



UGANDA ASSOCIATION OF OTTAWA

OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. To provide meaningful support to all Ugandans in Ottawa, with a focus on uplifting the most vulnerable members of the community, including children, youth, women, seniors, newcomers, and asylum seekers in the city of Ottawa.
2. To foster and promote the multicultural identity of Ugandan-Canadians in Ottawa and Canada by:
 - a) Creating programs and activities utilizing the inherent advantages and strengths of the Ugandan-Canadian community within the Canadian and North American context.
 - b) Providing a forum where Ugandans, Ugandan-Canadians and other Canadians may discuss matters of mutual interest to both Uganda and Canada.
 - c) Creating programs and activities directed at the children and youths of the Ugandan-Canadian community by encouraging their interaction with each other and with the broader Ottawa-Gatineau community; and
 - d) Creating and providing programs and activities that foster and promote multicultural interaction, understanding and tolerance.
3. To promote ties and cooperation between the Uganda Association of Ottawa and associations of similar objectives in Canada by:
 - a) Establishing contacts, sharing information with and providing mutual assistance to such associations; and



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- b) Initiating and providing joint social, cultural and educational programs.
4. To establish, and strengthen ties between Ugandan-Canadian communities in Canada and Uganda by:
- a) Promoting the exchange of cultural, educational and social activities between the local community and other Ugandan communities in Canada; and
 - b) Providing members of the Ugandan-Canadian community with information about Uganda for cultural, social or other mandate-oriented purposes.
5. To encourage mutual understanding and friendship between people of African (particularly of Ugandan) cultural background, and other Canadians by:
- a. Creating and providing social, cultural and educational programs and activities for the purpose of representing the Ugandan-Canadian community to mainstream society.
 - b. Launching relevant initiatives in response to local conditions and issues, which would enhance understanding and friendship between the Ugandan-Canadian community and other Canadians.
 - c. Participating and assisting in programs and activities hosted by other Canadian associations and groups aimed at promoting cross-cultural understanding, community cooperation and integration in the greater Canadian community; and
 - d. Working towards the improvement of the general welfare of the community.



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5. To contribute to the equal passing of Ugandan and Canadian cultural values to our children as part of their heritage.
6. To seek full integration of Ugandan-Canadian community members into Canadian society as one of the various groups that make up the country's cultural mosaic.
7. Create and provide a neutral space for Ugandans in Ottawa, free from political or religious affiliations, to ensure inclusivity and tolerance for the diverse beliefs and background of each member.

Recent Services Provided by UAO

The Uganda Association of Ottawa (UAO) continues to initiate and organize events that foster community development and engagement. Their initiatives demonstrate a strong commitment to cultural preservation, inclusivity, and well-being. Here's a summary of UAO their recent achievements:

1. **Cultural and Educational Growth:**
 - Organized **language classes** to preserve Ugandan heritage and promote communication skills.
2. **Community Bonding Events:**
 - Hosted **Summer Barbecue**, a cherished tradition for socializing and celebration.
 - Strengthened ties with other Ottawa communities, such as the **African Canadian Association of Ottawa**, through events like *African Day on the Hill* and the *African Community and Friends' Summer Barbecue*.



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3. **Sports and Fitness Promotion:**
 - Sponsored the **Ottawa Uganda Cranes Football Team**, providing new uniforms to enhance their representation.
 - Providing **safe spaces** for fitness, sports, meditation, and networking during winter months, promoting mental and physical health.

4. **Support for Youth and Families:**
 - Organized **children's summer camps** in collaboration with Jaku Konbit.
 - Arrange winter gym access, outdoor camps, and distribute essential resources like food gift cards and computers.

5. **Resource Sharing and Networking:**
 - Facilitate **meet-and-greet events** to assist newcomers with resourceful information in the city of Ottawa.

6. **Community Governance and Celebrations:**
 - Conduct **UAO elections**, encouraging community participation in leadership.
 - Arrange **celebrations**, fostering unity and reflection on the year's successes.

These initiatives highlight UAO's dedication to supporting its members through education, cultural enrichment, recreation, and social welfare.