

PSFU BUSINESS ASSOCIATION & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AWARDS 2009

Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSFU) awarded the best business associations for the year on 27th November 2009 at Sheraton Kampala Hotel. The Guest of Honor was Hon Sydda Bbumba Minister of Finance Planning and Economic Development (MoFPED). The event was attended by among others the PSFU Board Members and Members of the PSFU Advisory Council, Government Officials, Development Partners, PSFU Members, the Business Community and the Media.

Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSFU) recognizes the role that networks such as business associations, community groups and cooperatives play in nurturing small and business enterprises in Uganda. Through such collaborations small firms can achieve competitive advantage and also gain access to the necessary resources for business start ups, growth and success. As a growing economy there's need to encourage formation of long term relationships that rely on the incentives of repeated interactions in order to overcome institutional failure and make significant contributions to productivity, exports and growth

It's against this background that each year PSFU recognizes the best business models of associations, cooperatives, and community groups operating from village, sub-county, district and national level. This award attracts nominations from at least 50 key districts from all regions in Uganda. PSFU has held for the last 2 years recognizing the role that Associations or networks play in strengthening the competitiveness of SMEs in Uganda.

Purpose of the Award

The purpose of the award is to promote good governance, excellent association management and leadership practices, within the business association sector in Uganda. The Business Association and Community Development Award recognizes an association that has demonstrated good governance and outstanding efforts in representing the interests of its members, organizing activities and delivering services and information for the benefit of the members (or the industry or profession in general).

WINNERS NATIONAL LEVEL;

1. Overall Winner; Uganda Insures Association (UIA)
2. First Runner-up; National Organic Movement of Uganda (NOGAMU)
3. Second Runner-up Uganda Crane Creameries Cooperative Union

REGIONAL WINNERS:

Northern Region;

1. Overall winner; North East Chili Producers Association
2. First Runner-up; Moyo District Farmers Association
3. Second Runner-up; Adyaka Rural Development Initiative

Western Region

1. Overall Winner; Ankole Private Sector
2. First Runner-up; Kabalore District Farmers Association
3. Second Runner-up; Mbarara District Farmers Association

Eastern Region

1. Overall Winner: Kapchorwa Commercial Farmers Association
2. First Runner-up; Apoolo Na Angor
3. Second Runner-up; Eastern Private Sector Development Center Limited

Central Region

1. Overall Winner: Nakasongola District Farmers Association
2. First Runner-up; Kikyusa Integrated Development Organization
3. Second Runner-up; Masaka Disabled Persons Association

Urban/Suburban Category

1. Overall Winner; National Union of Hair Dressers
2. First Runner-up; Kawempe Youth Development Association
3. Second Runner-up; Gulu Women Mobile Catering

Environmental/Energy Category

1. Overall Winner; Foundation for Urban Rural Advancement
2. First Runner-up; Kinawataka Women Initiative
3. Second Runner-up; Shunya Yetana CBO

Uganda Insurers Association (UIA) was awarded by PSFU as the best Business Association for the year 2009. Uganda Insurers Association was also the Association of the year 2008. It has been recognized because of the numerous efforts it has made in transforming the insurance industry and instilling business ethics and code of conduct.