

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

**THE
CONSTITUTION
FOR**

**“KICK CORRUPTION OUT OF
KIGEZI”**

(KICK)

**AS AMENDED BY THE DELEGATES ASSEMBLY OF STAKEHOLDERS
AT STANDARD HOTEL, KABALE
ON 20TH JUNE 2006**

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“KICK CORRUPTION OUT OF KIGEZI”
(KICK)**

PREAMBLE

WE, the civil society of Kigezi

AWARE that we represent the demand side of services that are rendered and offered by Government and its local and foreign partners

SERIOUSLY PERTURBED BY AND CONCERNED ABOUT rampant corrupt tendencies of the duty bearers, an abhorrent practice that erodes efficiency and effectiveness of the services meant to benefit the communities who constitute the poor hence denying them of their constitutional economic, political and social rights

WELL AWARE that corruption is no mean task that must be tackled with maximum determination and absolute resolute

IN AGREEMENT that unity of purpose and action is stronger and louder than single or isolated approaches

DESIROUS of emancipating the people of Kigezi from the bonds of corruption by using the mighty voices and interventions of the united forces of civil society

NOTING that civil society organisations at district level have taken serious and practical steps of working together as networks and fora

DO HEREBY RESOLVE to form a organisation of district civil society networks in order to disorganize and ultimately uproot the corruption monster from Kigezi.

THEREFORE ADOPT this Constitution to be the binding factor and guide as we embark on the struggle.

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**ARTICLE I
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REGIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION ORGANISATION –
“KICK CORRUPTION OUT OF KIGEZI”**

1. The organisation “**KICK CORRUPTION OUT OF KIGEZI**”, hereinafter referred to as **KICK** is hereby established.
2. In the context of this constitution, Kigezi refers to the region in South Western Uganda comprising of the four districts namely Kabale, Kisoro, Kanungu and Rukungiri. Any other district to evolve out of any of these districts shall automatically be part of Kigezi
3. Headquarters of “**KICK CORRUPTION OUT OF KIGEZI**” shall be in Kigezi.
4. The “**KICK CORRUPTION OUT OF KIGEZI**” may locate its branch offices in any part of Uganda or in any other place outside Uganda as shall be deemed appropriate from time to time with the approval of the Annual General Meeting.
5. The “**KICK CORRUPTION OUT OF KIGEZI**” shall be a Non-Governmental and Non-partisan organization and shall be governed by this constitution.
6. The “**KICK CORRUPTION OUT OF KIGEZI**” may affiliate, associate and partner with other National, Regional and International Organizations as shall be deemed appropriate with the approval of the Annual General Meeting.

**ARTICLE II
VISION AND MISSION**

**1. VISION
A CORRUPT – FREE SOCIETY**

2. MISSION

Facilitating the empowerment of communities in order to make them act independently, participating in anti-corruption society processes and advocate for their own interests

**ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP**

1. The following types of membership eligibility are hereby established:
 - a) Full membership who shall be a recognized district network/forum/consortium or such organisation which accepts into membership all eligible civil society organisations within the district.
 - b) Such district networks/fora/consortia shall be operational in the districts of the former Kigezi, namely Kabale, Kanungu, Kisoro and Rukungiri.
 - c) In the event of district sub-division, an umbrella organisation that forms in the district that will be formed as a result of subdividing any of the eligible districts of Kigezi shall automatically be eligible for KICK membership.
 - d) The KICK Annual General Meeting may, on recommendation of the Executive Committee, accept into membership an organisation which is not necessarily a district umbrella organisation/network provided such organisation is operational in Kigezi and its mode of representation at the Annual General Meeting is specified and approved.
2. Membership shall be by application and shall be subject to verification and approval of the KICK Executive Committee on behalf of Annual General Meeting on such terms as the said Executive Committee shall determine in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.

3. The KICK Annual General Meeting shall have power to change or modify the membership policy by a simple majority vote.
4. In order to qualify as a KICK member, each eligible organisation shall pay a once for all membership fee as shall be fixed by the KICK Annual General Meeting.
5. This so fixed membership fee shall be paid not later than 3 months after the organization has been officially admitted into membership.
6. KICK membership shall pay an annual subscription fee as shall be determined and fixed by the KICK Annual General Meeting.
7. The Annual General Meeting may revise the membership fee and the annual subscription payable by the members from time to time as deemed appropriate.
8. This so fixed subscription fee shall be due every 1st of January of each year.
9. A member organisation shall cease to be member of KICK by a resolution of the Annual General Meeting.
10. A member organization which ceases to be a KICK member, irrespective of the causes and reasons for such cessation, shall forfeit/lose entitlement to the Organisation's privileges and assets.

