## THE 29<sup>TH</sup> ICPAU ANNUAL SEMINAR EDITION

E-NEWS 2024

The Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Uganda (ICPAU) held the 29<sup>th</sup> ICPAU Annual Seminar from 4-6 September 2024 at the Imperial Resort Beach Hotel, Entebbe, and online. The theme was *Driving Sustainability and trust,* and there were 1873 participants. Mrs Allen Kagina, the Executive Director of the Uganda National Roads Authority was the Chief Guest, while Dr Ndidi Nnoli-Edozien was the keynote speaker. Here are updates from the Seminar.

### **ANNUAL SEMINAR NEWS**



As we pronounce ourselves on the adoption of sustainability disclosure standards in Uganda, this is a timely development that will contribute towards building capacity for the implementation of the Standards. The Institute commits to supporting PAFA in achieving the goals of this significant initiative. Click here to read the President's address...

## Talent Management is Key for Organisational Sustainability – Mary Nabunya

Mary Lilian Manyonga Nabunya, an independent HR Consultant has emphasised the importance of talent management in organisational success. In her presentation on Harnessing Talent and Emerging Skills for Organisational Wellness, Nabunya encouraged accountants to recognise and appreciate the role of talent in driving organisational goals. Read More...



## Sustainable Enterprises are those Established to Solve Problems - Kabushenga

Mr Robert Kabushenga, a prominent farmer and administrator of Rugyeyo Farm, has encouraged accountants to set up enterprises with the aim of solving problems and addressing societal challenges. According to Mr Kabushenga, the sustainability of a business hinges on its ability to address a relevant problem. Read More...



### **ICPAU Unveils New Strategic Plan**

The Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Uganda (ICPAU) has unveiled its new five-year strategic plan, which will guide the Institute's operations and growth from 2024 - 2028. CPA Derick Nkajja, the Secretary/CEO of ICPAU outlined the new vision of the Institute to be "a globally recognised promoter of accountants for sustainable economies." This new vision marks a shift towards a more global outlook while maintaining a strong emphasis on sustainability. Read More...



#### **Accountants Urged to Prioritise Mental Health and Wellness**

Dr Grace Obalim, a renowned mental health and psychosocial support advisor from the Transcultural Psychosocial Organisation has encouraged accountants to be deliberate about practising self-care. Among others, she noted helpful self-care practices like exercising, social interactions, good nutrition, general health, checks and adhering to leave from work. Read More...



## Jimmy Spire Tips Accountants on Self-Discovery and Mastery at 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar

According to Dr Ssentongo, self-discovery is not merely about uncovering what one already possesses but it is about finding one's purpose and navigating life's complexities with a deeper understanding of oneself. He stressed that without self-awareness, individuals may find themselves merely going through the motions of life without meaningful engagement or satisfaction. Read More...



## Professional Standards are the Key to the Sustainability of PAOs – FCPA Caroline Kigen

The former Chief Executive Officer of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK), FCPA Caroline Jebet Kigen has urged Professional Accountancy Organisations (PAOs) to uphold international accounting standards as well as the International Standards on Auditing to foster the sustainability of the PAOs. Read More...

## ICPAU Launches Benevolent Fund to Support Members and Staff

The Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Uganda (ICPAU) has launched the Benevolent Fund, a charity organisation established in 2020 under revocable trusts, to provide bereavement support and other benefits to its members. Read More...





## Mother Earth is crying out. We Need to Act Now – Stephen Mukasa

According to Mr Stephen Mukasa, the Managing Director of CEO Summit Uganda, organisations must make deliberate efforts to control the impact of their activities on the environment, lest the earth plunges into destruction. "Mother earth is in pain. We are experiencing a climate crisis, and if we do not act soon, we will soon be headed for destruction," Mukasa noted. Read More...



#### Allen Kagina Tips Accountants on Sustainability

The Executive Director of the Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA), Allen Kagina has called on accountants to make sustainability a foundational aspect of their work. Kagina emphasised the need for accountants and business leaders to ensure that the needs of future generations are not compromised while executing major projects. Read More...

### THE ANNUAL SEMINAR IN THE NEWS

#### **Soft Power**

https://softpower.ug/unra-committed-to-protecting-nature-says-allen-kagina-at-icpau-annual-seminar/

#### **Daily Monitor**

https://www.monitor.co.ug/uganda/news/national/accountants-team-up-to-protect-nature-4749954



#### **UBC TV**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lh\_rUHGd2Sc&ab\_channel=UBCTelevisionUganda



#### **Smart24 TV**

https://www.youtube.com/live/-IAhcYgqzS0

#### **URN**

https://ugandaradionetwork.net/story/kagina-cries-for-future-generations-over-environment-destruction-



#### **Executive Watch**

https://executivewatch.co.ug/icpaus-29th-annual-seminar-emphasises-importance-of-esg-standards/



