

# Why you should register as a member of UACCIA

- Over a quarter of a million businesses pursue the same objective: Sustainable growth and Success

Assisting businesses attain growth is high on the agenda of UACCIA. In our operations and at every level, new ideas that assist businesses grow are discussed and shared. After all, it is our role to assist business growth, both now and in the future.

- Membership services go beyond issuance of certificate: Aims to offer services that leave a positive lasting effect on its members.

Here at UACCIA, we have long realised that our responsibility extend way beyond issuance of certificates: We endeavour to work towards building a relationship with our members. We evaluate each of our members to better understand their business needs and concerns.

A business partnership for now and the future; today businesses have become more complex than ever because of increased competition, insufficient capital/ resources, lack of information, poor planning and management etc. But with UACCIA as a partner, the sky is the limit.

- Rising to the challenge

Quality and reliability are key attributes demanded by our members. These are also the qualities organisations expect when they register for membership at Uganda Allied of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture.

- Duty bound by over 100 years of tradition

Chambers of Commerce globally have had a long tradition of contributing to the social and economic development of their countries for well over 100 years. In some countries, there exist more than five chambers of commerce working together to serve the unending needs of the business communities. In addition to this, Chambers of Commerce world wide are a major instrument and engine of growth for private sector development.

## Membership Categories

UACCIA has four categories of membership namely:

Category	Annual membership subscription fees
Ordinary Membership	\$ 125
Corporate Silver Membership	\$ 250
Corporate Gold Membership	\$ 500
Patron Membership	\$ 1000

Please note that payment can be made by Cheque or Cash in Uganda Shillings at the prevailing exchange.

- Entering a world of linkage means entering a world of opportunities, networking, learning, sharing experiences, growing, achieving, succeeding, removing boundaries, partnership and a lot more

### Members registration package:

Upon registration, UACCIA members receive the following;

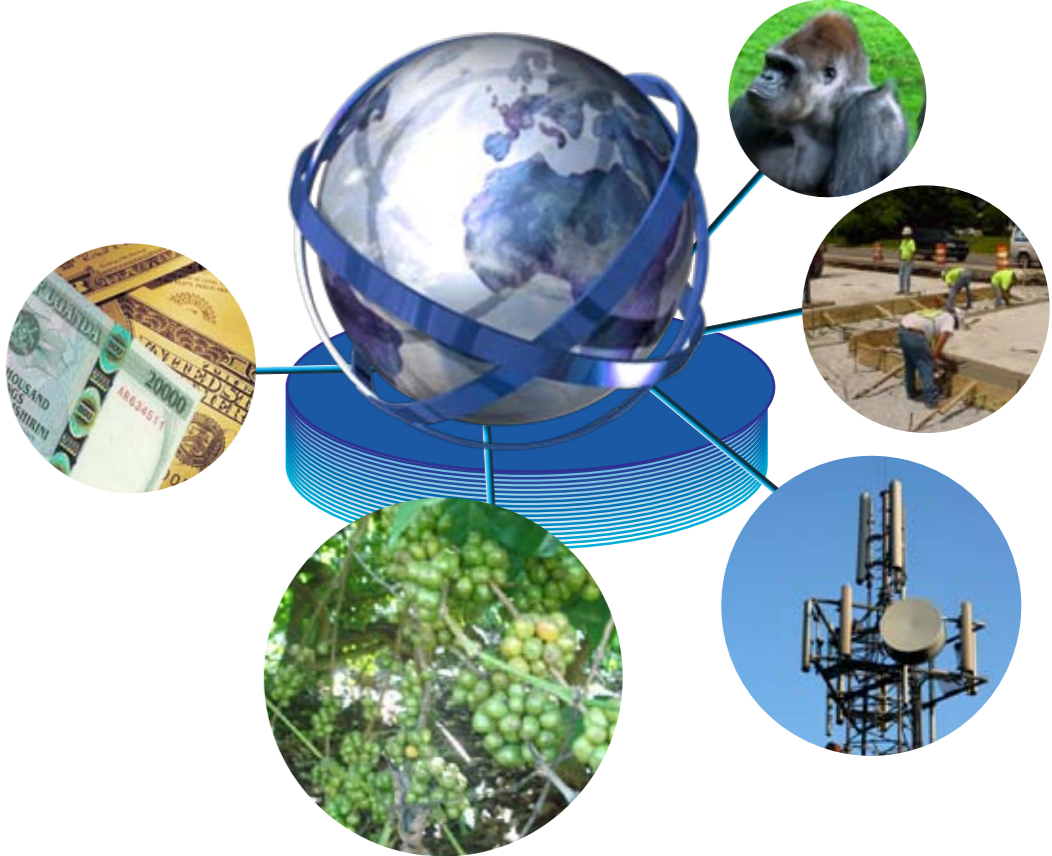
- UACCIA certificate of registration (Framed)
- A detailed profile of UACCIA
- A corporate UACCIA Polo-T-shirt
- UACCIA password to get unlimited access to on-line members database
- UACCIA membership Card
- Assigned a UACCIA account manager

Become a member now!