ARTICLE IV RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A MEMBER

1. A full member of KICK shall have the following rights:
 - a) The right to be represented during the Annual General Meeting in accordance with the provisions of this constitution
 - b) The right to be elected to membership of the Executive Committee
 - c) The right to raise or second a motion rose during all meetings convened in accordance with this constitution.
 - d) Any other rights as may be prescribed in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.
2. A full member of KICK shall have responsibilities of:
 - a) Paying Organisation dues as levied in accordance with this constitution.
 - b) Attending Organisation meetings provided such meetings are consonant to the constitutional provisions and the fulfillment of the Organisation objectives.
 - c) Voting
 - d) Supporting the objectives of the Organisation
 - e) Encouraging other eligible organisations to join the Organisation
 - f) Any other responsibilities as may be deemed necessary by the Organisation organs in accordance with the constitution.
3. The rights and responsibilities of the other categories of membership shall be as defined by the Executive Committee of the Organisation subject to approval of the Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE V SOURCES OF FUNDS

1. KICK shall be funded from the following sources:
 - a) Members' contribution of membership fees
 - b) Members' contribution of annual subscription fees
 - c) Donations and contributions solicited from members by the relevant organs of the Organisation.

- d) Donations and contributions from the region's Local Governments and/or the Uganda Government relevant bodies, organs, institutions or departments as mutually agreed.
- e) Donations and contributions from sister Organisations, both local and foreign, as may be solicited and negotiated by the relevant Organisation organs.
- f) Donations and contributions from well-wishers, be they individuals or organizations, members or non-members, local or foreign.
- g) Any other lawful sources.

2. Soliciting of funds for and by KICK and follow up of its progress thereto shall be carried out in a transparent manner by the Organisation Executive Committee or the Secretariat as authorized by the Executive Committee.

3. The KICK executive on behalf of the Organisation, shall reserve the right to accept or reject any donations or contribution in case of any attached open or intrinsic conditionality.

4. Financial records shall be availed to members, government and public as and when deemed necessary.

5. Solicited and received donations and contributions to KICK, be they in cash or in kind shall be assets of the Organisation and no member, organisation, group or person shall lay claim to them as entities irrespective of the soliciting roles they will have played

ARTICLE VI ORGANS OF THE ORGANISATION

1. The Organisation shall have the following organs:

- (a) The Annual General Meeting
- (b) The Executive Committee
- (c) Any other regional committees as may be instituted by the Annual General Meeting.
- (d) The Secretariat

2. The organs of the Organisation shall act within the powers conferred upon them by the provisions of this constitution.

ARTICLE VII THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. The Annual General Meeting shall be the supreme authority of the Organisation, which shall meet at least once every year at a time and place as shall be decided upon by the Executive Committee of the Organisation.

2. The Annual General Meeting shall comprise of and be attended by not more than seven (7) delegates representing each fully subscribed member organisation of the organisation provided that:
- a) The delegates are endorsed and introduced in writing by their parent organisation's Chairperson or his/her authentic representative.
 - b) Not less than three (3) out of the seven endorsed and introduced delegates are females
 - c) The endorsed and introduced delegate is neither a State actor (by way of an employed public servant or holding an elected post at any local government level) nor engaged in active politics.

