Uganda.

**1.B. Name in English and/or French**

Please provide the name of the organization in English and/or French.

National Council of Traditional Healers and Herbalists Associations (NACOTHA) -Uganda.

**2. Address of the organization**

Please provide the complete postal address of the organization, as well as additional contact information such as its telephone or fax numbers, e-mail address, website, etc. This should be the postal address where the organization carries out its business, regardless of where it may be legally domiciled (see section 8).

Organization: National council of Traditional Healers and Herbalists Associations

Address: P.O Box 7527 Kampala Uganda

Telephone number: +256-414-598 497 / 0772 698 761 /0700 698 761

Fax number:

Email address: dr.jbkm@gmail.com

Other relevant information: Traditional medicine practioner and research organisation.  
Indigenous knowledge training and research organisation

### 3. Country or countries in which the organization is active

Please identify the country or countries in which the organization actively operates. If it operates entirely within one country, please indicate which country. If its activities are international, please indicate whether it operates globally or in one or more regions, and please list the primary countries in which it carries out activities.

national

international (please specify: )

worldwide

Africa

Arab States

Asia & the Pacific

Europe & North America

Latin America & the Caribbean

Please list the primary country(ies) where it is active:

Uganda.

### 4. Date of its founding or approximate duration of its existence

Please state when the organization came into existence.

15<sup>th</sup> June, 1992 (21 years of operation)

### 5. Objectives of the organization

Please describe the objectives for which the organization was established, which should be 'in conformity with the spirit of the Convention' (Criterion C). If the organization's primary objectives are other than safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, please explain how its safeguarding objectives relate to those larger objectives.

*Not to exceed 350 words; do not attach additional information*

To unite collaborate organize and promote all traditional Health Practitioners for the purpose of providing genuine traditional health remedies to the public. To design education and training programmes in areas of research prevention sanitation in treatment of our communities and establish systematic process of assessment and registration of all traditional medicine practitioners in Uganda. Lobby and establish effective working links with Government and other stake holders for purposes of strengthening and standardizing traditional medicine and practicable better results to the community. Promote understanding of the potential benefits of traditional medicine and uplift the Traditional culture where the organization is formed through performance of various traditional and cultural activities i.e. healing diseases Herbal research and traditional ceremonies but not human sacrifice. Arrange periodic evaluation of the activities of traditional Healers and herbalists to punish suspend ban condemn or report I bad/illegal practitioners and also mobilize and sensitize communities in the fight against these illegal practices such as human sacrifice witchcraft and other related crimes. Develop Traditional Medicine/practice into the national Health care delivery system and establish herbal research center and other achievements on tropical diseases and AIDS endemic through herbs and spirits. Register supervise conduct research and have control on all aspects concerning traditional healing practices in Uganda in order to cause discipline growth and development in spiritual knowledge and herbal treatment practices. Increase public awareness on methods of traditional midwifely atestic materials such as backcloth back trees backsmith and traditional human medicine/animals and plant. Organize courses seminars at every level to cover

the Nation. Protect environment and increase human nutrition for inoreduction of HIV/AIDS (deficiency) Promote property and interactual rights of the practitioners. Licencing satifying and permitting that traditional medicine practitioners by managing regulating and administering this profession., by issuing certificates, diplomas, degrees and PHDs towards somebody's qualificational capacity in complimentary health services.

## 6. The organization's activities in the field of safeguarding intangible cultural heritage

Sections 6.a to 6.c are the primary place to establish that the NGO satisfies the criterion of having 'proven competence, expertise and experience in safeguarding (as defined in Article 2.3 of the Convention) intangible cultural heritage belonging, inter alia, to one or more specific domains' (Criterion A).

### 6.a. Domain(s) in which the organization is active

Please tick one or more boxes to indicate the primary domains in which the organization is most active. If its activities involve domains other than those listed, please tick 'other domains' and indicate which domains are concerned.

- oral traditions and expressions
- performing arts
- social practices, rituals and festive events
- knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe
- traditional craftsmanship
- other domains - please specify:

### 6.b. Primary safeguarding activities in which the organization is involved

Please tick one or more boxes to indicate the organization's primary safeguarding activities. If its activities involve safeguarding measures not listed here, please tick 'other safeguarding measures' and specify which ones are concerned.

- identification, documentation, research (including inventory-making)
- preservation, protection
- promotion, enhancement
- transmission, formal or non-formal education
- revitalization
- other safeguarding measures – please specify:

### 6.c. Description of the organization's activities

Organizations requesting accreditation should briefly describe their recent activities and their relevant experience in safeguarding intangible cultural heritage. Please provide information on the personnel and membership of the organization, describe their competence and expertise in the domain of intangible cultural heritage and explain how they acquired such competence. Documentation of such activities and competences may be submitted, if necessary, under section 8.c below.

*Not to exceed 750 words; do not attach additional information*

It has developed human resource manual. It has developed medicinal plants and indigenous knowledge in contemporary African medicine. It has developed a proposal on promoting stability unity security and development through Ugandans in the 2006/ 2011 elections. It has developed concepts for preservation and protection of herbal medicine industry in Uganda. Conducted a sensitization workshop on measles and AFP/Polio control and eradication activities by traditional healers and herbalists on 24th – 25th January 2006. It has spear headed the fight against criminal acts such as thefts, rape impersonation, human sacrifice in traditional healers and herbalists. It developed a systematic way of financial management in its members and its only one of its kind that can produce an audited report and financial statement. To unite all traditional healers and herbalists plus their associations in Uganda into a legal functional sector. Lobby see Government support and stakeholders, partners to promote the development utilization of traditional healing practice. Build organizational capacity and knowledge of traditional healers and indigenous knowledge. Promote conservation and propagation of medicinal bio-diversity as well as conservation of cultural sites in Uganda. Conduct functional research on aspects concerning traditional medicine practices in Uganda. Increase public awareness of the culture values of traditional medicine and improving health through prevention and management of diseases. Integrate traditional medicine into the national health care delivery systems. Conduct functional research on all aspects concerning traditional practicing and medicine in Uganda. Registration and censuring of Traditional Healers. Sensitization programs carried out. Disease tracking and prevention measures. Capacity building to strengthen NACOTHA in terms of personnel and equipments. Research on herbal medicine, healing practices and the public utilization of these services. Integration and participation of Traditional Healers in Government programs especially those relating to Health science and technology. Public advocacy and lobbying for the development of indigenous knowledge. Assessing quality improvements in the Health of communities including those affected by HIV/AIDS through Traditional medicine services such as counseling and medication. NACOTHA has managed to cover 110 Associations / companies as registered members, under it throughout the country. It has put up a disciplinary committee for the smooth running of its activities depending on its constitution, has put up Traditional Health Practitioner Policy committee for coordination with stake holders and the legislation of the Traditional Medicine Policy after it is approved by the parliament. It managed to put up National Herbal Inspectorate / Authority for censuring safe, quality efficacious Herbal Production, it has managed to put up Ethical Committee to deal with adherence to the establishment rules of practice. It has managed to strengthen its managerial and leadership skills to substantial levels through training Traditional Healers in Indigenous Knowledge and skills have been accessed through symposia, and workshops. Traditional Health Practitioners have been encouraged to go for functional adult literacy programs, they are now able to document their findings in their research indigenously on their medicines, plus disease, prevention, and management. NACOTHA conducted and still promotes sensitization seminars in some regions of Uganda on measles, polio, malnutrition and eradication of the diseases.(it is done hand in hand with the focal persons in their respective areas, centering on surveillance. Feed back reports received by NACOTHA indicate the number of children not vaccinated were still high than those who were vaccinated and therefore a need to review strategies for prevention and control of diseases. In promotion, conservation, and sustainable utilization of bio-diversity and indigenous knowledge NACOTHA has established seven medicinal plant gardens in seven districts of Bushenyi, Kasese, Mpigi, Wakiso, Mityana, Masaka and Mukono. NACOTHA has been able to carryout a functional research on traditional health

practitioners and their initiators in their respective categories. This research took duration of one year revealed the following inefficiencies and dubious acts that were associated with some traditional health practitioners.

### **7. Its experiences cooperating with communities, groups and intangible cultural heritage practitioners**

The Committee will evaluate whether NGOs requesting accreditation 'cooperate in a spirit of mutual respect with communities, groups and, where appropriate, individuals that create, maintain and transmit intangible cultural heritage' (Criterion D). Please briefly describe such experiences here.

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The Government policy on Traditional Medicine is not yet in place and this has affected implementation of NACOTHA activities. This has delayed integration of Traditional Health Practices in the National Health Care Delivery System in spite of the fact that a big percentage of Uganda's population uses Traditional Herbal Medicinal products. The laws do not make a clear distinction between Traditional medicine and witch craft. The same laws do not protect Traditional Health Practitioners in their practices as compared to the protection given to Conventional Health Practitioners, yet both work towards improvement of Health for all. There is need for Traditional Healers to be effectively represented as a special interest group in Government administrative structures. Mainly on Health, Environment, cultural areas including the Parliament. Contributions to run its activities with no funds from Governemnt facilitation. This has rendered NACOTHA deficient of logistics such as transport, office infrastructures e.t.c.

For these years NACOTHA has been solely dependent on its membership contributions to run its activities with no funds from Government facilitation. This has rendered NACOTHA deficient of logistics such as transport, office infrastructures. The success of Traditional Medicine depends on conservation and sustainable utilization of natural resources such as Medical Biodiversity. However, NACOTHA is concerned with the way Governemnt is dealing away land by clearing down vegetation for investors. Most Medicinal plants are natural therefore consideration should always be made when Government is giving away land to investors. Ministry of Health's budget doesn't include NACOTHA'S activities while it gives funds to other sectors for the implementation of their activities. So NACOTHA's fear is that how will it manage to widen up and affect the Traditional Medicine policies while it is ignored. Man was able to understand that where there is no creation there is no nature, where there is no nature, there is no culture, where there is no culture, there is no history, where there is no history, there is no indigenous knowledge, where there is no indigenous knowledge, there is no science, and where there is no science, there is no technology. Therefore the mode of our knowledge depends on studying and exploiting nature culture and environment and therefore we cannot be called ignorant in this aspect.

## 8. Documentation of the operational capacities of the organization

The Operational Directives (paragraph 97) require that an organization requesting accreditation shall submit documentation proving that it possesses the operational capacities listed under Criterion E. Such supporting documents may take various forms, in light of the diverse legal regimes in effect in different States. Submitted documents should be translated whenever possible into English or French if the originals are in another language. Please label supporting documents clearly with the section (8.a, 8.b or 8.c) to which they refer.

### 8.a. Membership and personnel

Proof of the participation of the membership of the organization, as requested under Criterion E (i), may take diverse forms such as a list of directors, list of personnel and statistical information on the quantity and categories of members; a complete membership roster usually need not be submitted.

*Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8.a'.*

### 8.b. Recognized legal personality

If the organization has a charter, articles of incorporation, by-laws or similar establishing document, a copy should be attached. If, under the applicable domestic law, the organization has a legal personality recognized through some means other than an establishing document (for instance, through a published notice in an official gazette or journal), please provide documentation showing how that legal personality was established.

*Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8.b'.*

### 8.c. Duration of existence and activities

If it is not already indicated clearly from the documentation provided for section 8.b, please submit documentation proving that the organization has existed for at least four years at the time it requests accreditation. Please provide documentation showing that it has carried out appropriate safeguarding activities during that time, including those described above in section 6.c. Supplementary materials such as books, CDs or DVDs, or similar publications cannot be taken into consideration and should not be submitted.

*Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8.c'.*

## 9. Contact person for correspondence

Provide the complete name, address and other contact information of the person responsible for correspondence concerning this request. If an e-mail address cannot be provided, the information should include a fax number.

Title (Ms/Mr, etc.):	proffessor Abdul-Kharim Musaasizi
Family name:	Musaasizi
Given name:	Abdul-khariim
Institution/position:	NACOTHA-Uganda (Secretary General)
Address:	P.O Box 7527 kampala uganda
Telephone number:	+256-414-598 497/ 0772 698 761
Fax number:	
E-mail address:	dr.jbkm@gmail.com
Other relevant information:	

## 10. Signature

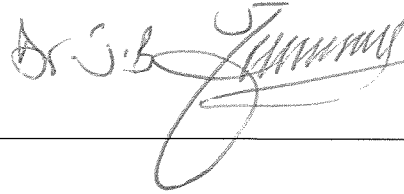
The application must include the name and signature of the person empowered to sign it on behalf of the organization requesting accreditation. Requests without a signature cannot be considered.

