

The Funding and Partnership Conference for Grassroots CSOs and Small Enterprises 2025

“Putting the Grassroots First”

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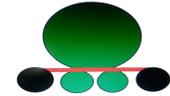
Dates: 3rd – 5th September, 2025

Venue: Hotel Africana, Kampala – Uganda



The largest gathering bringing Donors and Policy makers on the same table with Grassroots CSOs and Small Enterprises in Uganda

About the 2025 Conference



The Funding and Partnership Conference for Grassroots CSOs and Small Enterprises; is the largest gathering in Uganda between; on one side - Donors, Development partners and Government and on the other side - Grassroots CSOs, Small NGOs as well as Small and Medium Enterprise and Groups to discuss funding, capacity and policy.

Who is invited for the Funding and Partnership Conference for Grassroots CSOs and Small Enterprises Conference?

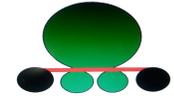
- a) Small NGOs/CSOs and Local development groups
- b) Cooperatives and SACCOs
- c) Small and Medium Enterprises
- d) Networks and Associations
- e) **Donors, Development partners and Government agencies** supporting Grassroots and SMEs

Specific persons to benefit from the Conference

- o Directors, Managers, and Senior Staff of Grassroots NGOs and Groups as well as Small and Medium Enterprises from Uganda and in the Region. They will meet **Donors, Development partners and Government agencies** supporting Grassroots and SMEs.
- o The Agencies targeted include; Small NGOs/CSOs and Local development groups, Cooperatives and SACCOs, Small and Medium Enterprises and Networks and Associations

Why the Conference?

Small Grassroots Agencies in 3rd world countries are historically the champions in delivering last-mile development services. They reach the deepest un-accessible jungles engaging in activities like mobilizing the community for immunization or civic programs. Unfortunately, the post-covid19 era has seen thousands of these smaller development partners struggle for their breath and many have closed shop. Their fate has been sealed by bold changes in donor and government funding, complicated granting processes and requirements, new stringent registration and compliance guidelines, the increased use of ICT for organizational operations as well the chronic low capacity prevalent among these agencies. To sustain the critical role these Grassroots play in the development value chain, there is urgent need to “desilt” channels that are clogging the flow of resources, information and policy to the lowest actors to enable development action benefit the most-at-risk and those hard-to-reach.



The Goal of the Conference

To provide a platform where Grassroots CSOs and Small and Medium Enterprises in Uganda meet with Donors, financiers, development partners and policy makers to dialogue, learn, explore and collaborate on funding, capacity and policy.

The Conference Objectives

1. An annual Meeting between CSOs, SMEs, financiers and development partners to retreat, reflect as well as share, learn and plan for effective and coordinated work
2. Improved knowledge, appreciation and compliance to policy requirements and guidelines
3. Improved strategic linkages among Small and Medium CSOs with government and development partners
4. Strengthened capacity in administration, financial management, resource mobilization and fundraising for Small and Medium CSOs.
5. Increased quality of service delivery through sharing good practices, success stories, innovations, and performance models.

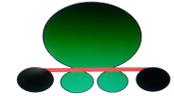
The Conference Theme

This year's theme is *"Putting the Grassroots First"*

How to attend the conference?

Attendance is by registration and payment of an attendance fee of \$60 for the Conference (*3rd – 5th September, 2025*). This means that prior registration is required for attendance. Each of the Conference has 100 slots available. For Registration, go to <http://consortiumforgrassroots.org/conference/conference.php>. You may also call or whatsapp +256 756 049 726 or e-mail us on smallcsosuganda@gmail.com for more details.

Registration fees



The registration fee per each delegate is \$90 for; the Funding and Partnership Conference for Grassroots CSOs and Small Enterprises. **Note that this Registration cost shall ONLY cater for conference access, workshops attendance, writing stationary and conference day time meals and waters.** Sessions shall be Practical Workshops and shall run as scheduled. THE DELEGATE WILL MEET OWN COSTS FOR MEALS AND ACCOMMODATION, FLIGHTS, CONNECTIONS, VISAS, INLAND TRAVELS, INSURANCES AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE ALLOWANCES.

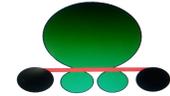
The 2025 Conference Tracks/ Thematic Areas

Workshop Track 1: *Funding and Financing for Grassroots CSOs;*

- o Sources and Databases for Funding and financing opportunities for small CSOs and Enterprises
- o Grant Review and Award Procedures
- o Business and income sources for CSOs and Enterprises
- o Handling collaborative Grants
- o Grant/ Proposal Budgeting and costing including administration costs
- o Establishing and managing a Grants and Resource Mobilization Office for a Small CSO

Workshop Track 2: *Policy, Statutory and Compliance Issues for Grassroots CSOs and Enterprises*

- o The Civil Society policy frameworks in Uganda and its impact on grassroots CSOs and Enterprises
- o Patents, copyrights and Intellectual property
- o Emerging regulations and statutes
- o Data sharing, management, publications and ownership
- o Legal, Ethics, Regulatory and Compliance issues



Workshop Track 3: Capacity Strengthening

- o ICT Integration including emerging technologies in operations
- o Areas for Capacity Building and Institutional Development for small groups
- o The use of ICT and Emotional Intelligence in the NGO and Business space

Workshop Track 4: Institutional Partnerships and Collaborations:

- o Developing and management of collaborative partnerships, handling sub-contracts and consortia
- o Strategies to develop public-private partnerships
- o Joining Networks and Associations

Conference Setup:

These Conferences are designed in form of Workshops and meetings

Conference Dates and Venue:

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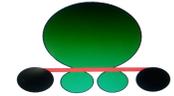
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Conference Presenters:

We have invited an enviable list of local, regional and international donors as well as development partners who cannot simply wait to present and discuss their views, opportunities, strategic directions as well as listen to comments, challenges as well as aspirations grassroots partners have. We have been encouraged to also invite local CSOs, Enterprises and teams that are interested in making presentations about their works and projects during the conference. **Please Contact Telephone: +256 756 049 726** or e-mail at smallcsosuganda@gmail.com

Offer to Exhibit at the Conference

We are specifically inviting small and grassroots CSOs to exhibit their work, achievements, success stories and innovations. Contact the organizing committee for further details.



Virtual Attendance

Participants preferring to attend virtually shall need to register to get details for virtual attendance

Funding and Sponsorships

The Funding and Partnership Conference for Grassroots NGOs and Small Enterprises 2025 welcomes funding, partnerships and sponsorships for specific workshops, events or materials. These may include additional funds for the main conference, workshops, and group meetings. Other areas include scholarships/awards for delegates/ presenters and publicity materials. **Contact Telephone: +256 756 049 726** or e-mail at smallcsosuganda@gmail.com

Payment Details

All Conference Payments are made on the Bank Account details below;

Agency: Consortium for Grassroots Based Development Partners LTD

Account Name: Consortium for Grassroots Based Development Partners LTD

Account Number: 211251000084

Bank Name and Branch: Finance Trust Bank, Kampala

For any further details and payments; Contact the Conference Organizing Committee

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