3. Delegates from member organisations other than district umbrella/network organisations shall be composed as agreed upon by the Annual General Meeting at the time of being admitted into membership.
4. The Executive Committee shall cause the notice of the annual Annual General Meeting to be advertised and circulated to all members not less than 30 days prior to the meeting and shall specify the agenda.
5. There shall be a delegates vetting committee comprised of The Organisation Chairperson, The Organisation General Secretary and The Organisation Treasurer charged with the responsibility of confirming authenticity and constitutionality of the selected and appointed delegates before the Annual General Meeting proceeds into business.
6. Any delegate representation declared by the delegates vetting committee as disputed shall be set aside and forwarded to a sitting Annual General Meeting whose decision on the authenticity of the delegate shall be final.
7.
 - a) The quorum of the Annual General Meeting shall be comprised of delegates representing not less than one half of full member organisations and numbering not less than one third of members who constitute the Annual General Meeting of the Organisation as stipulated by this constitution.
 - b) No business shall be transacted at any Annual General Meeting unless a quorum is present at the time the meeting proceeds to business.
 - c) If after a prolonged time, in any case of not less than 6 hours, the quorum is not realized, such General meeting shall be called off and another summoned to take place within a period of not less than seven days. However, in the Annual General Meeting summoned after the failed one, if after the expiry of two (2) hours from the time appointed for the Annual General Meeting a quorum is not realized, the members present shall constitute a quorum.
 - (d) All decisions of the Annual General Meeting, except the election of office bearers, shall be decided upon by a show of hands unless otherwise determined by the Annual General Meeting.
 - e) Questions arising at any meeting of the Annual General Meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes and in the case of any equality of votes, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.
 - f) The Chairperson of the Organisation may, with the consent of the Annual General Meeting, adjourn the meeting to another time and place; but no new business shall be introduced at the Annual General Meeting from which the adjournment took place, unless notice thereof has been given to the members.
 - g) Minutes of the proceedings of every Annual General Meeting, and reports shall be kept and circulated to all members and, if approved by the next succeeding Annual General Meeting, shall be signed by the Chairperson and the Secretary. Any minute so signed shall be conclusive and binding on the Organisation.
 - h) If any irregularity, except for one relating to quorum, occurs in the convening or holding of any Annual General Meeting, or in any election or other proceeding taking place at or prior to any such meeting, and it is not objected to at the meeting, then the Annual General Meeting, election or proceeding has the same force and validity as if no irregularity had occurred; provided that where such an irregularity is objected to, the delegates at the Annual General Meeting shall hear and consider the objection and thereafter decide by a majority vote whether to uphold or reject the objection.
8. The Chairperson of the Organisation shall preside over all the meetings of the Organisation Annual General Meeting and the Vice Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson. If for any reason the

Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson are unable to chair a properly convened and constituted meeting of the Annual General Meeting, the General Secretary shall chair the meeting.

**ARTICLE VIII
THE POWERS AND FUNCTION OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

1. The Annual General Meeting shall have the following duties and powers
 - (a) To conduct any business, including laying down the policy of the Organisation and giving directions regarding the organization of the Organisation
 - (b) To review the functions and policies of the Organisation.
 - (c) To set the overall priorities of the Organisation.
 - (d) To consider how to further the objectives of the Organisation.
 - (e) To regulate its own proceedings.
 - (f) To make amendments to the constitution, whenever necessary, and in accordance with provisions herein.
 - (g) To elect the members of the Executive Committee if their term of office is over.
 - (h) To receive, appraise and approve all financial and technical reports for the proceeding year as well as budgets and work programs for the following year.
 - (i) To do any other business in relation to the work of the Organisation.

**ARTICLE IX
EXTRA- ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

1. An extra-ordinary general meeting shall be convened at the request of members representing not less than one third of the total membership of the Organisation Annual General Meeting. The request shall be in form of a signed petition which, on authentication shall deem it mandatory for the Executive Committee to summon the so requested Extra-ordinary General Meeting. The matter(s) to be deliberated on shall be clearly specified on the request petition.
2. The Executive Committee of the Organisation may call an extra-ordinary general meeting provided the justification of the urgency for such a meeting is accepted by the convened meeting before proceeding to business
3. An extra-ordinary general meeting summoned in accordance with the provisions of this constitution shall proceed in accordance with the proceedings of the annual Annual General Meeting.
4. The extra-ordinary general meeting shall be attended by those authorized to attend the Annual General Meeting and shall exercise the same powers as the Annual General Meeting, except where such exercise is inconsistent with the provision of this constitution.
5. At the extra-ordinary general meeting, no other matter shall be deliberated on other than that specified to justify convening such a meeting.