Name: Abdul-khariim musaasizi

Title: Secretary General

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> april.2011

Signature: Abdul-khariim Musaasizi



**DIRECTORS**

- 1. HAJJI PROF MUTUMBA
- 2. PROF MUSASIZI ABDU KARIM
- 3. DR. SSEKIREMYE SALONGO
- 4. DR. ASHER JAMES SSEKAGYA
- 5. DR. MAGUMA UZAIMA
- 6. DR. BENAHA NABATANZI

**SIGNATURES**

Abdulkadir .....  
Dr. J. B. Zimunya .....  
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Asher James .....  
Maguma Uzaima .....  
Benaha Nabatanzi .....

**PERSONEL (STAFF)**

- 1. TUMUHAIRWE JASON .....
- 2. TUMUSIIME IDD ADAMS .....
- 3. NAFUNA NORAH .....
- 4. BIRUNGI SARAH .....
- 5. KIIIZA MOSE .....
- 6. MATOVU SAID .....
- 7. NABISERE FATUMA .....
- 8. BANKUNDA JAMES .....
- 9. NATIFU MUGARURA .....
- 10. NABULEME ALICE .....
- 11. NAKANJAKO ROBINAH .....
- 12. OCHEN FRANCIS .....
- 13. MULONDO DENIS .....
- 14. ORYEMA PAUL .....
- 15. ODONGO DAVID .....





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THE NON - GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

No. 770

REGISTRATION STATUTE, 1989

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRADITIONAL HEALERS AND HERBALISTS S. 5914/854

P. O. BOX 7527, KAMPALA

has this 6th day June, 2008

been duly registered under the Non-Governmental Organisations Registration Statute, 1989.

This Certificate is subject to the following conditions / directions:-

- a) The Organisation shall carry out its activities in the fields of uniting herbalists and traditional healers, research in curative potential of herbs, and promote traditional methods of healing.
b) The organisation will operate Countrywide.
c) The staffing of the organisation must conform to its Constitution.
d) This Certificate is renewed for a period of 60 months from 11th October, 2007.

Issued in Kampala, this 6th day of June, 2008

Mrs Ketrah Katunguka

Member

Joyce R. Mpanga (Mrs)

Chairman, National Board for Non-Governmental Organisations

Mr. Komunda Samuel Sabiiti

Member



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# Certificate of Incorporation

(Under section 16(1) of the Companies Act)

I CERTIFY that ..... NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRADITIONAL HEALERS AND HERBALISTS  
..... ASSOCIATION (NACOTHA) LIMITED (BY GUARANTEE) .....

has this day been incorporated with Limited Liability.

Dated at Kampala, this ..... 18TH ..... day  
of ..... MAY ..... the year ..... 2010 .....

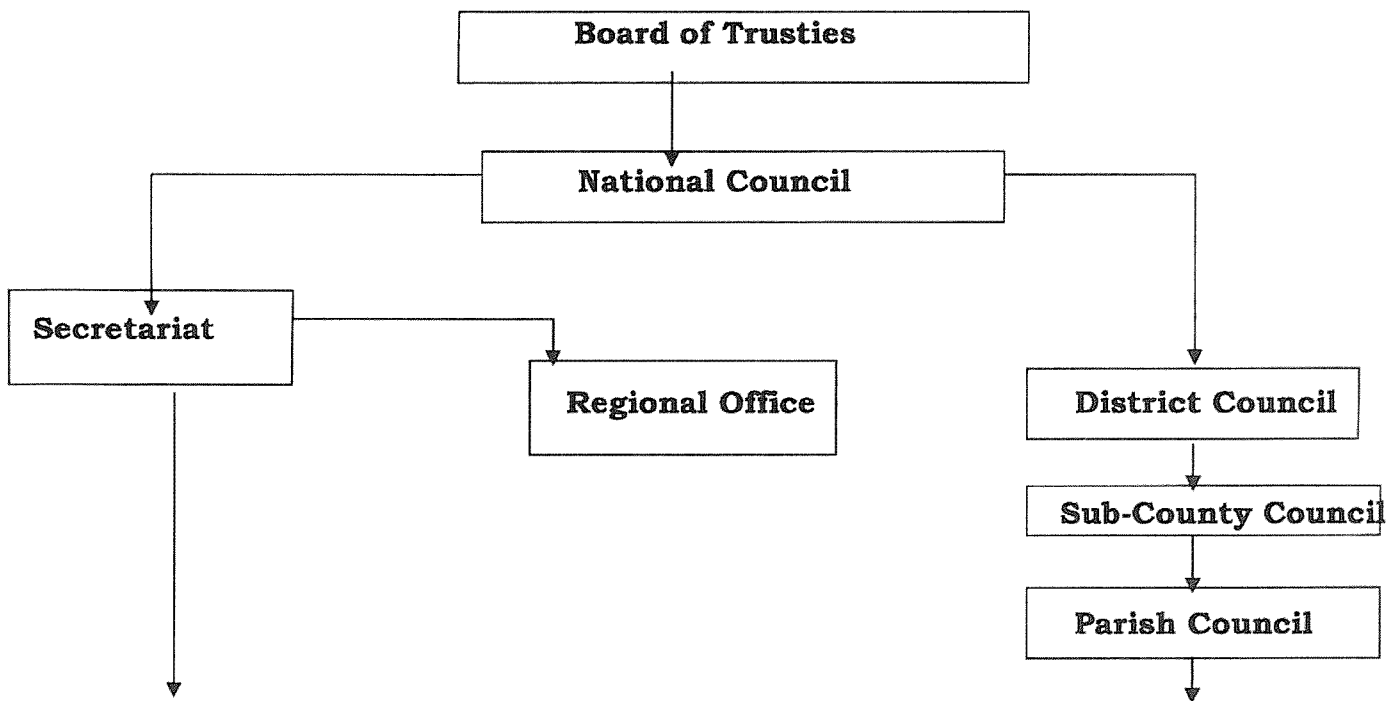
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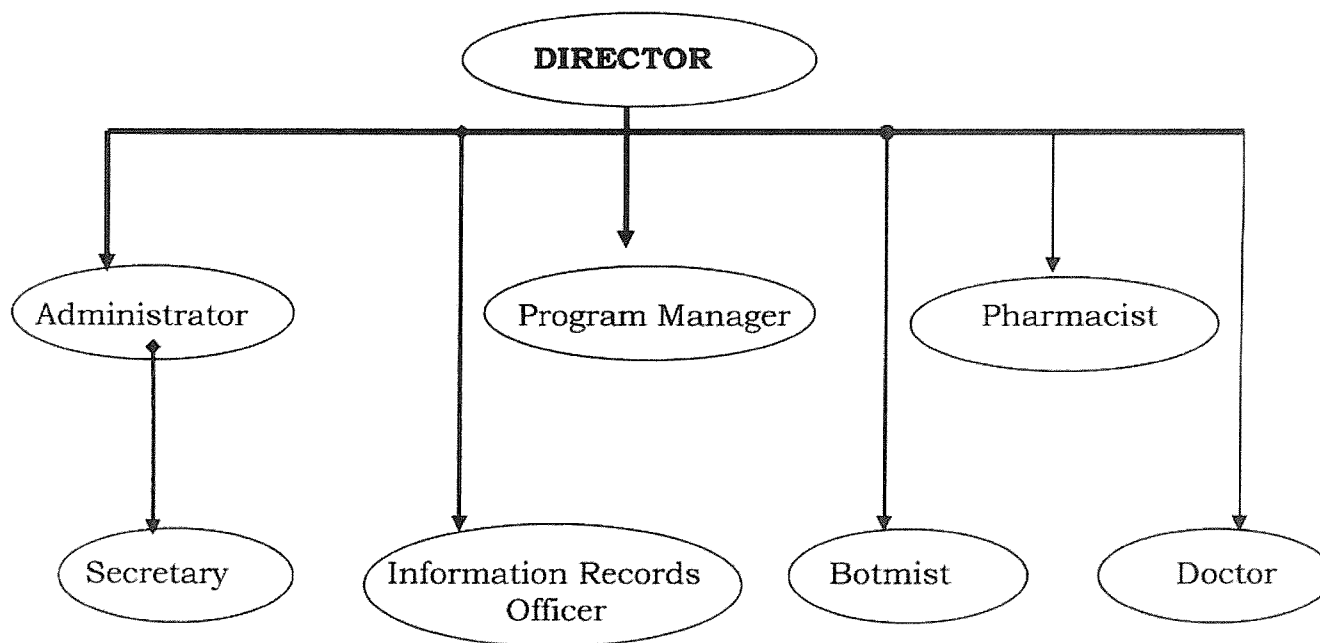
Registrar of Companies

**NACOTHA ORGANIZATION.**



The village communities at LCI Grassroots Structures:- (Beneficiaries, Homeopathy practitioners, Diviners, Spiritualists, Psychiatrists Midwives, Rainmakers, Botanists, Physiotherapists & Herbalists.

**NACOTHA Administrative Chart (Secretariat)**



*By National Council of Traditional Healers and Herbalists Associations in Uganda.  
Promoting private sector involvement in measles control in Uganda*



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CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRADITIONAL HEALERS AND

HERBALISTS S. 5914/854 P.O. BOX 7527

KAMPALA.

has this 12th day of June 1998

been duly registered under the Non-Governmental Organisations registration Statute, 1989.

This Certificate is subject to the following conditions/directions:-

- a. The organisation shall carry out its activities in the fields of uniting herbalists and traditional healers, research in curative potential of herbs, and promote traditional methods of healing.
- b. The organisation will operate country wide.
- c. The staffing of the organisation must conform to its constitution.
- d. This certificate is renewed for a period of sixty (60) months from 11/10/97

Issued in Kampala, this 12th day of June 1998

Mr. Bireke Naggwa

Member

Joyce R. Mpanga  
Joyce R. Mpanga (Hon. Mrs)

Chairman, National Board for  
Non - Government Organisations.

Mrs. K. Katunguka

Member

Mr. F.B. Vanemeire

Member



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CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRADITIONAL HEALERS AND  
HERBALISTS - S. 5914/854  
P. O. BOX 7527 KAMPALA

has this 12th day December, 20 02

been duly registered under the Non-Governmental Organisations Registration Statute, 1989.

This Certificate is subject to the following conditions/directions:-

- a) The Organisation shall carry out its activities in the fields of uniting herbalists and traditional healers, research in curative potential of herbs, and promote traditional methods of healing.
- b) The organisation will operate Countrywide.
- c) The staffing of the organisation must conform to its Constitution.
- d) This Certificate is renewed for a period of 60 months from 11th October, 2002.

Issued in Kampala, this 12th day of December, 20 02

*[Signature]*  
Mrs. Ketrach Katunguka  
Member

*[Signature]*  
Joyce R. Mpanga (Mrs)  
Chairman, National Board for  
Non-Governmental Organisations

*[Signature]*  
Mr. J.H.A. Nyakuni  
Member





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REGISTRATION STATUTE, 1989

NO. 770

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that..... NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRADITIONAL HEALERS AND  
..... HERBALISTS (S.5914/854)  
..... BOX 7527 KAMPALA

has this..... 8th..... day of..... September....., 1995

been duly registered under the Non-Governmental Organisations Registration Statute, 1989.

This Certificate is subject to the following conditions/directions—

- ..... a)..... The Organisation shall carry out its activities in the fields of  
..... Uniting Herbalists and traditional healers, Research in curative  
..... potential of herbs and Promote traditional methods of healing.
- ..... b)..... The Organisation will operate Country wide.
- ..... c)..... The staffing of the Organisation must conform to its Constitution.
- ..... d)..... This Certificate is renewed for a period of thirty six (36)  
..... months from 11th October, 1994.