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## Uganda Allied Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture



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# A new chamber of commerce with a difference

UACCIA is a privately registered membership organization. Our goal and aim is to ensure that we effectively represent the interests of the business community.

UACCIA works to enhance and improve the business climate by providing a variety of services that are meant to assist businesses to grow and prosper irrespective of whether it is small, a mid-sized firm or large enterprise.

UACCIA provides services and programs tailor-made to suit the needs its heterogeneous membership both in the short and long term. These include: provision of business information, business development programmes, business matchmaking, lobby and advocacy, training, business representation, chamber advertising, member-to-member discount programs, networking, promotion of e-commerce, trade in services among others.

In addition to providing direct services, high on UACCIA's agenda is its focus on promotion of commercial agriculture by encouraging value-addition, gathering and dissemination of commercially viable information and also help access markets. This has been derived from the fact that over 70% of our economy depends on Agriculture yet there has been little attention by Business Membership Organisations (BMOs).

UACCIA has a heterogeneous membership whereby sectors represented include; among others.

- Agriculture;
- Banking and financial services;
- Fuel and energy;
- Travel and tourism
- Fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) and retail;
- Commercial real estate and construction;
- Telecommunications

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## Who we are

### Mission

- To provide leadership that supports the existing business community while promoting favorable economic growth.

### Vision

- Being an indispensable partner of the business community.

### Values

- Integrity - We act with dignity, honesty and openness in all our dealings
- Service – We understand our member's needs and meet those needs.
- Accountability - We keep faith with our member's trust through efficient, cost-effective stewardship of resources.
- Clarity of Purpose - We exist for the benefit of our members focusing on their growth
- Passionate Leadership - We are driven by a strong desire to make a positive difference in the business community. We use the creativity, knowledge and talent of our staff and members to develop innovative solutions, programs and initiatives.

*It is without doubt that the private sector is the proclaimed engine of economic growth and development and UACCIA is committed to supplement these efforts through providing a wide range of services and programs to meet the needs of business community.*



## What we do;

### Trade & Market Development

- Organizing product exhibitions and trade fairs
- Information on prospective (export) markets
- Buyer-seller meetings, Matchmaking and subcontracting exchanges
- Trade delegations & missions
- Facilitating market research
- Organize training sessions Seminars / Conferences



### Information Sharing & Networking

- UACCIA is well placed to act as a "hub" for the dissemination of information. Using our business network, we acquire first-hand experiences about the problems and needs of business community especially the SMEs. This specific knowledge base makes UACCIA the "natural" first stop for SMEs seeking short-term advisory and referral services
- UACCIA notifies members of available business opportunities through the website, news bullets, newflashes, brochures, fliers etc. The mentioned provide a synopsis of the on-going events in business locally, regionally and internationally.
- Provide and organize networking forums and related business meetings where members can grow their networks. Such networking forums are the engine room where information sharing and knowledge gathering takes place



### Advice & Consultancy

- Exchange visits and business tours
- Best practice benchmarking among members
- Individual counseling and mentoring
- Legal, Financial and taxation advice
- New technologies and environmental aspects
- Offer visa recommendations
- Recommendation for business match making

### Lobby & Advocacy

- In most cases, the business communities especially the SMEs lack the power to influence government. UACCIA therefore acts a voice that bridges communication between government and SMEs in the decision-making process.
- As a business membership organisation, UACCIA articulates the demands of its membership and influence policies by showing the power and legitimacy of an authentic business advocate.
- Pursue productive dialogue between the government and business community to

- facilitate growth of business in Uganda
- Business representation on a range of Statutory and business boards, committees and other consultative flora
- UACCIA plans to deploy a dedicated parliamentary representative who monitors legislation and enables provide the business community with the 'inside story' in terms of government action

### Chamber Advertising

- Chamber advertising reaches several member businesses
- The on-line Business Directory lets members easily get in touch and do business with any of the members of the UACCIA
- Profiling Opportunities: New members are profiled on the website, publications which are circulated business leaders, stakeholders and government representatives
- Members are also profiled at business events
- Chamber advertising is...Targeted. Effective Affordable and Credible

### Member –to- Member Discount Program

- Allows us to manage discounts, promotions and special offers to members.
- The service is free to members
- Forum to reach new customers & stimulate sales

### Services to development partners

- Diagnostic and policy analysis
- Monitoring and giving feedback on policy reforms regarding private sector