**ARTICLE X
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

1. The KICK Executive Committee is hereby established. This shall be the second highest organ of the Organisation.
2. The Executive Committee of the Organisation shall be formed as follows:
 - a) A Chairperson of a member district umbrella/network organisation shall automatically be qualified to membership of the Executive Committee by virtue of office held and hence automatically replaceable by the substitute in the event of legitimate replacement at the district level.
 - b) The Annual General Meeting shall, on grounds of affirmative action, balancing or any other such special consideration elect not less than 7 (seven) delegates to the executive committee.
 - c) At least 30% of the Executive Committee shall be females.
 - d) The Annual General Meeting shall then elect a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary for Women or any other authorized establishment(s) from the so established pool of the Executive Committee.
 - e) The method of election shall be by secret ballot unless two thirds of the sitting Annual General Meeting opt for another method only for that session.
3. The Executive Committee shall be in office for a term of ONE (1) year except when individual member(s) or the entire executive changes in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.
 - a) A member of the Executive committee shall be eligible for re-election in the same office for a consecutive term not exceeding three terms. He/ she may be elected to an office previously held for three terms or less
 - b) Terms of office shall count from the date this constitution is formally adopted.
 - c) Any alterations to these conditions due to extra-ordinary circumstances shall be deemed to be constitutional provided such alteration is a result of resolution passed by two thirds majority of Annual General Meeting.
4. The Executive Committee shall make Bye-laws regulating the mode of elections, qualifications for office bearers and for appointment, promotion, remuneration, discipline, termination of service and dismissal of employees of “KICK CORRUPTION OUT OF KIGEZI” (KICK), the administrative set-up and on any other matters necessary for the smooth running of the affairs of the organization, PROVIDED that the power to regulate the matter being the subject of the bye-laws is vested in the Annual General Meeting
5. The Executive Committee shall have the following functions;
 - (a) To implement and further facilitate the realization of the objectives, policies and decisions of the Organisation and make appropriate recommendations to the Annual General Meeting.
 - (b) To consider reports submitted by the Secretariat on the activities of the members of the Organisation and make appropriate recommendations to the Annual General Meeting;
 - (c) To supervise the affairs of the Organisation.
 - (d) To appoint the Organisation the Secretariat???
 - (e) To define the duties and determine the remuneration of the members of staff.
 - (f) To supervise the performance of the Secretariat.

- (g) To set up task forces and sub-committees as may be necessary to deal with specific issues pertaining to the functions of the Organisation and to co-opt such individuals as shall have the requisite expertise into such task forces or sub-committees;
- (h) To consider and submit for approval to the General Assembly, the budget of the Organisation;
- (i) To fundraise for the activities of the Organisation.
- (j) To invest the Organisation funds within the criteria laid down by the Annual General Meeting;
- (k) To undertake any other activities for achievements of the Organisation's objectives.

6. The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times a year or as often as may be necessary, PROVIDED that one of the meetings shall be held immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting

7. The quorum of the Executive Committee shall be at least more than one half of members who are entitled to attend and vote.

8. Except as herein provided, the Executive Committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure, including those for convening meetings, and voting.

9. The number of persons serving on the Executive Committee may be increased or decreased from time to time by the Annual General Meeting as they shall deem fit in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.

10. A member of the Executive Committee shall vacate office and that office shall be deemed to be vacant if:

- (a) He or she absents himself/herself from three (3) consecutive meetings of the Executive Committee without first obtaining the Chairperson's permission. Permission shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- (b) He or she resigns his / her office;
- (c) He/she dies
- (d) He or she becomes of unsound mind, insolvent, or is in any other way incapable of transacting business on behalf of the Organisation;
- (e) He or she conducts him/herself in a manner likely to bring the Organisation in disrepute or to work to the detriment of KICK.
- (f) Is elected to a position of active politics and/or state actor. (LC 3, LC 4, LC 5 and MP status OR appointed to serve in any government post at whatever level.)
- (g) Conducts him / herself in active politics.
- (h) He/She predicts to be absent or is actually absent from Uganda 6 consecutive months.
- (i) Is absent from 6 consecutive Executive Committee meetings for any reasons however sound they may be.

11. In the event of there being a vacancy/vacancies on the Executive Committee, the remaining members of Executive Committee may co-opt another person from among those persons eligible to attend a Annual General Meeting to fill the vacancy for the remaining period to the next General Meeting. At the next Annual General Meeting, the Assembly shall fill the vacant position.

**ARTICLE XI
DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

1. The Chairperson

- (a) The Chairperson shall preside at all regional assemblies, meetings and conferences of the Organisation at which he / she is present.
- (b) He / she shall enforce observance of the provisions of this constitution, the Rules and Regulations of the Organisation;
- (c) Perform such duties as by usage and customs pertain to the office of the Chairperson.
- (d) In the case of an equality of the vote at any meeting, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.

2. The Vice-Chairperson

- (a) In the absence of the Regional Chairperson, the Regional Vice-Chairperson shall preside at all conferences, meetings and assemblies and shall have the same powers as the Chairperson while doing so.
- (b) Carry out any other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee and the Annual General Meeting.