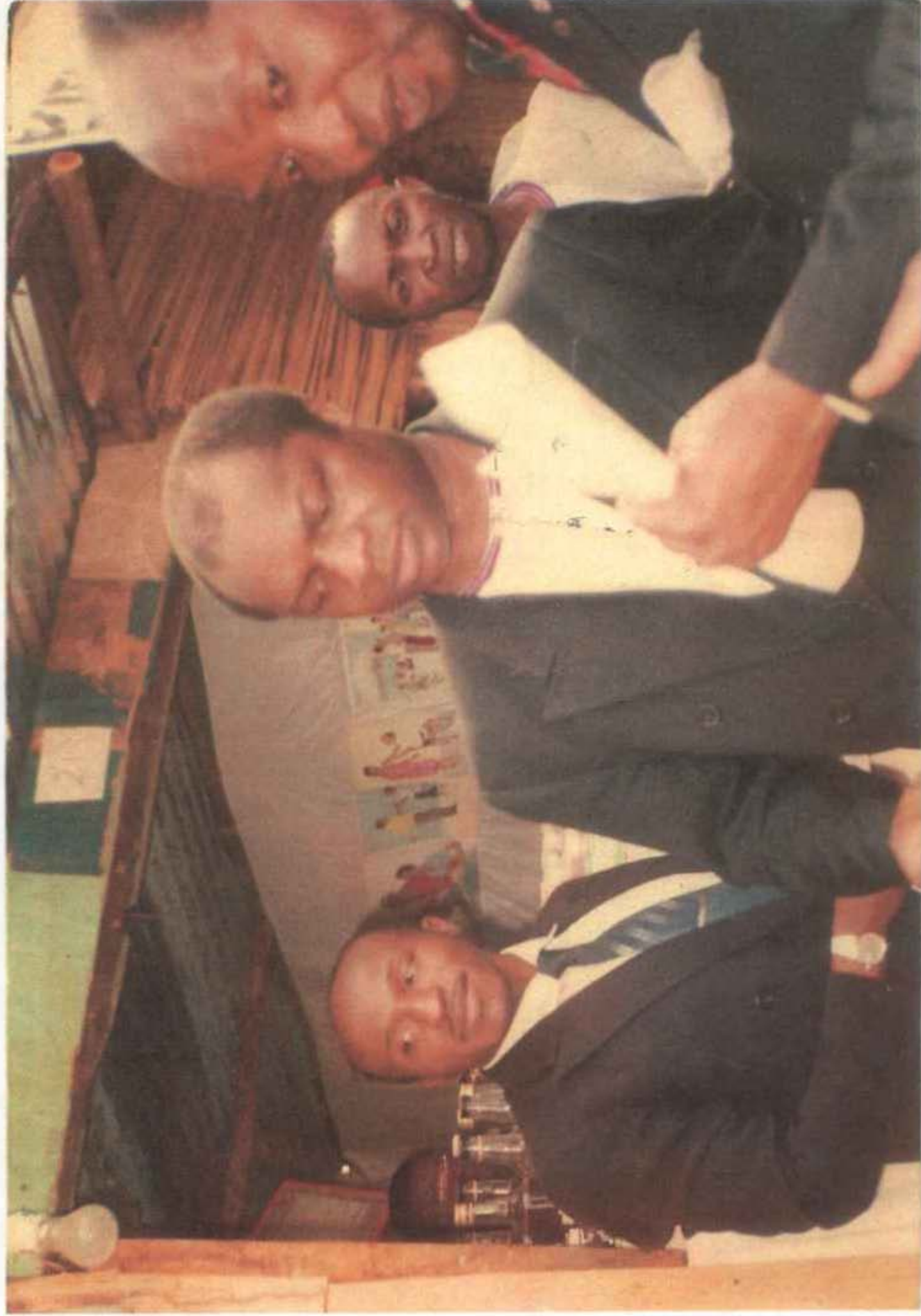
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Mrs. R. Ocage  
MEMBER

..... Joyce R. Mpanga (née Mrs. J.)  
Chairman, National Board for Non-  
Governmental Organisations.

..... Mr. S. Kwangusya.....  
Member

..... Mr. Francis B. Nshemeire  
Member



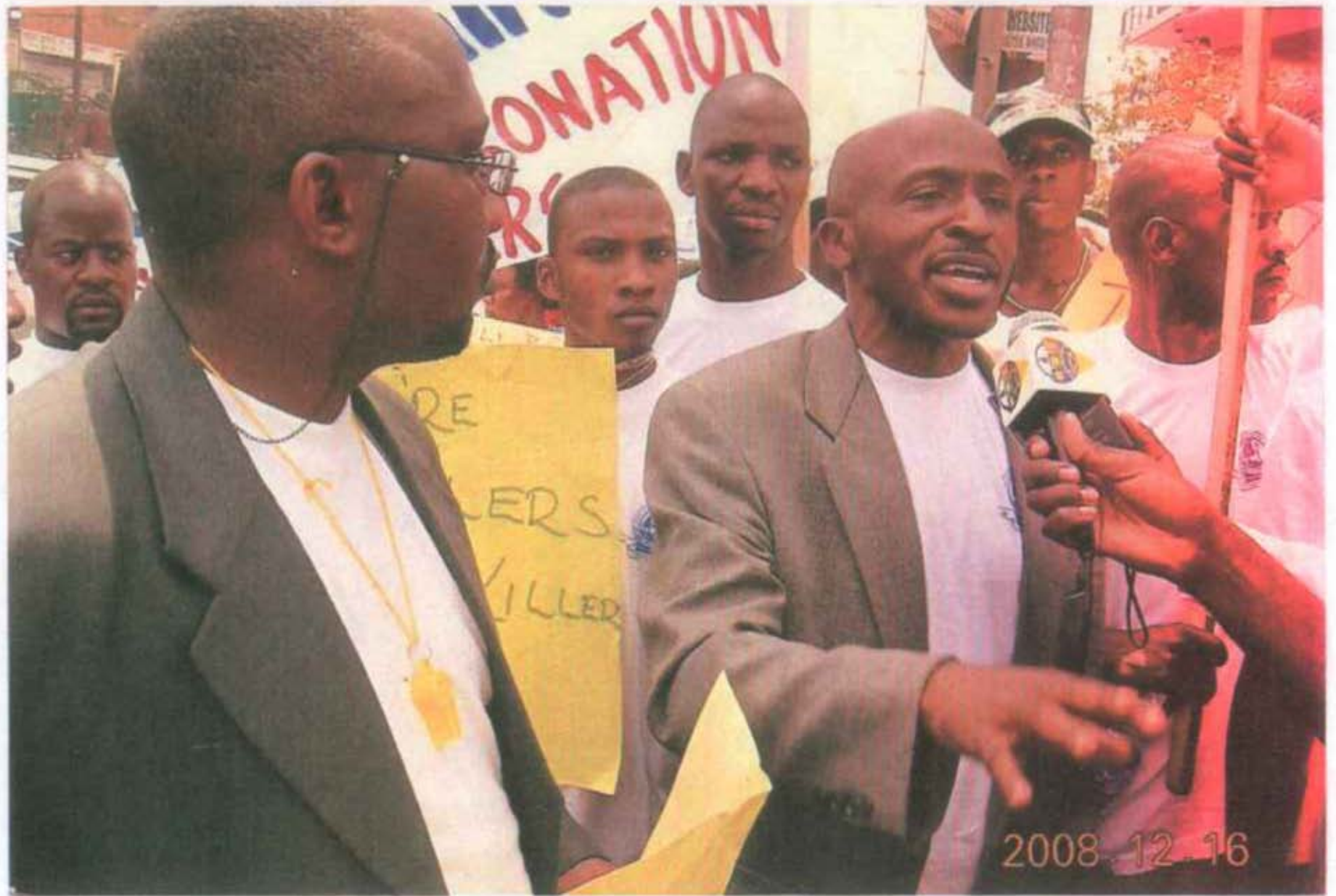
Special visit to Nacotha while still in Jubilee Park in the year 1993





Special visit of Hon Min of culture Nyanzi  
in a year 2000





Child sacrifice demonstration by Nacotha in Kampala Saddam Lukwago the head of ethical Committee and Prof. Musaasizi Gen. Sec.





Demonstration: Nacotha fight for recognition under National policy



Nacotha Executive members meeting with Hon. Speaker at the time Nacotha submitting the traditional medicine policy to the Parliament of Uganda, led by Prof. Musaasizi Karim





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## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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SPA/REC/01

12<sup>th</sup> December 2003

To All Resident District Commissioners

RE: TRADITIONAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS HEALERS, HERBALISTS AND BIRTH ATTENDANTS

The registering, censuring, sensitisation of the above resumed.

We assigned the National Council of Traditional Healers and Herbalists Association (NACOTHA) a registered non-government organisation as per communication SPA/REC/01 of 24<sup>th</sup> September 2003.

Any other registered Association of Traditional Health Practitioners can only undertake the exercise on the recommendation of NACOTHA and be approved by my office. This is in accordance to streamline and co-ordinate this sector to have data and follow-up their activities.

I therefore call upon your offices to assist in this exercise of mobilisation.

Thank you

Zimula Mugwanya  
SENIOR PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR  
ON CULTURE AND POLITICS

- cc Minister of Presidency
- cc Minister of Internal Affairs
- cc Minister of Health in-charge of General Duties



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## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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23<sup>rd</sup> April 2004.

To All Resident District Commissioners

**RE: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRADITIONAL HEALERS AND  
HERBALISTS ASSOCIATION IN UGANDA (NACOTHA)**

The above organisation is the apex body under which all traditional healers and herbalists Operate in Uganda.

The organisation is registered, recognized and mandated to regulate , organize ,sensitize censure, categorize and register all traditional healers and herbalists. Their NGO registration certificate number is 770 valid till October 2007.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> April , I addressed a circular to all RDCs, introducing an NGO of traditional healers by the name of Uganda National integrated Forum the Umbrella organisation of all traditional health practioners" a tag., which I would like to withdraw henceforth , as it Rose out of misinformation. The umbrella or apex body of traditional healers is NACOTHA, which is recognized by the government.

The purpose of this letter is therefore , to clarify the correct position of NACOTHA, And to request you render them the assistance and recognition required.

MAYANJA MOHAMMED SADIK  
SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT  
RDC DESK

Cc: Ministry of Health

Cc : Senior Presidential Advisor on Culture and Politics.

C.c : Chair person Integrated Forum for Traditional Health Practioners.

C.c : NACOTHA



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**SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT - UNDER PRIVILEGED YOUTH  
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE**

P. O. Box 7168  
Kampala - Uganda  
mob. 075 - 657836

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2002.

**THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRADITIONAL HEALERS  
AND HERBALISTS ASSOCIATION (NACOTHA)  
P.O. BOX 7525  
KAMPALA**

**RE: THE STATUS OF TRADITIONAL HEALERS IN UGANDA**

Our office in the run up to now has been studying the situation of Traditional Health Practitioners in Uganda. The study was inspired by H.E the Presidents' Initiative to improve on the status of traditional medicine in Uganda. It is on record that when the traditional healers formed an umbrella organization in 1992, the memorandum was sent to H.E the President and resultantly he accepted to be the patron of the associations.

Unfortunately in the subsequent and recent years, rogue elements have continued to rock this sector and have almost turned it into menace for the society.

It is an open secret that many atrocities have been and continue to be performed on innocent Ugandans in these years. The very reason as to why we are taking interventive measures into the sector.

The atrocities include:

- i) **Murdering children** purportedly in the name of sacrifices (infanticide)
- ii) **Murdering adults**
- iii) **Raping and defilement** of both children and young girls and adults.
- iv) **Swindlers, gamblers and idlers** are very much in this sector
- v) **Robbery and bribery** are rampant (many have been found with guns, fake money, stolen property) etc.

This undesirable situation has been caused absence of a proper monitoring structure for the traditional health practitioners.

There is also a massive influx of foreign traditional practitioners who on arrival in Uganda are not censured, but bribe their way into the sector.



Different traditional healers associations have continued to masquerade in the name of National organisations and thereby wrongfully registering anyone who pays money to them.

The situation continues to go out of hand as many Traditional Health Practitioners resist from giving their clear identity and their practices.

For the six months we have been studying the status of Traditional Health Practitioners countrywide, we were awed by the gruesome reality of a would be very productive sector of our country whose efforts to improve the status of our indigenous knowledge has been shattered by a few unscrupulous and rogue elements who fail to realize that blotting the stature of traditional health practitioners, leaves our country with an unbuttressed health sector.

From our study and in the interest of the National Security for the citizens of Uganda we hereby direct you to put into place the following recommendations:-

- i) That the National Council of Traditional Healers and Herbalists Associations assume full responsibility of registering all the traditional health practitioners and their associations in Uganda.
- ii) That the National Council of Traditional Healers and Herbalists Associations in conjunction with the National Task Force forum assumes responsibility of censuring all traditional health practitioners in Uganda before registering them and monitor all their activities.
- iii) That the National Council of Traditional Healers and Herbalists Associations works as an umbrella organization for all traditional healers associations in which government programmes to the traditional healers are to be channeled.
- iv) To uplift the status of traditional healers in Uganda, the associations after a thorough censure and registration be integrated in government programmes i.e. The National agricultural research organisation, The Uganda National Council of Science and Technology, The Ministry of Health and all other stakeholders in the Health Sector.
- v) The Council should work in collaboration with all the relevant authorities i.e. the police, the local council leaders and opinion leaders.
- vi) To revert the current level of atrocities performed on innocent Ugandans, the council should convene regular workshops to sensitize the Traditional Health Practitioners about negative health traditional practices at all levels i.e. from National to village level. This will help the health practitioners practice traditional medicine with a clear insight for the development and prosperity of this sector.

