



EASTERN & SOUTHERN AFRICA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE (ACEII)

# African Centre for Agroecology & Livelihood Systems (ACALISE)

**UGANDA MARTYRS UNIVERSITY**

**Year 2020/2021**

**August 2020-January 2021**



# BACKGROUND TO ACALISE

## Development Problem

- Low agricultural production & productivity
- Unhealthy r/p with nature
- Population growth rate vs economic growth
- Decadent moral fibre





# Mission of ACALISE

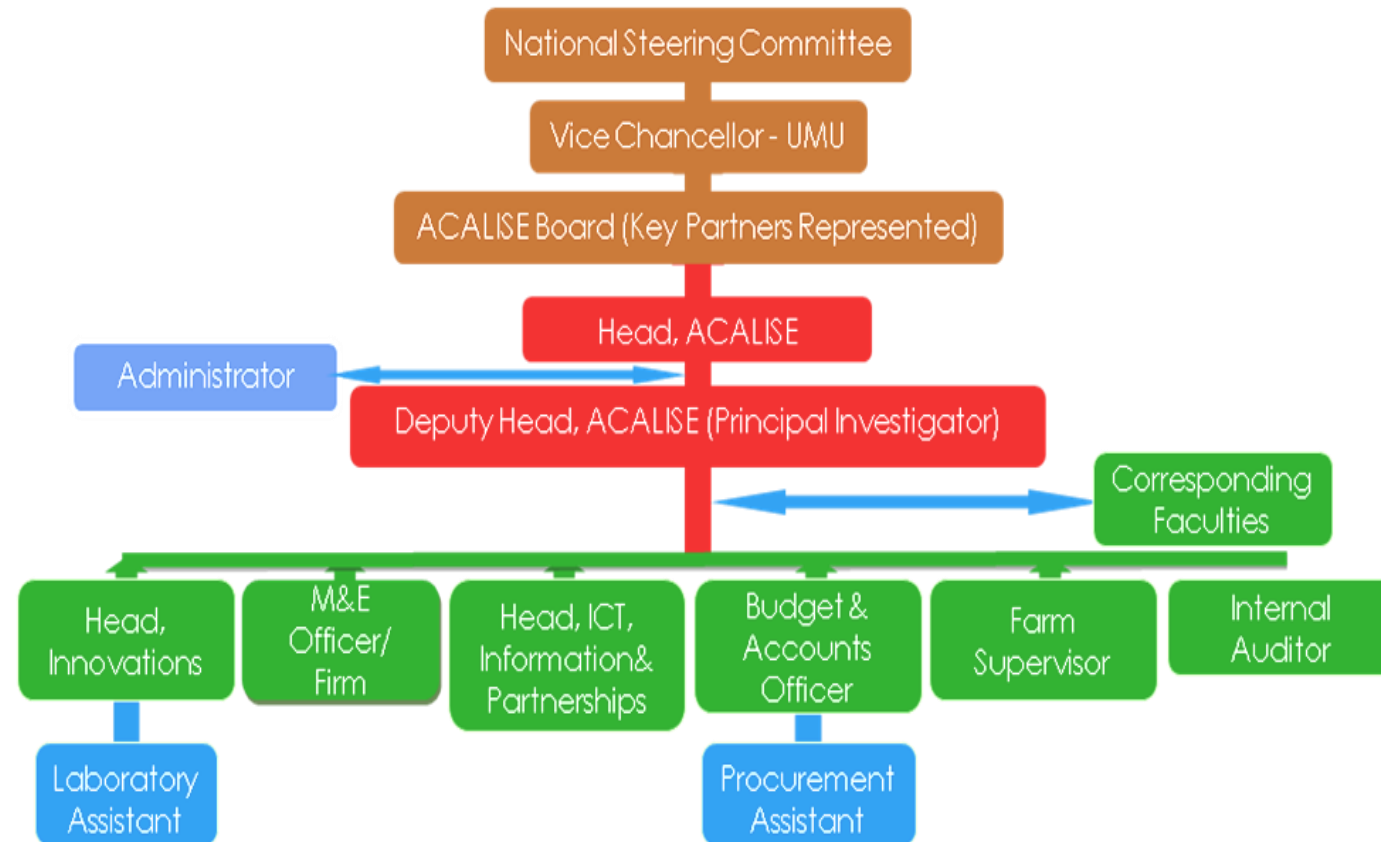


To enhance agroecology and livelihood systems through Training, Research, and Community Outreach, to contribute to the transformation of the agricultural sector and sustainable livelihoods in the region