3. The Treasurer

- (a) The Treasurer shall cause the proper books of accounts, receive and disburse under the direction of the Executive Committee, all moneys belonging to the Organisation.
- (b) Shall cause the proper keeping of books of account, preserve the books and make them available for inspection for those entitled to inspect them.
- (c) Shall cause collection of membership and subscription fees and all other monies to which the Organisation is entitled.
- (d) Shall cause control of the assets of the Organisation, keep proper records of the assets, their deployment and use;
- (e) Shall cause preparation financial reports and the budget of the Organisation;
- (f) Carry out any other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee and the Annual General Meeting.

4. The Secretary

- (a) Shall keep an up-to-date register of members of the Organisation;
- (b) Shall take and keep minutes of the Annual General Meeting, all extra-ordinary general meetings, and the Executive Committee.
- (c) Shall take and keep other such records as required by the Executive Committee and the Annual General Meeting.

6. The Secretary for Women

- a. Shall oversee all functions and responsibilities as performed by the Women's desk at the Secretariat
- b. Shall perform any other duties and functions pertaining to women affairs as shall be assigned by the Executive Committee from time to time.

7. Members

- a) Shall represent and input the views and interests of the areas, members and/or interest groups they represent on the Executive Committee.
- b) Shall perform any other such functions as may be assigned to them by the Executive Committee from time to time.

**ARTICLE XII
THE MANAGEMENT TEAM**

1. The management Team shall be made up of:
 - (a) The Chairperson
 - (b) The Secretary and
 - (c) The Treasurer
2. The Management Team shall regularly over-see all the operations of the Secretariat and draw to the attention of Executive Committee any matter that requires their attention/action as provided in this constitution.

**ARTICLE XIII
THE SECRETARIAT**

1. The Organisation shall establish a Secretariat, for the better and efficient running of its affairs under the general supervision of the Management Team and the Executive Committee.
2. The Secretariat shall be responsible for the day-to-day affairs of the Organisation and shall perform all such other duties as the Executive Committee may from time to time direct in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.
3. Other employees shall staff the Secretariat, as the Organisation shall determine from time to time, depending on its financial capability and activities.
4. The Executive Committee shall appoint the Secretariat staff on such terms as the Annual General Meeting may determine.

**ARTICLE XIV
FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

1. The financial year of the Organisation shall end on the 30th of June of each year.
2. The Treasurer shall open and maintain a Bank account (s) in the name of "KICK CORRUPTION OUT OF KIGEZI" or such other names as may be approved by the Annual General Meeting and ensure that all moneys belonging to and received by the Organisation are paid into the account(s) PROVIDED that the Secretariat shall be permitted to retain such sums as shall be determined by the Executive Committee from time to time to pay for minor expenses. These moneys shall be accounted for.
3. The annual estimates prepared by the Treasurer shall make provision for all the estimated expenditure of the Organisation, for the financial year concerned, and in particular: -
 - (a) For the approved recurrent and development expenditure;
 - (b) For the payment of salaries, allowances and other charges;
 - (c) For the payment of pensions, gratuities and other charges, if any, in respect of any retirement benefits which may be payable out of the funds of the Organisation;
 - (d) For the proper development and maintenance of the properties of the Organisation, if any;

- (e) For the proper maintenance, repair and replacement of the equipment and other movable property of the Organisation;
 - (f) For the creation of such reserve funds to meet future and contingent liabilities in respect of retirement benefits or insurance or in respect of such other matters as the Organisation may deem fit.
4. Annual estimates shall be approved by the Annual General Meeting.
 5. No expenditure shall be incurred except in accordance with the annual estimates approved by the Annual General Meeting.
 6. (a) The Treasurer shall ensure that all books of account are duly audited for presentation of reports at the Annual General Meeting.
(b) The Annual General Meeting shall appoint a firm of auditors to audit the accounts of the Organisation at the end of the financial year.
 7. Any funds of the Organisation contributed by members and not required for allocation or application shall on the direction of the Executive Committee be invested in the name of the Organisation as the Annual General Meeting may direct. The Executive Committee in the name of the Organisation in an interest earning account shall deposit funds pending for investment at a bank.
 8. All books of accounts and other official records of the Organisation are open to inspection at the Organisation offices during ordinary working hours by any member of the Executive Committee. However, members must give at least seven (7) days' written notice to the Treasurer.
 9. All Audited Financial Statements of the Organisation shall be open to members.