I wish you a focused formulation of a national policy and a framework approach for traditional health practitioners in Uganda geared towards improving their stature and re-building their now lost confidence in the society.

Signed,



Resty Nakayenga Kiguli (Mrs.)

**SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT**

- c.c. Principle Private Secretary to HE the President
- c.c. Minister for Health
- c.c. Uganda National Council for Science and Technology
- c.c. Uganda National Agricultural Organisation (NARO)
- c.c. The Inspector General of Police
- c.c. Director General Internal Security Organisation
- c.c. Resident District Commissioners
- c.c. District Police Commanders
- c.c. Local Council V Chairpersons
- c.c. District Internal Security Officers





# NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRADITIONAL HEALERS AND HERBALISTS ASSOCIATIONS

FIGHT DISEASE TO SAVE LIFE

P.O.BOX 7527  
KAMPALA  
Tel: 0772-698761  
Email: Dr.jbkm @ gmail.com

Ref: 0485/NACO/2008

Date: .....

## RE: QUESTIONNEER ON APPLICATION FOR TRADITIONAL HEALERS IN UGANDA.

(1).....of identity card No. ....  
From.....during the year.....  
Dated.....expiring date.....village.....  
Zone.....parish.....  
Division.....District.....

Type of speciality.....Experience.....

Name of Practitioner who initiated you?.....

In which year?.....where.....Age group.....

(2) Are you an immigrant?.....From which country.....

What is your passport No.....since when.....

What is your work permit?.....

Your names in full.....

Date of birth.....

Any cultural supporting documents?.....

Name of your next of kin?.....Contact.....

Physical Address.....

Your signature.....Date.....

L.C.I. CHAIRMAN :-

Signature.....Date.....

The Director/ Registrar.....Date.....

# NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRADITIONAL HEALERS AND HERBALISTS ASSOCIATIONS IN UGANDA



No.: 47620



(NACOTHA)

P. O. Box 7527 Kampala - Uganda

This is to certify that

AT. DR. UMAR BEKUUNDA

is a TRADITIONAL HEALER In position of HERB category

Name PROFESSOR MUSASIZI KARIM

Name DR. NABBAMBA KACWANO

Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

SECRETARY GENERAL

NACOTHA CHAIRMAN

Date of issue: 17th MARCH 2004





# NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRADITIONAL HEALERS HEALERS AND HERBALISTS ASSOCIATIONS



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

P.O.Box 7527  
Kampala - Uganda



NACOTHA

No. ....

## Regulatory Certificate

**This is to certify that**

Is a .....

In position of ..... Category

Signed By: .....

Signed By: .....

**Dr. Abdallah Mutumba**

President (NACOTHA)

**T. Prof. TMC Musasizi Karim**

Secretary General (NACOTHA)





# NACOTHA PUBLIC PRIVATE HEALTH PARTNERS OGAN' PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION DIPLOMA AWARD



MR/MS. NYONGOZI DEUSDEODIT R. HAS BEEN AWARDED A DIPLOMA

OF ..... **SPLTHP** ..... CATEGORY ON THE GRADUATION CEREMONY

HELD ON 25TH MAY 2008 AT LATE SEKABAKA KALEMA PALACE IN BWEYOGERERE

WAKISO DISTRICT

.....  
PROF/DR. KARIM MUSASIZI  
SEC. GENERAL NACOTHA

.....  
DIRECTOR OF CULTURE NACOTHA  
PRO/PRINCE SULAIMAN KATEREGA KITYO

.....  
DIRECTOR OF STUDIES





# NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRADITIONAL HEALERS AND HERBALISTS ASSOCIATIONS

Fight Diseases To Save Life

Ref:0485/naco/2008

P.O.BOX 7525  
KAMPALA  
Tel: 0772-698761  
Email: dr.jbkm @  
gmail.com

## APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Date:

- i. a) Read through this form before filling it.
- ii. b) Read the **NACOTHA** constitution, and rules and regulations (bye-laws) too.
- iii. This form is to be filled by the secretary and the chairman of the association of the traditional healers or herbalists association to do so of the affiliated group.
- iv. It should be channeled through the district Chairman NACOTHA who should be well acquired with the work and location of the headquarter of the association.
- v. Part B should be filled duly by the relevant authority.
- vi. Attach Photostat copies of all the relevant documents, e.g constitution certificates of registration etc.

(Fill in capital letters clearly)

### PART A: PARTICULARS

Name of association.....  
Name of Lc1 where the headquarters are found.....  
Parish.....  
District.....  
Postal address (if any).....  
International organization,  East Africa  or National   
Is it an NGO?  Association?  CBO?  Company?   
Any supporting document from any?  
Attach them on the forms.



Distance from the district headquarters (in kilometers).....  
On what road.....  
Give a brief description if it's not found on the main road.....  
Is it duly registered at the district culture offices Yes or No  
When did it first register at the district culture's office (year)

.....  
Name the Association current chairman.....

We declare that the information given above is true and correct

Signature

Chairman

Secretary

Date

**PART B:**

Parish chief or Lc1 Chairman

I declare that the mentioned association has its headquarters in this Lc1

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE AND STAMP

District Chairman NACOTHA

I certify that this Association is fully registered with this office

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE AND STAMP

(Send these forms after filling them to the secretary general NACOTHA as quickly as possible.)

**FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.**

Has this form duly filled by the relevant persons clearly

TELEPHONE:  
SECRETARIAT: 041-4 347854  
041-4 347855  
PERMANENT SECRETARY: 041-4 343572  
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EMAIL: ps@mglfd.go.ug  
WEBSITE: <http://www.mglfd.go.ug>



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

Ministry of Gender, Labour  
and Social Development  
P.O. Box 7136,  
Kampala,  
Uganda.

In any correspondence on  
this subject please quote No. **GCC/204/205/01**

9<sup>th</sup> December 2008

The Secretary - General  
National Council of Traditional  
Healing and Herbalists Association

### MEETING OF CLAN LEADERS AND CHAIRPERSONS OF TRADITIONAL MEDICINE PRACTITIONERS FROM BUGANDA

This is to invite you to a meeting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2008 at 2:30 pm in the Ministry's boardroom to share experience from leaders of practitioners of traditional medicine/alternative medicine in Uganda.

The meeting will also discuss the pending re-registration of traditional healers of traditional/alternative medicine in Uganda as well as the standards and guidelines to be adhere to, by the healers in Uganda.

Your attendance of this important meeting will be most highly appreciated.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Rukia Nakadama Isanga'.

Rukia Nakadama Isanga (MP)  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR GENDER AND CULTURE



MINISTRY OF HEALTH  
NATURAL CHEMOTHERAPEUTICS  
RESEARCH LABORATORY  
P. O. BOX 4864  
KAMPALA, UGANDA.

ADM/207/01

IN ANY CORRESPONDENCE ON  
THIS SUBJECT PLEASE QUOTE NO.

20<sup>th</sup> October, 2008

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**INVITATION TO MARK THE 6<sup>TH</sup> AFRICAN TRADITIONAL MEDICINE DAY  
2008**

Uganda will mark the 6<sup>th</sup> African Traditional Medicine Day on Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2008. The Theme for this year's celebration is *"The Role of Traditional Health Practitioners (THPs) in Primary Health Care"*.

The activities will include among others a symposium and exhibition.

This is, therefore, to invite you to come and participate in the celebration on that day beginning at 08.00 am. The Guest of Honour will be Hon. Dr. Steven O. Mallinga (MP), Minister of Health.

Attached herewith, is the programme for the day.

*Handwritten signature*  
Dr. Grace Nambatya Kyagyume  
for: PERMANENT SECRETARY

*Encls.*



**PROGRAMME FOR MARKING THE 6<sup>TH</sup> AFRICAN  
TRADITIONAL MEDICINE DAY (31/10/08)**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
08.00 – 08.30 am	Arrival
08.30 – 09.00	Official Opening of the Symposium
09.00 – 01.00pm	Symposium Presentation on Topics related to the Theme “The Role of Traditional Health Practitioners in Primary Health Care”
01.00 – 02.30pm	Lunch Break and Entertainment
02.30 – 03.00pm	Arrival of Guest of Honour
03.00 – 03.15pm	National Anthem Ekitiibwa Kya Buganda
03.15 – 04.30pm	Remarks by various Guests
04.30 – 05.00pm	Speech by Guest of Honour
05:00 p.m	DEPARTURE

Telegrams: 'MEDMIN'.  
Telephones: General Office 20201.  
Accounts Office 20201.



Office of the Minister of Health,  
P.O. Box 8,  
Entebbe,  
Uganda.

In any correspondence on  
this subject please quote No. MH/HR/127

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

20th May 1998

Mr. J. B. Musaasizi  
Secretary General Nacotha  
National Council of Traditional Healers and  
Herbalists Association

Dear Mr. Musaasizi

I thank you for your letter of 8/5/98.


We have been doing some ground work to see how to develop a framework under which the Ministry of Health will develop a policy to guide the work of the traditional health care system.

This is a matter that requires a lot of preparation and comparing notes with all concerned and other countries.

I want to reassure you, therefore, that government has not forgotten the traditional health care practices and as soon as we have completed our research we shall get in touch with you for the purpose of sharing our thinking with you.

Once again I wish to thank you for your letter and considerations.

Thank you



Dr. C. M. C. B. Kiyonga  
MINISTER OF HEALTH

c.c. The Principal Private Secretary to  
His Excellency the President of  
Republic of Uganda



UGANDA NATIONAL CULTURAL CENTRE  
**NATIONAL THEATRE**



Our Ref: NTU/ADM/05/2011

Your Ref: .....

Date: 31 March 2011

**PROF. KRIM MUSASIZI**  
SECRETARY GENERAL  
NACOTHA

Dear Sir,

**RE: INVITATION TO A CULTURAL GALA**

Uganda National Cultural Centre (UNCC) has organized yet another Cultural Gala. In the past UNCC has been a fore runner in the promotion of culture and the food exhibition 2010 in which we had a varied number of participants locally and internationally catapulted the need for an even better presentation this year.


Culture is an integral part of every society. It is a learned pattern of behavior and ways in which a person lives his or her life. Culture is essential for the existence of a society, because it binds people together. In the explicit sense of the term, culture constitutes the music, food, art and literature of a society.

The participants, food exhibitors, and the public will be offered the opportunity to interface and influence their target consumers in a unique and memorable manner. The interaction gap between the target consumers and the service provider is made more accessible through events that will strongly impact on both parties for years to come.

The purpose of this communication therefore is to invite you to attend and participate in the Cultural Gala Expo by selecting one of the stipulated options in the attached proposal. The Gala is scheduled for 3 days from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011 starting at 12:00 p.m. each day.

We look forward to your attendance.

Yours faithfully,

  
**Walugembe Joseph**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

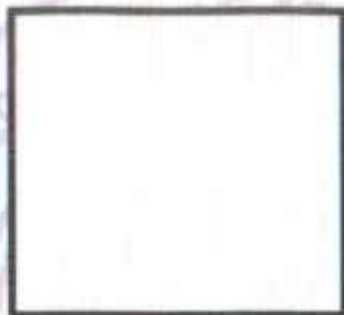
Website: [www.ugandanationalculturalcentre.org](http://www.ugandanationalculturalcentre.org)

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# NACOTHA PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION DEGREE AWARD



MR/MS.....HAS BEEN AWARDED A DEGREE

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.....  
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.....  
DIRECTOR OF CULTURE NACOTHA  
PRO/PRINCE SULAIMAN KATEREGA KITYO

.....  
GUEST OF HONOUR



NACOTHA J.B.K.M TECHNICAL INSTITUTE  
OF INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE

P.O BOX 7527, KAMPALA

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APPLICATION FORM FOR STUDENTS



- 1.0 Name of applicant... AISHA NAKIYEMBA  
Other names... MUTAOONGA
- 2.0 Address... NAMASUBA Nationality... UGANDAN
- 3.0 Age... 27 Status... MARRIED
- 4.0 Contact Telephone... 073-130057
- 5.0 Next of kin's Name and Contact Address... MUTAOONGA  
ABDULLAH TIFU 0712-612222
- 6.0 Applicant's Residence (Zone) NAMASUBA CENTRAL ZONE  
L.C II..... L.C III.....  
District... WAKISO
- 7.0 Occupation... HOUSEWIFE Area of Occupation... NAMASUBA  
Level of Education... S.2  
Past experience in performing any activities within I.K Sector (State place Of field).
- 8.0 Area of Interest (Tick).
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| Choral music                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Folk music                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Western music        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Dances                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Composing                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poetry               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Directing Instrument plating |                                     |                               |                          | Play writing         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Costume Design and keeping   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                               |                          | Blacksmith           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Carpentry                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Traditional Birth Attendant   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Dream interpretation |                          |
| Religious faith healing      | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Traditional Medicine          | <input type="checkbox"/> | Crafts               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Herbals                      | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Catering for traditional food | <input type="checkbox"/> | Port making          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bridal Dressing              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Bark/skin cloth making        | <input type="checkbox"/> |                      |                          |

AGREEMENT:

I... AISHA NAKIYEMBA.....agree to abide by the rules and Regulations in the constitution governing the institute and by effectively serve the Same. *The registration fees is Shillings 120,000 or 65*

Signed and approved by.....