# ACE Management







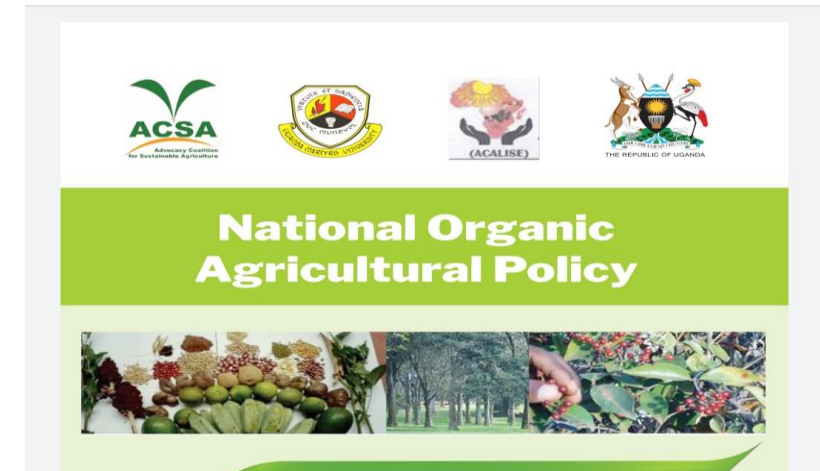
# Host University features

- Private, not-for-profit University
- Student population of 5,300
- A community University with robust outreach
- Host to UN Regional Centre of Expertise for ESD
- E. African pioneer in Organic Farming and Postgraduate courses in Agroecology
- Among the 5 most highly reputed Universities in Uganda
- 3 Schools, 1 Institute, 6 Faculties
- Managed by a team of seven, assisted by Directors, Deans, and Heads of Department. Management team report to the Governing Council and Senate



# Main Achievements and Highlights in the Last 6 Months

- Recognized for our contribution in the formulation of national policy on Organic Farming in Uganda
- Together with our partner ACSA we carried out two critical researches, namely *Pineapple value chain* and *Coffee value chain*
- Enhancement of the soil laboratory with advanced equipment
- Officially launched the first ever Organic Farming Demo Home in Uganda
- Successful online defense of the PhD proposals by the 11 students of the second cohort
- An innovation in the COVID 19 era is the collaboration with GoU to open up a Radio for learning, community outreach, and income





# New and/or Revised ACE Ph.D., Master Courses to be developed

- PhD Agroecology and Food Systems (new)
- PhD Business Administration (new)
- MSc in Microfinance Management (new)
- MSc Bioethics (new)
- MSc in Agroecology (Revised)
- MSc M&E (being revised)
- MSc in Livelihood Systems (being developed)



# ACE Targets & Results Achieved for YEAR 2020/21 (you can use figures and charts to illustrate progress of selected results)

Indicator	Value	Year # target	Year # actual
<b>Regional students enrolled in ACEs</b>	Masters (Total)	30	2
	Masters (Female)	10	0
	PhD (Total)	7	0
	PhD (Female)	4	0
	Short-term courses (Total)	60	22
	Short-term courses (Female)		
<b>Total students (regional and national) enrolled in ACEs</b>	Masters (Total)	100	103
	Masters (Female)	30	22
	PhD (Total)	11	0
	PhD (Female)	5	0
	Short-term courses (Total)	80	48
	Short-term courses (Female)	25	20



# ACE Targets & Results Achieved for YEAR 2020/21

Indicator	Value	Year # target	Year # actual
MOUs on partnerships for collaboration in applied research and training entered into by the ACEs	Total	3	0
Accredited education programs offered by the ACEs	Total	8	1
	Masters (National accreditation)	1	0
	Masters (Regional accreditation)	2	0
	Masters (International accreditation)	2	0
	PhD (National accreditation)	1	1
	PhD (Regional accreditation)	1	0
	PhD (International accreditation)	1	0
Direct Project beneficiaries	Total	206	160
	Female	60	44
	Students (Total)	197	151
	Students (Female)	63	42
	Faculty (Total)	9	9
	Faculty (Female)	5	2

# ACE Targets & Results Achieved for YEAR 2020/21

Indicator	Value	Year # target	Year # actual
Faculty and PhD students exchanges to promote research and teaching	Total	15	9
	Female	5	2
Amount of externally generated revenue by the ACEs	USD	100,000	52,335
Internationally recognized research publications in disciplines supported by the ACE Program and with regional coauthors	Total	20	11
	No. co-authored with regional collaborators	7	2
No. of institutions hosting ACEs participating in the PASET benchmarking exercise	Total	1	No PASET call



# TOTAL IDA FUNDS RECEIVED and UTILIZED

Amount Received	Date	Amount Utilized	Date
3,152,110.13	19 Feb 2021	2,555,541.13	19 Feb 2021
53% of the total grant		81% of the disbursed	

# PROCUREMENT PROGRESS

Items procured (Works, goods, and consultancies)	Current Status
Multipurpose Tractor	Purchase completed
Implements of the multipurpose Tractor	85 % of implements delivered
Hostel purchase	Purchase completed
Soil Lab equipment	70 % of equipment delivered
Visiting Professors (Mentoring PhD students)	Appointed and remunerated



# Reporting and Compliances-Status of:

- Annual Work Plan status: to review the plan after restructuring
- Interim Financial Report status: timely submission
- Annual audit report status: timely submission
- Procurement plan/progress/audit: timely submission of report
- Social&environmental safeguards and compliance: report submitted

# Challenges and/or Reflections

1. Delays in disbursement of funds
2. Regional students in Nigeria couldn't be verified thereby affecting disbursement
3. Delayed finalization of the restructuring process after the mid-term review
4. No regional/international accreditation of programmes
5. Effect of COVID 19 restrictions on:
  - regional activities esp. exchanges
  - Research activities
  - Completion of teaching and learning



# PARTNERSHIPS