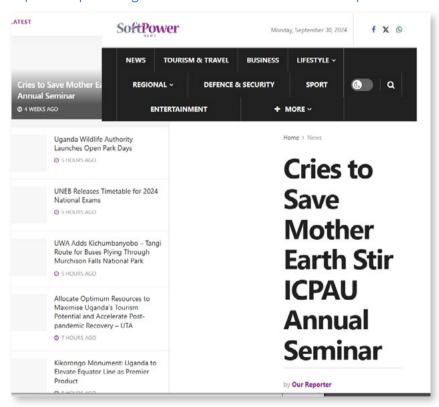
#### **Nile Post**

https://nilepost.co.ug/news/215215/allen-kagina-urges-accountants-to-integrate-sustainable-devt-goals-in-business-strategies



#### **Soft Power**

https://softpower.ug/cries-to-save-mother-earth-stir-icpau-annual-seminar/



### The Independent

 $\underline{https://www.independent.co.ug/allen-kagina-reaffirms-unras-commitment-to-adhering-to-esg-standards/}$ 

## THE ANNUAL SEMINAR IN PICTURES





CPA David Bunnya Sserebe, Chairperson Event Management Committee ICPAU giving opening remarks at the 29<sup>th</sup> ICPAU Annual Seminar.



CPA Josephine Okui Ossiya, President ICPAU delivering her Opening speech at the 29<sup>th</sup> ICPAU Annual Seminar.



FCPA Caroline Jebet Kigen, CEO, ICPAK (R) receiving a token of appreciation from CPA Keto Kayemba, PAFA President (L) at the 29th ICPAU Annual Seminar.



Mr Alex Lwanja (R), representing the Bank of Uganda, receiving a token of appreciation from CPA Derick Nkajja (L), CEO/Secretary.



Picture Moment: CPA Ambrose Mugisha, Head Education ICPAU (L), Dr Jimmy Spire Ssentongo (2nd L), CPA Amin Miramago, CEO ICPAR (2nd R) and CPA David Bunnya Sserebe, Chairperson Event Management Committee ICPAU (R).



Mr John Bosco Ntangaare (R) receiving a certificate of merit from CPA Lawrence Semakula, the Accountant General of Uganda (L) at the 29th ICPAU Annual Seminar.



Khadija Nakakande representing NAADS (L) receiving a certificate of appreciation from CPA Dr Albert Richards Otete, Council member ICPAU(R) at the 29th ICPAU Annual Seminar



Picture Moment: Some ICPAU Council and Events Management Committee members. Standing are (L-R): CPA Sandra Nakibuule Batte, CPA David Bunnya Sserebe, CPA Dr Albert Richards Otete, CPA Rehema Nakirembe, Prof Laura Orobia, and Ms. Elizabeth Kateme .Seated are(L-R): Mr Alex Lwanja, FCPA Caroline Jebet Kigen and Mr. John Bosco Ntaangare.



Dr Jimmy Spire Ssentongo (R) receiving a token of appreciation from CPA Betty Namatovu (L) for his presentation on Mental Health & Wellness at the 29th ICPAU Annual Seminar.



Mr. Stephen Mukasa, Managing Director CEO Summit Uganda receiving a certificate of appreciation from CPA Dr Albert Richards Otete, Council member ICPAU (R) for his presentation on Sustainable Financial Immersion at the 29th ICPAU Annual Seminar.



Mr. Edem Samuel representing Uganda Development Bank (L), one of the 29th ICPAU Annual Seminar partners, receiving a certificate of appreciation from CPA Rehema Nakirembe Member Events Management Committee ICPAU (R).



Mrs Allen Kagina, Executive Director Uganda National Roads Authority (R) receiving a token of appreciation from CPA Josephine Okui Ossiya, President ICPAU (L) at the 29th ICPAU Annual Seminar.



Participants at the 29th Annual Seminar.

Mrs Allen Kagina, Executive
Director Uganda National Roads
Authority (C) posses with Mr.
Saul Sseremba, CEO/Principal ITC
(L), CPA Josephine Okui Ossiya,
President ICPAU (2nd L), CPA
Derick Nkajja, ICPAU CEO (3rd R),
CPA Ronald Mutumba (2nd R),
and CPA David Bunnya Sserebe,
Chairperson Event Management
Committee ICPAU (R).





CPA Josephine Okui Ossiya, partner representative CMA (R) receiving a certificate of Appreciation from CPA Sandra Nakibuule Batte (L) at the 29th ICPAU Annual Seminar.



Mr. Robert Kabushenga, a farmer and administrator at Rugyeyo Farm (R) receiving a token of appreciation from CPA John Muhaise Bikalemesa (L) for his presentation on Building and Sustaining an Enterprise.





Participants at the Uganda Reptile Village in Entebbe.



Participants dancing and enjoying the music played by the Abeeka band.





Participants dressed in a cowboy theme pose for a photo on the first day of the 29th ICPAU Annual Seminar.





Participants dancing and enjoying the music played by Azawi.

Comedian and actor Patrick Salvador Idringi emceeing the second night of the 29th Annual Seminar.