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The above applicant has/has not been accepted for membership in the school.

Date..... Signed By.....  
Secretary

Director



## **TRADITIONAL HUMAN MEDICINE COURSE STAGE I**

**DURATION OF COURSE:** (One year in two parts)

**PART ONE: (4 Months)**

Ug. Sh. 1,200,000/= or 500\$

**PART TWO: (4 Months)**

Ug. Shs. 1,500,000/= or 600\$

<b>SUBJECTS:</b>	<b>STAGE</b>		
First Aid	I	Hygiene	II
Hygiene	I	Dispensing	II
Dispensing	I	Counseling	II
Counseling	I	Clinical practice	II
Botany	I	Botany	I
Clinical practice	I	Herb logy	I
		Culture and National myths	I

**TRADITIONAL MEDICAL COURSE STAGE II-Ug.shs. 3,000,000/= or 1200\$**

**DURATION OF COURSE:** (One year in two semesters)

Hygiene and Sterilization	III
Dispensing	III
Clinical practice	II
Counseling	II
Botany	II
Herb logy	II
Pharmacogany	II
Psychotherapy	I and II
Physiotherapy	I and II
Homeopathy	I and II
Culture and National Myths/religious faith healing	I and II
Dreams Interpretation	I and II

### **CERTIFICATION AND AWARDS:**

Traditional Human Medicine Certificate Stage I and II

### **OPTIONAL COURSES:**

Blacksmith  
Wood-Carving  
Bark/skin Cloth Making  
Traditional Drumming and Dancing  
Traditional Birth Attendant  
Dream Interpretation  
Religious Faith Healing.



# LOCAL VILLAGE COUNCIL

## NAMASUBA CENTRAL ZONE

(MASAJJA PARISH, MAKINDYE, SSABAGABO SUB-COUNTY)

P.O. BOX 3880

WAKISO DISTRICT

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Ahmada Kabanda  
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General Secretary  
Lubega Shafick  
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Kafeero Musa  
Tel: 0753 118 824

Sec. for Women Affairs  
Lunkuse Betty  
Tel: 0782 020 700

Sec. for Defence  
Mayende George  
Tel: 075 998 231

Sec. for Information  
Kasamba Ronald  
Tel: 075 257 825

Sec. for Youth  
Wasswa Francis  
Tel: 071 806 419

Our Ref: N/01/814/08

Date: 16-01-2008

Your Ref: .....

To

THE REGISTRAR  
NACD/HIA

DEAR

SIR/MADAM

REV. NAKI TEMBA AISHA.

This is to introduce to you the bearer  
of this pass mentioned above as a  
well known resident within this  
zone. She is applying for a vacancy  
in your Institution, of which we  
have no objection.

Amist ne, where necessary.

-/pwr

LUBEGA, AISHA



for Elm.



Traditional Medical Professors in the Traditional Medicine Sector.





The first Traditional Healer Graduation at  
Wandegeya Chemotherapeutics Research  
Laboratory





Police Band on the occasion of Nacotha Graduation ceremony.













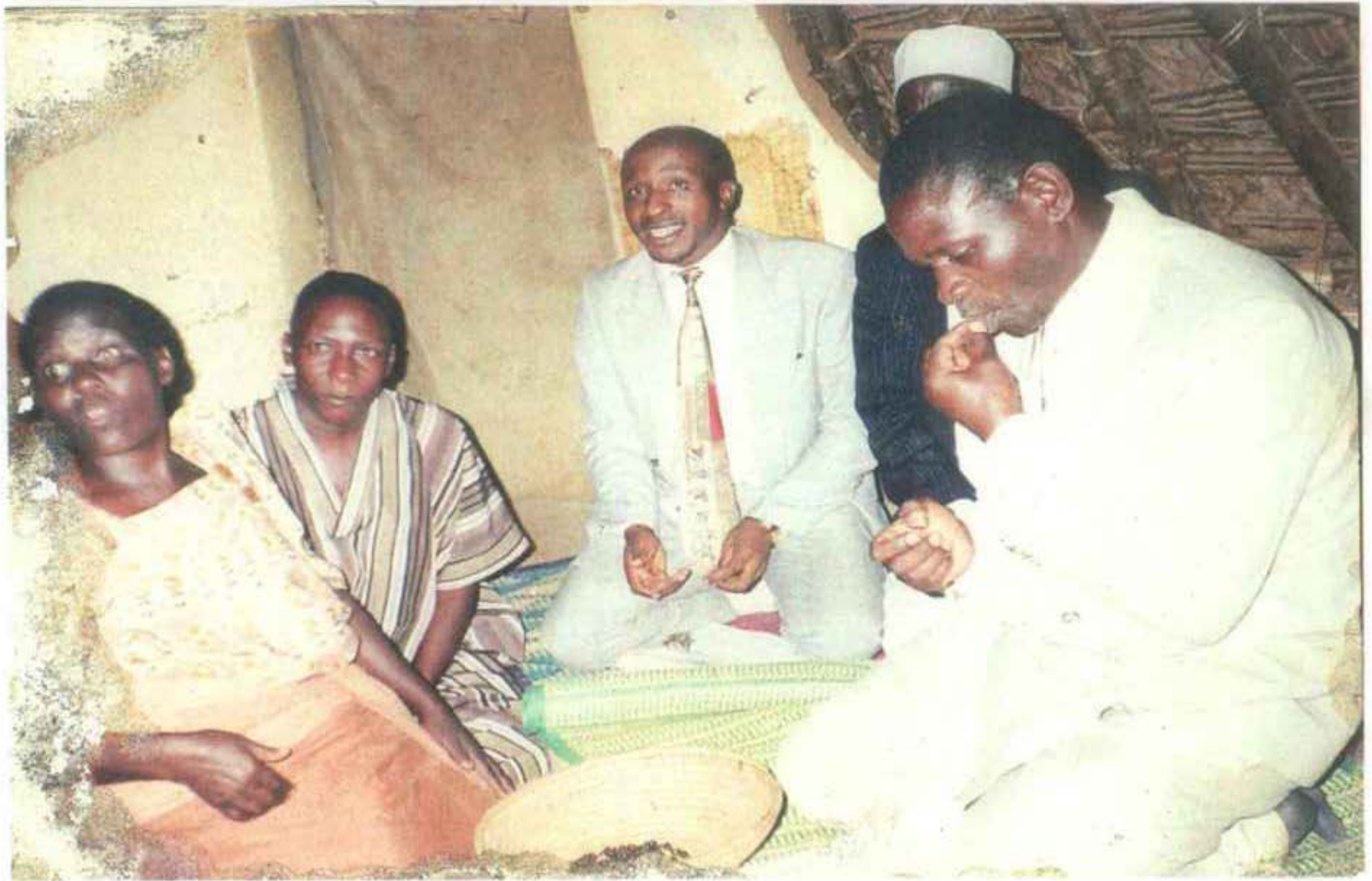


Hon. Mike Mukula at the ceremony of Nacotha marking Traditional Medicine Day in Africa.





Namboole 2011



The former Minister of State visited Nacotha at National cultural Research center in Katwe, with Prof. Musaasizi Karim in a shrine at Katwe Jubilee Park.





Nacotha Workshop at Iganga for traditional healers from different locations





# Namboole 2011







The group photo after the seminar of Nacotha about the Immunization Program.





The workshop for mass Immunization by Nacotha held in Kampala central 2005





Chinese professors



International Conference on Public Partnership in Ministry of Health.





Nacotha officials leaving Parliament after delivering their petition

## **THE CONCEPT OF INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE (IK)**

### **Definition**

Characteristics of IK

Fields of IK

Importance of IK

Challenges of IK

### **Definition**

What is indigenous knowledge?

There is no single definition to the term indigenous knowledge. However, IK may be defined as a coherent system of knowledge acquired through life inherited or community culture experiences. It is headed on from generation to generation by oral tradition.

Other local Definitions include:

Amagezi g'obuzaale: in Luganda (The knowledge you were born with)

IK is synonymous with local knowledge, community knowledge, traditional indigenous knowledge, traditional technical knowhow and local indigenous/ Traditional practices.

### **Characteristics of IK**

There are characteristics that distinguish IK, namely:

Intuitive and inherited

Transmitted orally from generation to generation by word of mouth

Embedded in practices, institutions and relations

Unique and specific to every community

Class, gender and cultural specification (e.g. cattle keepers, fisher men, kings, servants)

cut across discipline and areas of life, i.e. social, cultural, political, and economical, e.t.c.

### **Fields of IK**

This unique knowledge that covers a wide range of areas including;

Natural resource management

Agriculture

Education

Health (human and animal health)

Food preparation

Institution

Communication

Conflict resolution and others

### **Importance of IK**

IK preserves the identity of the indigenous people for example circumcision among the Bagisu, totems among the Baganda, naming and dressing by different tribes.

Its part and parcel of peoples' lively hood,

They depend on it for survival and preservation of their cultures.

Improves peoples' lives ethics

Is used as a tool to fight poverty

Solves local peoples' problems

Conserves the environment

### **Challenges of IK**

Lack of documentation and oral transmission for future reference poses a serious threat to IK

Acquisition of new lifestyles

Change in the physical environment leading to extinction of plant and animal species

### **How to overcome challenges and threats to IK**

Some of the possible ways of overcoming threats and challenges;

Building local capacity in methods of identification, recording/documentation, storage, dissemination and application of IK

Advocating for it in all key institutions (Government and private sector)

Raising awareness about the value of IK development

Incorporate IK in all development programmes

### **THE NACOTHA'S NATIONAL RECOGNITION OF DEGREE AWARD.**

In accordance with NACOTHA'S Constitution objective no. (ii) it is provided and designed that educational training programs in areas of research, prevention and treatment etc , to all traditional practitioners would be established and it is on this regard that today the operationalization of this objective is realized.

In addition the same objective provides for establishing a systematic assessment and registration of all traditional medicine practitioners in Uganda.

According to objective no (x) NACOTHA is mandated to organize, administer, conduct courses and set standards to all traditional pharmacists , doctors and traditional birth attendants. And it is for this reason that NACOTHA is doing whatever it can, to make this objective realized.

Objective no(xvi) (NACOTHA has obligation to train , appraise upper -grade , offer awards basing on professional qualifications and complexity in traditional herbal medicine and treatment.

Basing on above objectives therefore NACOTHA came up with the criteria of survey , sturdy , research and analysis to implement the above as indicated below:



## CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF THPS GRANDAUNTS INTRODUCTION.

Back ground: the word education means a system which is put by a talented human being and others then follow its implementation. In traditional medicine , traditional healers are born with their talents., in that way traditional healing originated through their nature and environment. Meanwhile NACOTHA found that traditional healers were lacking organizational structure and laid down strategies to professionalize the sector and make it vibrant to the better service for the nation.

In order to improve the quality of services offered by traditional healers in Uganda.

NACOTHA has found it imperative to establish institutions for training traditional healers this was to be carried through first recognizing existing practitioners who would then set up a national training curriculum.

This would further improve the image of traditional health practice – interpretation, enhance and encourage people to improve their knowledge of traditional practices and improve collaboration between modern and traditional health practitioners.

In the past 23 years NACOTHA has been involved in assessing traditional healers and herbalist involved in traditional practices. This has enabled NACOTHA to achieve the following:

- a. Identify the categories and healers in the country
- b. Their origin and evolution of traditional medicine
- c. Follow up their heritage and clans.
- d. Analyze the different cultures, languages , interpretation , translation, perspectives from different perceptions.
- e. The relationship of values from different culture<sup>s</sup> ie the naming of Gods in the different cultures and their roles
- f. To know and understand the choices of names.
- g. Interpretation and translation of people obsessed by spirits.

**Methodology** for selection of grandaunts.

After designing the research study, ethnographic research methods were used to understand and categories the traditional healer's practices , knowledge and attitudes data was collected analyzed and themes were put together in a report.

**Implementation** of graduation ceremony of Tradition Healers.

Selection of graduate

A task force was instituted to embark on assessing traditional healers at their premises of work. The research team included NACOTHS staff , police , LCs consumers and patients. The reason for involving a wide sector was because of some illegal practitioners tarnishing the image of traditional healers. These healers are then invited for an interview and successful candidates are then taken through refresher courses that were organized by NACOTHA.

**Recognition ceremony.**

The purpose of this ceremony is to recognize the different traditional healers in their respective areas of specialization ie. Herbalist , bone setters botanist , pharmacists, artisans , spiritualist, pharmacognosts, fortune tellers.

This formed a basis of

- Eliminating criminal's and impersonators in the practice
- Further training , research and reference
- Streamline ethics within the practice
- Strengthen the standards of the practice
- Advocate for recognition and autonomy
- Documenting reference material
- Standardization of different traditional health practices for its betterment of people's health.
- Naming and taming.

**THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRADITIONAL HEALERS  
AND HERBALISTS ASSOCIATIONS (NACOTHA)**



**PROJECT TITLE :  
STRATEGIC PLAN AND WORK PLAN FOR NACOTHA FOR THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF TRADITIONAL HEALING PRACTICES**

**PROJECT DURATION:  
FIVE (5) YEARS (2008-2012)**

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTOR:  
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRADITIONAL HEALERS AND  
HERBALISTS ASSOCIATIONS**

**Contact:**

**Dr. J.B Karim Musaasizi  
Secretary General  
P.o.Box 7527  
Tel: 0772-698761**



**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Start

The National Council of Traditional Healers Associations (NACOTHA) has over the last 15 years supported the use of Traditional Medicine throughout the Country. In Uganda despite 80% of the population relying on Traditional Medicine, this sector has largely been neglected and no Government support has been given for its development. As a result, many people have entered this sector and abused it by committing atrocities on innocent Ugandans including practices such as scarifies, gambling, raping, robberies, extortion of money etc. This situation has been brought to the attention of the office of the His Excellency the President of Uganda. The office of the President has given the mandate to **NACOTHA** to develop and promote the use of Herbal Medicine and Traditional Healing Practices. The following activities are being planned by NACOTHA to be implemented: Registration, Categorizing, and Censoring of traditional healers and traditional healing practices and systems, collaborative research work with Bio-medical institutions and carrying out sensitization activities among stakeholders. This will also improve the sector by helping to fill the gaps where Western Medicine is not able since TM has always been strongly believed by the community and also remains affordable and accessible to the majority especially in rural communities. The Strategic Plan budget for NACOTHA will cost US\$. 19,689,516,000 (US\$ 10,362,903) to implement her activities throughout the country for a period of five years as shown below:

Sensitization, censoring, Categorizing, and Registration 1,425,174)	US\$. 2,707,830,000	(US\$.
Capacity Building:	US\$. 4,101,990,000	(US\$. 2.158,942)
Administration 4,871,105)	US\$. 9,255,100,000	(US\$.
Research on Medicinal plants & animals 1,414,211)	US\$. 2,687,000,000	(US\$.
Contingency (5%)	US\$. 937,596,000	(US\$. 493,472)
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b> <b>10,362,903)</b>	<b>US\$. 19,689,516, 000</b>	<b>(US\$.</b>

## **PROJECT BACKGROUND**

Traditional Medicine is largely used by over 80% of the population. The National Council of Traditional Healers Associations was formed to develop and promote Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Medicine.

Like in most developing countries the cost of Health care is not affordable to all. Thus the need for Traditional Medicine to complement and fill gaps where the modern Western Medicine is not accessible and affordable. Since 1990, **NACOTHA** has been engaged in the promotion of Traditional Medicine, Indigenous Health Practices to improve the Health of communities in Uganda.

Since inception a number of achievements have been made.

These include:

- Encouraged the use of Traditional Medicine.
- Uplifted the status of Traditional Healers through workshops with Biomedical Health Practitioners
- Carried out sensitization programs on CDD program, trained birth attendants with support of CONCERN Uganda.
- Traditional Healers have participated in research organized by NGOs such as THETA.
- The Council has sensitized rural communities on hygiene and disease prevention.
- The council has carried out seminars on AIDS management in conjunction with Ministry of Gender, Culture and Social development.
- We have conserved Bio-diversity by planting trees with many tracts of Medicinal plants in most parts of the Country.
- 46 District councils have been elected.
- A National Cultural Health Research Centre has been set up at Jubilee Park which has been transferred to Kajjansi Bweya Road Wakiso District, where about 1500 Traditional Healers are involved in research Indigenously.
- We have encouraged referral of patients among Healers and Bio-medical Doctors and information sharing.
- Education of youth in cultural affairs and Traditional Healing Practices has been a success.
- A Good working relationship with Government has been established. Traditional Healers are represented on the National Drug Authority (NDA), ICC, Ministry of Health, PPPH, E.African network on medicinal plant, WIPO, and cultural policy committees.



## **ENVIRONMENTAL SITUATION ANALYSIS OF UGANDA**

1. There has been a worrying world wide outbreak of disease including those thought to have been eliminated, and deteriorating social conditions especially hygienic, sanitation and environmental degradation are causing havoc among poor developing countries like Uganda. This situation is being made worse by ever increasing cost of modern medical care and social turmoil such as wars destroying the health infrastructure built in the colonial and early independence days. Thus accessibility, affordability and availability of standard Health Care is very limited to the majority of the population. The per capita income of Uganda is US\$ 450 and the capita expenditure on Health care is far below the minimum WHO required standards.

2. In face of poor economies with shortages in provision of adequate sanitation, safe drinking water, appropriate nutrition, poor Health facilities, rapid development and congestion of unplanned urban centers, and environmental degradation it is becoming urgent to revisit Traditional Practices for their effectiveness, affordability and easy accessibility. Thus the need to develop Traditional Medicine and other Traditional Healing Practices to deal with the problems of disease and other social effects is paramount. This is clearly indicated by the present 80% of the population in Africa seeking Health care from Traditional Health Practitioners.

3. Given the percentage population in Uganda that is employed in the Agricultural sector and compared to the annual GDP contribution, we believe that a rather better GDP could be made if Government totally and fully supported the Herbal and Traditional Healing sector. Many people would be employed in activities such as Herbal medicine gardens/ plantations. There will be development to process and manufacture herbal products for export. It's a component of WHO and the Millenium Goals to promote the use of Herbal Medicine in realizing wholistic human health in preference to modern/inorganic medicine recent survey by WHO indicates insatiable demand for herbal products for being safer to use easy application. This sector eventually will contribute and expand the tourism industry in the country due to its diversity in nature. We therefore call upon the Government to consider and give full support to the development of the Traditional Health sector in order to exhaustively exploit the many hidden treasures in it.

4. Uganda has a yearly economic growth of 5-6%. In the year 2003 the share of people who earn less than 1 Dollar per day was 82%. In the year 2006 the export amounted to 961.7 million US-Dollars and the imports 1,945 billion US-Dollars. The economic structure is denominated by Agriculture with tea and coffee cultivation. The GDP crossed the 8 billion mark in 2004 and the GDP **per capita** reached the amount of 300 dollars. 82% of people a employed in Agriculture. They obtain 35.8% of GDP. The industry- sector employ 5% of the people and obtains



20.8% of GDP. The service-sector obtains with 13% of all employees to about 43.6% of GDP. The inflation amounts about 3.5%.

The most important trade partners are EU, Kenya, India, USA, Japan, Emirate and Switzerland. The main-share of exports exist from coffee, tea, gold. Fish. Cotton and flowers. There most important import-goods are automotive, Oil, grain, pharmaceutical products, electric installations and steal.

The interest rate is about 20%. The shares of state expenditure are: Public health: 2%, Education: 15%, Military: 26%

The national currency is Uganda-shilling with the following exchange rate (15.4.08):

<b>CURRENCY</b>	<b>PURCHASE</b>	<b>SALE</b>
US-Dollar	1850	1860
Brit.Pound	3400	3430
Kenya-shs	24.5	25.5
Tz-shs	1.3	1.7
SA-Rand	230	310
EURO	2300	2340

⑤ Therefore, since Uganda is rich by Bio-diversity and natural resources this is the time for cultivation of more and more medicinal plants which provide the sources of primary health care to about 80% of the developing world's population. They are of high commercial importance to the economy of the country, for example in Germany alone, in 1996, the annual retail sales of over-the-counter herbal remedies were US-Dollar 3.5 billions. Among the countries like Germany, France, UK and Netherlands, total phytomedicines sales were approximately US-Dollar 7 billion in 1996.

One of the consequences, though, on this volume of sales is a significant impact on the plants, the environment, the countries and cultures from whom this knowledge and plants are obtained.

"According to Hanne Svarstad and Shivcharn S. Dhillion's bk BIO PROSPECTING"

## **Strategic Project Development Objectives**

### **Goal**

**To Develop and Promote Traditional Healing Practices in Uganda.**

### **Major Objectives:**

- i. To unite all Traditional Healers and Associations in Uganda into legal functional sector.
- ii. To lobby, seek Government support and NGO partnerships to promote the development and utilization of Traditional Healing Practices.
- iii. To build organizational capacity and knowledge of Traditional Healers of NACOTHA.
- iv. To conserve and protect and propagate medicinal plants and animals, and cultural sites in all parts of the country.
- v. To conduct functional Research on all aspects concerning Traditional Healing Practices in Uganda.
- vi. To increase public awareness and understanding about the value of Traditional medicine and other Healing practices in improving Health and management of Diseases especially HIV/AIDS prevention, control and management.

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### **Project Activities**

- 1) To Unite all Traditional Healers and Associations in Uganda into a legal Functional sector.**
  - a) To register all Traditional Healers and their Associations and categorize them.
  - b) To censor all Traditional Healers and regulate their Activities to eliminate malpractices and imposters in the sector through regular monitoring.
  - c) To conduct seminars and workshops for sensitizing and educating Traditional Healers about the negative Health practices and promotion of good and legal Health practices.
  - d) To strengthen collaboration between Traditional and Bio-medical Health workers at all levels.
- 2) To lobby, seek Government support and NGO partnership to promote the development and utilization of Traditional Healing practices.**
  - a) To Liaise and coordinate with Government and NGOs throughout Uganda as to integrate and harmonize Traditional Healers' participation in different national programs.



- b) To strengthen the working relationship and understanding between Traditional Healers and other religious sects.
- c) To participate in seminars/ workshops and fora concerning social development and make contributions and raise the profile of Traditional Healers in Uganda.
- d) To seek material and financial assistance and support from Government, International Agencies and well wishers to develop scientific, cultural and artistic programs within the traditional healers sector.

**3) To Build Organizational Capacity and Knowledge of Traditional Healers of NACOTHA.**

- 4) To strengthen the managerial and leadership skills, and develop the secretariat to a sustainable level.
- 5) To develop and promote Traditional Healers scientific knowledge and equipment through training Symposiums and workshops in order to serve professionally.
- 6) To encourage and support Traditional Healers to go for functional adult literacy Programs.
- 7) To encourage Traditional Healers to document and record their findings on disease Prevention and management and research findings in their sector.
- 8) To provide support to Traditional Healers to write and publish books concerning their field of specialty for future reference.

**9) To Conserve and Protect and propagate medicinal plants and animals, and cultural sites in all parts of the country.**

- a) To identify and preserve important reservoirs for medicinal plants/animals and cultural sites for protection throughout Uganda to avoid species extinction.
- b) To document and access these sites throughout the whole country.
- c) To establish medicinal gardens to increase the availability of these plant sources.

**10) To Conduct Functional Research on all aspects concerning Traditional Healing practices in Uganda.**

- a) Identify and document the different forms of healing and the practitioners including those that have come from other countries.
- b) Analyze and evaluate their contributions in improving the Health status of the Ugandans.
- c) To identify and propagate the most important and widely used medicinal plants and animals.
- d) Document the different uses of medicinal plants and animals in the different healing practices and ensure their conservation.
- e) Survey the role and relevance of Traditional Healing in the society as regards disease prevention, maintenance of hygiene and environmental protection.