Picture moment: Some partners of the 29th ICPAU Annual Seminar pose with their certificates of appreciation with CPA Derick Nkajja, ICPAU CEO (2nd L)



Partner representatives from KCCA (R), receiving a certificate of appreciation from CPA Sandra Nakibuule Batte, Member Events Management Committee ICPAU (L) at the 29th ICPAU Annual Seminar partners.



Partner representative from Centenary Rural Development Bank (R), receiving a certificate of appreciation from CPA Edward Akol, Auditor General Uganda (L) at the 29th ICPAU Annual Seminar.





CPA Keto Kayemba, PAFA President unveils the launch of the Benevolent Fund, alongside some ICPAU officials at the 29th Annual Seminar.



Hon. Nandala Mafabi, representing Budadiri West County, signing the Benevolent Fund cortex board during the launch at the 29th Annual Seminar.



CPA Kto Kayemba, PAFA President signing the Benevolent Fund cortex board during the launch at the 29th Annual Seminar.



CPA David Timothy Ediomu, Member Events Management Committee signing the Benevolent Fund cortex board during the launch at the 29th Annual Seminar.



The cortex board, bearing multiple signatures, marking the launch of the Benevolent Fund at the 29th ICPAU Annual Seminar.

### **ACCOUNTANCY SERVICE AWARDS**

The Accountancy Service Awards (ASA) are premium annual awards of excellence aimed at recognising persons or entities that have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of the accountancy profession in Uganda and beyond. The 2024 ASA ceremony was held on 6 September 2024 at the Imperial Resort Beach Hotel, and oline. Ms Mercy Kainobwisho, the Registrar General of the Uganda Registration Services Bureau was the Chief Guest. Here are some updates.

## **ASA IN THE NEWS**

### The Independent

https://www.independent.co.ug/icpau-2024-accountancy-award-recipients-inspire-the-profession/



#### **UBC TV**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HDNPXuYUfuk&ab\_channel=UBCTelevisionUganda



#### **Soft Power**

 $\underline{https://softpower.ug/cpa-mary-theresa-kiggundu-takes-inaugural-woman-accountant-of-the-year-award}\\$ 



## **ASA IN PICTURES**



### **ICPAU GOLD SERVICE AWARD**

CPA KETO KAYEMBA



CPA Keto Kayemba (L) receiving the ICPAU Gold Service Award from ICPAU President, CPA Josephine Okui Ossiya

### **CPA OF THE YEAR AWARD**

CPA RUTH-DOREEN MUTEBE NSEKO Head of Internal Audit – Umeme



## WOMAN ACCOUNTANT OF THE YEAR AWARD

CPA MARY THERESA KIGGUNDU Consultant – Kmailt Enterprises Ltd



CPA Mary Theresa Kiggundu (C) receiving the award from ICPAU 6<sup>th</sup> President, CPA Patrick Kagoro

## YOUNG ACCOUNTANT OF THE YEAR AWARD

CPA JOSEPH OSAKO Finance Manager - GA Insurance Uganda





Ms. Mercy K. Kainobwisho, Registar General, Uganda Registration Services Bureau was the chief guest for the 2024 Accountancy Service Awards.

## FINANCE TEAM OF THE YEAR AWARD

POSTBANK UGANDA



PostBank CFO, CPA Peter Ssenyange (2<sup>nd</sup> R) receiving the award. He is flanked by some members of the PostBank Finance team.

## ACCOUNTING FIRM OF THE YEAR AWARD

YM PARTNERS



Receiving the Award is CPA Shaban Amadile (left)

# REGIONAL MEMBERS NETWORK OF THE YEAR AWARD

ANKOLE REGIONAL MEMBERS NETWORK



CPA Isaac Muzoora received the award on behalf of the Network

### UNIQUE HUMANITARIAN AWARD

PR. GARY SKINNER
Founder Watoto Child Care Ministries



## INSTITUTIONAL PARTNER OF THE YEAR AWARD

UGANDA NATIONAL OIL COMPANY LIMITED



 $2^{nd}$  right is UNOC CEO – Ms Proscovia Nabbanja

### **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**

hCPA JOHN BOSCO NTANGAARE Former Director Education – ICPAU



hCPA John Bosco Ntangaare (C), flanked by his wife, Prof. Mercy Ntangaare (L)

## John Bosco Ntangaare Awarded ICPAU Honorary Membership, CPA Keto Kayemba Wins Gold at 2024 ASA



## **WHAT THEY SAID ABOUT THE WINNERS**



#### CPA Ruth-Doreen Mutebe Nseko - CPA of the Year

As I listened to the citation, it became evident—even before her name was mentioned—that she was the recipient of the prestigious CPA of the Year Award from ICPAU. I was thrilled to hear this. This award is a true reflection of her hard work, unwavering dedication, and outstanding contributions to the accounting profession in Uganda and beyond.

It has been a privilege working with CPA Mutebe-Nseko at the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Uganda and the Institute of Internal Auditors.

Gervase Ndyanabo

Deputy Managing Director, New Vision

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