- f) Investigate the common diseases or Health conditions presented to Traditional healers and how they are handled especially the endemic and chronic diseases.
- g) Survey the reproductive Health methods used in Traditional Healing practices especially pertaining to birth control and importance.
- 6) **To increase public awareness and understanding about the value of Traditional medicine and other healing practices in improving Health and management of diseases especially HIV/AIDS prevention, control and management.**
  - a) Identify real/genuine Traditional Health practitioners and stamp out impersonators who commit crimes and atrocities in the guise of Traditional Healing.
  - b) Conduct sensitization programs through Workshops, Seminars, Radio and TV talk shows, Print media, Music Dance and Drama to enlighten the public on the value of Traditional Medicine and how the public can help report any unscrupulous people in the sector.
  - c) To document and publicize achievements made in Traditional healing practices in the prevention, control, treatment and management of diseases especially in caring for people with HIV/AIDS.

## PROJECT TARGETS AND EXPECTATIONS

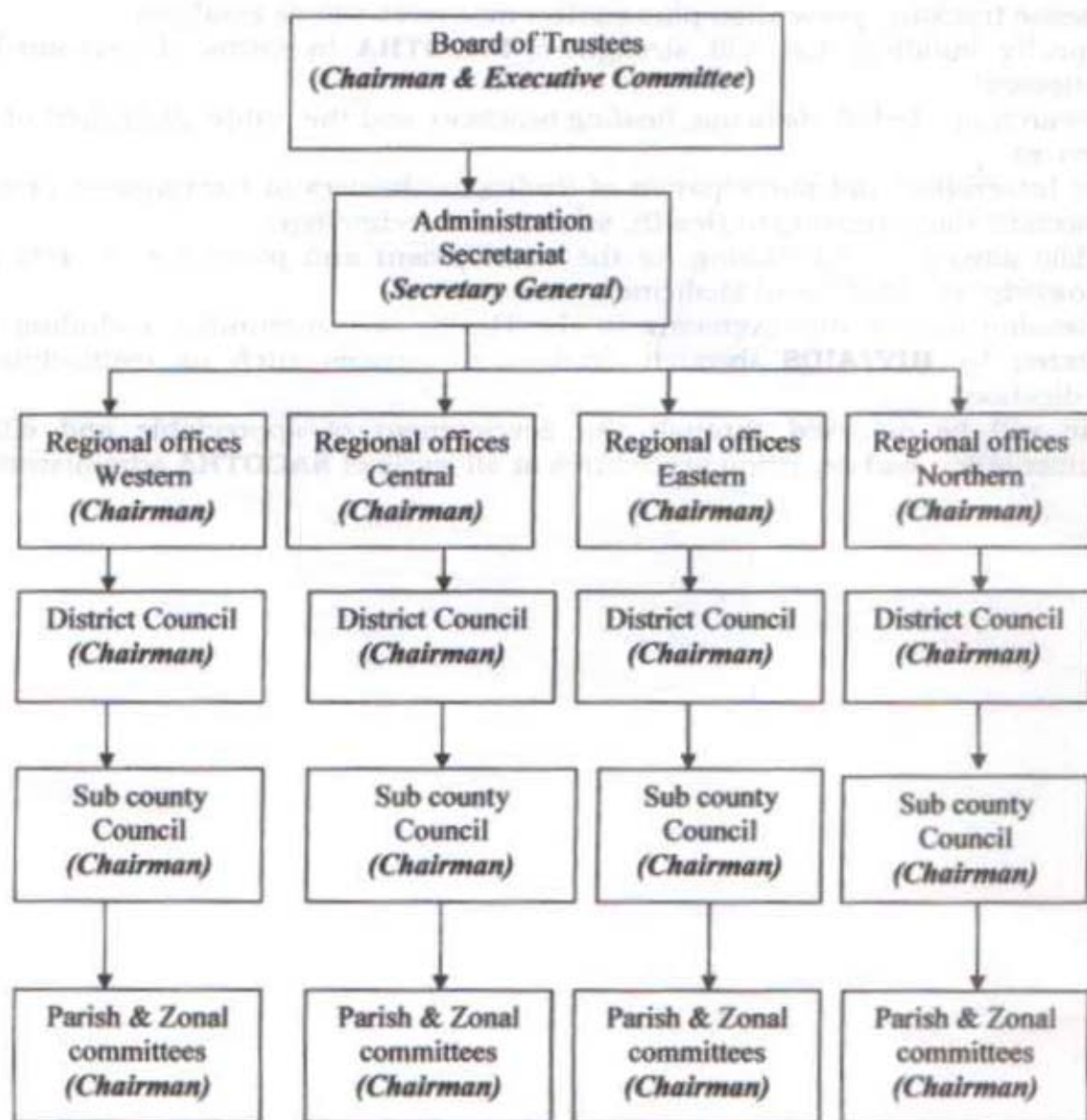
In the implementation of **NACOTHA'S** five-year plan, the following outputs are expected to be realized.

- ❖ All Traditional Healing Practitioners in Uganda will be registered and certified to carry on their Healing practices in their communities.
- ❖ All Traditional Practitioners in all their Associations will be organized into unity and imposters eliminated from the sector.
- ❖ More than 50% of Traditional healers will be participating in Government programs especially those related to health.
- ❖ At least 80% of the Traditional Healers will be fully aware of the negative Health practices in their sector and promote safe and positive health practices.
- ❖ Health and vibrant collaboration between Traditional healers and Bio-medical health practitioners will be realized.
- ❖ The traditional healers will be recognized, regain their public stature and have good working relationships with other sectors especially the religious sector.
- ❖ The traditional healers will be involved and participate in scientific, cultural and artistic development programs.
- ❖ **NACOTHA** will have improved its management, and leadership infrastructure to a substantial sustainable level.
- ❖ A good percentage of Traditional Healers will have acquired scientific knowledge and apply it to complement their practices.
- ❖ **NACOTHA** will have documented the results of Traditional Healers' findings concerning disease prevention and management through use of medicinal plants and animals and their effectiveness in different ailments. Traditional Healers will have been empowered by being strengthened and sharpened in the various aspects of their practice through capacity building programs



# NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRADITIONAL HEALERS ASSOCIATIONS

## ORGANOGRAM (ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE)



Under this structure all **NACOTHA** activities will be monitored and reports made.

**These will include:**

- I. Registration and censoring of Traditional Healers
- II. Sensitization programs carried out
- III. Disease tracking, prevention plus control measures will be established.
- IV. Capacity building that will strengthen **NACOTHA** in terms of personnel and equipment.
- V. Research on Herbal Medicine, healing practices and the public utilization of these services.
- VI. The Integration and participation of traditional healers in Government programs especially those relating to Health, science and technology.
- VII. Public advocacy and lobbying for the development and promotion of Indigenous Knowledge on Traditional Medicine.
- VIII. Assessing quality improvements in the Health of communities including those affected by **HIV/AIDS** through Traditional services such as counseling and medication.

These will be achieved through the development of appreciable and effective documentation and reporting procedures at all levels of **NACOTHA** administration.

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NACOTHA STRATEGIC 5 YEAR PLAN (2008-2012)

PROGRAM BUDGET

Activity	Specific Activities	Items	Units/Nos.	Unit cost	No. Days/		Location (District)	Total	Cts/Dollars	
					Times	Days				
CENSORING AND REGISTRATION OF TRADITIONAL HEALERS	Stake Holders'	Facilitators	5	30,000	1	1	81	12,150,000	6,395	
	Workshops at District	Accommodation	5	30,000	1	1	81	12,150,000	6,395	
CAPACITY BUILDING OF TRADITIONAL HEALERS	TRAINING	Transport	1	120,000	1	1	81	9,720,000	5,116	
		Hall Hire	1	60,000	1	1	81	4,860,000	2,558	
		Participants	50	1,000	1	1	81	4,050,000	2,132	
		Stationery	1	100,000	1	1	81	8,100,000	4,263	
									51,830,000	26,858
							Days	S/Counties		
		Sub county	Facilitators	4	10,000	1	1	1,620	64,800,000	34,105
		Sensitization	Transport	4	25,000	1	1	1,620	162,000,000	83,263
		Registration	Hall Hire	1	30,000	1	1	1,620	48,600,000	25,579
		Workshops	Participants	250	500	1	1	1,620	202,500,000	106,579
	Stationery	1	100,000	1	1	1,620	162,000,000	83,263		
							639,900,000	336,789		
	Work place	Inspection team	6	10,000	12	12	1,620	1,166,400,000	613,895	
	Inspection	Transport	1	60,000	12	12	1,620	1,166,400,000	613,895	
		Supervisors	2	50,000	2	2	1,620	324,000,000	170,526	
								2,656,800,000	1,398,316	
								291,600,000	153,474	



Activity	Category	Quantity	Unit Cost	Frequency	Total Cost	Beneficiaries	
Management & Leadership	Hall Hire	1	100,000	2	1,620	324,000,000	170,576
	Participants	20	50,000	2	1,620	3,240,000,000	1,705,263
	Stationery	1	100,000	1	1,620	162,000,000	85,263
						<b>4,017,600,000</b>	<b>2,114,826</b>
				Session			
Holistic Counselors	Facilitators	3	30,000	5	3	1,350,000	711
(Modern/ Traditional	Hall Hire	1	100,000	5	3	1,500,000	789
Six months training	Participants	20	50,000	5	3	15,000,000	7,895
	Stationery	1	100,000	1	3	300,000	158
						<b>18,150,000</b>	<b>9,453</b>
				Frequency			
Biomedical &	Facilitators	2	30,000	2	6	720,000	379
Scientific workshops	participants	40	50,000	2	6	24,000,000	12,632
	Stationery	1	100,000	1	6	600,000	316
	Hall Hire	1	100,000	2	6	1,200,000	632
						<b>26,520,000</b>	<b>13,958</b>
Traditional Medicine	Facilitators	2	30,000	2	6	720,000	379
Healing practices Work-	Participants	40	50,000	2	6	24,000,000	12,632
Shops	stationery	1	100,000	1	6	600,000	316
	Hall Hire	1	100,000	2	6	1,200,000	632
						<b>26,520,000</b>	<b>13,958</b>
Skills Training --	Participants	4	50,000	14	3	8,400,000	4,421
Information Technology	Fee	4	400,000	1	3	4,800,000	2,526
and Documentation						<b>13,200,000</b>	<b>6,947</b>

ADMINISTRATION	Personnel (Secretariat)	Salary	No.	Per month	Months		
	Director	700,000	1		60	42,000,000	22,105
	Administrator	600,000	1		60	36,000,000	18,947
	Program Officer	600,000	1		60	36,000,000	18,947
	Information/Research	500,000	1		60	30,000,000	15,789
	Botanist	450,000	1		60	27,000,000	14,311
	Pharmacist	450,000	1		60	27,000,000	14,311
	Medical Doctor	500,000	1		60	30,000,000	15,789
	Regional Officers	450,000	7		60	189,000,000	99,474
	Accountant	400,000	1		60	24,000,000	12,632
	Secretary	300,000	1		60	18,000,000	9,474
	Drivers	150,000	8		60	72,000,000	37,895
	Messenger	150,000	1		60	9,000,000	4,737
	Cleaner	120,000	1		60	7,200,000	3,789
	Security Guard	100,000	1		60	6,000,000	3,158
	Botanists	300,000	1		60	1,008,000,000	530,576
	Veterinary Doctors	300,000	1		60	1,008,000,000	530,576
	Traditional Doctors	300,000	4		60	4,032,000,000	2,122,105
						6,601,200,000	3,474,316
	Secretarial	Computers & accessories	3	5,000,000	1	15,000,000	7,895
		Photocopier	1	3,000,000	1	3,000,000	1,579
		Tel/Internet Install	1	400,000	1	400,000	211
		Furniture	1	7,000,000	1	7,000,000	3,684
		Scanner	1	3,000,000	1	3,000,000	1,579
						28,400,000	14,947

	Office Equipment	Projector	1					1,000,000	526
		Other Comm Equip						1,000,000	526
		Tradl Music Equip						2,000,000	1,053
		Costume						1,000,000	526
								5,000,000	2,632
									0
	Transport for monitoring at	Car-D/cabin	8	85,000,000				680,000,000	357,895
	Regional, District and S/country	Motor cycles	162	5,000,000				810,000,000	426,316
		Bicycles	1620	200,000				324,000,000	170,526
		Car fuel	8	200000				1,814,000,000	954,737
		Car maintenance		300000				18,000,000	9,474
		Motor cycle maintenance	162	100000				972,000,000	511,579
		Bicycle Maintenance	1620	10000				972,000,000	511,579
		Office Equipment Maint.		200000				12,000,000	6,316
		Stationery/Supplies		500000				30,000,000	15,789
		Water		100000				6,000,000	3,158
		Electricity		100000				6,000,000	3,158
		Tel/Internet		200000				12,000,000	6,316
		Office Rent		500000				30,000,000	15,789
		Monitoring and super	8	40000		16		307,200,000	161,684
		Drama/Music performers	20	50000				60,000,000	31,579
		Office Equip	1	1,000,000				2,425,200,000	1,276,431
	Insurance Licences							5,000,000	2,632



		Cars	8	120,000			5	4,800,000	2,528
		Motorcycles	162	50,000			5	40,500,000	21,316
								20,300,000	26,474
		Auditing					5	15,000,000	7,895
		External audit		3,000,000			5	15,000,000	7,895
		Internal audit		10,000,000			5	50,000,000	26,316
								65,000,000	34,311
		Newsletters	1000	1,000		1	60	60,000,000	31,579
		National events	8	500,000		1	5	20,000,000	10,526
								80,000,000	42,105
Research on Medicinal	Medicinal Plants Identification	District facilitation	1	200,000			60	12,000,000	6,316
Plants and Animals	Chemotherapeutics testing of herbs	Operation support	1	500,000			60	30,000,000	15,789
	Research on medicinal animals	District facilitation	1	200,000			60	12,000,000	6,316
	Preservation & propog of plants & Anin	20 acres for MP gardens	81	10,000,000				810,000,000	426,316
		2 Acres for TM research	81	20,000,000				1,620,000,000	852,632
		Identifi, protecn & Preternn of	7	5,000,000				35,000,000	18,421
		cultural sites in 7 NACOTHA regions	7	400,000			60	168,000,000	88,421
								2,687,000,000	1,414,311
Sub total								18,751,920,000	9,869,432
Contingencies (5%)								937,596,000	493,472
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>								19,689,516,000	10,362,903

**NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TRADITIONAL HEALERS  
ASSOCIATIONS IN UGANDA (NACOTHA)**

**A WORKSHOP REPORT**

**FOR**



**(UGANDA IN AFRICA)**

**PROMOTION OF MEASLES CONTROL ACTIVITIES IN  
TRADITIONAL HEALTH CARE SETTING WORKSHOP  
HELD AT JINJA ON 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2008**

**PRESENTED BY**

**DR. KARIM MUSASIZI  
SECRETARY GENERAL NACOTHA**

**JAN 2008**

## **Introduction**

The workshop was held in Jinja at Zamo Hotel on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2008. This workshop was attended by 50 traditional healers from the districts of Jinja, Iganga, Mayuge, Kaliro, Namtumba, Bugiri and Kamuli, representative from District Director of Health Services (DDHS), Jinja, Assistant Resident District Commissioner (Ass. RDC), Jinja. NACOTHA official from Kampala also participated in the workshop. The workshop was supposed to have taken place in December 2007 however because of delay in the correction of the cheque for carrying out the activity and Ebola outbreak in the country, the workshop was postponed to January 2008.

The workshop was opened with very interesting traditional prayer from Dr. Maganda.

### **Introduction remarks (Dr. Karim Musaasizi)**

The Secretary General of NACOTHA, Dr. Musaasizi in his introductory remarks welcomed participants to the workshop and introduced the guest to fellow participants. He thanked participants for responding to the invitation.

Dr. Musaasizi asked all the participants to introduce themselves and informed the participant that the workshop was on promotion of measles control activities in traditional health sector and apologized for the postponement of the workshop scheduled in December due to delay in receiving funding from WHO and Ebola outbreak. He thanked WHO for funding this workshop and similar workshops in the past i.e. In Mbarara, Iganga and Kampala.

Dr. Musaasizi said that NACOTHA had participated in mobilization activities leading to wide measles campaign and the organization was proud to be associated with massive and successful undertaking by the government of Uganda that had caused reduction of measles morbidity and mortality to level no public healthy importance. He also thanked WHO for the support in this undertaking.

Dr. Musaasizi called upon conventional Doctors to work in collaboration with traditional Health Practitioners in the fight against measles. He said traditional healer play a major role in community mobilization for routine immunization and reporting of suspected measles cases to the district focal surveillance person for further action.

According to Dr. Musaasizi THPs are the first healths professional to always detect measles in local communities. He commended THPs for doing a good job in measles control activities among the local communities and said a lot could be learnt from THPs by other health professionals. He called upon all THPs to collaborate with other professional in order to jointly fight measles in the country. NACOTHA being member of ICC and Public Private Partnership in Health (PPPH) in the Ministry of Health was now advocating THPs to get involved in fight against diseases including measles. He asked all Traditional Health Practitioners to be cooperative as they continue to promote traditional medicine sector.

Dr. Musaasizi concluded by calling upon THPs to continue upgrading their skill indigenously through training and other modes of education. He said that NACOTHA had opened up a technical institute of indigenous Knowledge school for training THPs in Kaseese and Kampala Districts.



## Objectives of the Workshop

The objectives of the workshop were:

1. To review measles control in traditional health care sector.
2. To advocate for social mobilization for routine immunization of measles by THPs.
3. To define stronger means for reporting and detecting suspected cases of measles in traditional health sector, to district Surveillance Focal Persons
4. To promote traditional medicine in the prevention and care of measles.

## Expected Outcomes:

The expected outcomes of the workshop were.

1. Improved understanding of measles in diagnosis, prevention and treatment.
2. Improved collaboration between traditional healers and Conventional Doctors.
3. Experiences of THPs in measles control and prevention.
4. Improved methods for advocacy and mobilizing for routine immunization, reporting and detection of suspected measles cases.
5. Recommendations for promotion of traditional methods of measles prevention and care.
6. Recommendation for future and involvement of THPs in measles vigilance.

## Opening of the Workshop (Assistant Resident District Commissioner (RDC) Jinja- (Mr. David Mugonza)

The workshop was opened by the Assistant RDC Jinja District, Mr. David Mugonza. In his opening speech, the Assistant RDC thanked the organizers of the workshop and said government was in supports of the work THPs. He said that Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs) were being supported by District Director of Health Service (DDHS) office in Jinja and he was concern why there were still cases of patients suffering from measles in the area. He was also concern why there were division between two Traditional Healers Association in area; Uganda *Neddagala-Iyejo* and Uganda Herbalists Association. The Assistant RDC advised the leaders of these associations to work together and push out those quarks who were not THPs. He advised all THPs to identify herbs that are good for their communities and conserve them and not to fight the government programs or engage in human sacrifices. He also said that THPs had started to use the names of other citizen from neighboring countries for example a traditional doctor from Tanzanian in order to earn money from people and advised THPS not to claim to know very thing.

The Assistant RDC thanked the Leadership of NACOTHA for initiating the training of THPs by opening up a school in Kaseese District. He was also pleased to see that NACOTHA was fighting poverty among THPs by involving them in the export business of herbal to over seas and advised them to add value to their herbs by producing well packaged products like the one processed by Dr. MUSAASIZI which was exhibited in the workshop.

## Diagnosis, treatment and prevention of measles (Representative for the DDHS, Jinja- Ms. Proscovia Takuwa).

Ms Proscovia Takuwa who represented the DDHS, Jinja said in her presentation that measles was an air borne disease caused by a virus. She told THPs that measles was not caused by mosquitoes as claimed by some THPs. Ms. Proscovia added that measles was preventable by vaccination. The vaccine is administered after 9 (nine) months. She also said that measles has been called Omulangira because it had killed many children and requested all THPs to always report any suspected cases to DDHS office or health centre in areas where they operated.

The DDHS distributed some brochures containing information on measles vaccination from the Ministry of Health to THPs. 'Primary Health Care on the side of 8 diseases in Uganda'

## **NACOTHA experience in measles diagnosis, treatment & prevention in Uganda (Dr. Karim Musaasizi)**

### **Diagnosis**

According to THPs, the following were identified as symptoms for measles in traditional health sector THPs; Red eyes, diarrhea, vomiting, body itching, coughing, wound in mouth and rashes on the body.

### **Prevention**

In order to prevent measles, THPs said measles was being prevented through the following measures: Tearing medicine around the patients, dry medicine at the door, bathing patient with herbal medicine, give children boiled herbs called omukontambala, putting herbal medicine in body Vaseline and applying to the patient and plant traditional medicine in front of the house. They also said that parent should put more emphasis on immunizing children, prevent mixing of patient suffering from measles with others who are not suffering and ensuring cleanness in the home.

### **Treatment**

In traditional health sector, the following were identified as treatment of patients with measles; Giving passion fruit juice, taking raw eggs, bathing and taking *ombirizi* herbal, taking soup of small fish and mutton and honey.

## **Detection and reporting of measles in traditional medicine sector in Busoga sub region.**

Dr. Mujjunga Muhammadu Butege of Namugongo, Kaliro District said that in the health centers in his sub-county, 35% of cases were reported to be of measles and 10% of those patients were dying. Dr. Walyabirya Karim Ssalongo of Bugembe, Jinja district also said that nearly 40% of the patients were suffering from measles in his sub county. Dr. Firoba Bukanga of Jinja district said measles was like a disease called *Lwenyanja* which has evoked in their area of recent. This disease is not yet understood and has not yet been reported to District Surveillance Focal Person. The disease has similar symptoms to measles. THPs requested for further investigation of this disease which seems to be killer disease in the area can't be described by THPs in English.

Defense Buwologoma of Bukanga said measles was killing children in large numbers in his area and Dr. Malijan said ¾ (75%) of children in his area had suffered from measles and some had died.

Dr Aliragawa said that measles was common in the area because some parents were not immunizing their children while Lukowe of Bunyiro, Jinja District attributed high cases of measles to as result of transmission from those with wounds in his area.

Dr. Kawanguzi said he had made contact with Jinja Hospital and reported cases of measles in his area. Dr. Karim Musaasizi, was grateful with THPs from Jinja, however he said most THPs did not have any contact with DDHS and Conventional Doctors.

THPs of Bugembe Jinja district said they had tried to control measles through their herbs and there was an improvement of the number of patient suffering in the area. Dr. Oliver Mayanja: suggested that THPs needed to work together with Conventional Doctors and DDHS office to improve the situation of measles in local communities.

Dr. Farim summarized that 80 % of the diseases of stomach were due to the food eaten and 10% from the water that is drunk.

Dr. Salim summarized that 80 % of the diseases of stomach were due to the food eaten and 10% from the water that is drunk.

### **Traditional healers in Health provision (Dr. Sadaam Sebira Lukwago)**

Dr. Sadaam Sebira Lukwago who represented THPs advised participants to improve the preparation process of their herbal and requested all THPs to be cooperative while carrying out their work. He said good quality product earns more money and suggested that all THPs should make good quality products like Indian herbals marketed in Uganda. Dr. Lukwago also requested THP to promote their herbs in the local market as a way to increase their income and reduce poverty in their homes. He said team work was good for development and promotion of TM in Uganda and cautioned Traditional Health Practitioners to fight human sacrifice and investigate such cases and report them to police for more investigation.

### **Recommendation**

1. In order to promote traditional health care in measles prevention, THPs recommended more participation in seminars in order for them to acquire more knowledge on measles and other diseases. These seminars should be conducted through out the country for THPs.
2. THPs also recommended collaboration with Conventional Medical Doctors and Government in the fight against measles and other diseases
3. In order to effect reporting of cases to the Surveillance Focal Person, THPs recommended that they should be provided with local transport like bicycles or motorcycles and also establish their own offices in existing health centres for coordination of health activities from lower levels to the district offices.
4. THPs also asked the government to involve them in primary health care training programs from the grass roots.

### **Closing remarks**

Dr. Musaasizi in his closing remarks thanked THPs for their participation in the workshop and hoped that each participant had benefited a lot. He requested the participants to share the information learnt with other members of NACOTHA in their areas of operations. He also promised that he would source for funds for more seminars and workshop for THPs.

Dr. Musaasizi was very grateful to the coordinators of the workshop for making it a success and thanked RDC, DDHS who also stood for the District Surveillance Focal Person and other Resource Persons for sparing their time to participate in this workshop.

The Workshop closed at 6.00pm with prayer led Dr. Maganda.



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