ARTICLE: XV THE SEAL

The seal shall be kept in the safe custody of the General Secretary and it shall not be affixed to any instrument except by authority of the resolution of the Executive Committee and shall be fixed in a presence of the Chairman and General Secretary of the Organisation who must sign every instrument to which the seal is so affixed in their presence.

ARTICLE: XVI BYE – LAWS

The Executive Committee shall make Bye-laws regulating the mode of elections, qualifications for office bearers and for appointment, promotion, remuneration, discipline, termination of service and dismissal of employees of the Organisation; the administrative set-up; and on any other matters necessary for the smooth running of the affairs of the Organisation, PROVIDED that the power to regulate the matter being the subject of the bye-laws is vested in the Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE XVII INTERNAL OBSERVENCE OF ETHICS AND INTEGRITY

1. **KICK** member district networks as well as organisations which are members to the district networks and their individual membership that form KICK shall at all times keep standards of ethics and integrity they say to, and expect of other government and non-government structures, institutions, organisations and individuals to keep. In this spirit of genuine transparency, a code of conduct committee is hereby established.
2. The code of conduct committee shall comprise of one person from each district member organisation.

3. Members of the code of conduct committee shall not be member to the Executive Committee.
4. The so composed Code of Conduct Committee shall, on first sitting select a Chairperson from amongst themselves.
5. The code of conduct committee shall, with due consultations put forth a code of conduct to be followed and after its approval by the AGM through the Executive Committee, ensure compliance in accordance with its various provisions.
6. Election and re-election of the code of conduct committee shall take place at the same time and on similar constitutional provisions as the Executive Committee.
7. In the event of provisions of the KICK internal code of conduct conflicting with, contradicting or in variance with provisions of a recognized higher code of conduct, the latter shall prevail.

ARTICLE XVIII AMENDMENT/ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION

1. This Constitution may be amended by a majority of two-thirds vote of members of the Annual General Meeting of the Organisation.
2. Proposals for amendment to this Constitution shall be circulated to members at least 30 days in advance, prior to consideration by the Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE XIX DISSOLUTION

1. The Organisation may be dissolved by the Annual General Meeting in an Annual General Meeting, whereby two-thirds of members are present and vote for it.
2. Notice of at least 90 days shall be given to all members of the Organisation appearing in the member's register, prior to consideration of the motion to dissolve the organization.
3. The Annual General Meeting shall establish a Committee to ensure the orderly dissolution of the Organisation. Such Committee shall include at least two members of the Executive Committee.
4. In an event of dissolution, all assets belonging to the Organisation shall be given to any other Organisations / Umbrella Organizations in the Kigezi with similar objectives, or disposed of in a manner decided upon by the Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE XX SCHEDULE OF INTERPRETATION

In this Constitution:

“The Organisation” means the “KICK CORRUPTION OUT OF KIGEZI” (KICK), established under Article I of this Constitution.

“KICK” is an abbreviation of “KICK CORRUPTION OUT OF KIGEZI”.

“Member” means a member falling in any one of the categories listed in Article III of this Constitution.

“Executive Committee” means the Executive Committee of the Organisation, established under Article IX of this Constitution.

“Secretariat” means the Secretariat of the Organisation.

“Functions” includes powers and duties.

“International NGOs” means NGOs with their head office outside Uganda but operational in Uganda; NGOs with headquarters in Uganda but operating beyond Uganda; and NGOs locally registered but have international affiliation and operate in Kabale

“Organisations and Umbrellas” means NGOs / CBOs having other registered NGOs / CBOs; composed as a registered association with some particular / sectoral commonality.

“National NGOs” means those NGOs that are not international and not umbrellas and operating in more than one district.

“District based NGOs” means NGOs whose operations do not exceed one district.

“CBO” Means a Community Based Organization not registered by the National NGO Board, but has legitimate proof of registration by a relevant registering authority of the District or higher.

“CSO” is abbreviation for Civil Society Organizations

“FBOs” is abbreviation for Faith Based Organizations

“Recognized umbrella/Organisation/consortium/forum” referred to in this constitution shall be interpreted to mean any of the following organisations:

- a) For the former Kigezi
 - Kabale Civil Society Forum (KACSOF) or if disbanded or dissolved another organisation that will form having similar characteristics and objectives as determined and accepted by the Organisation decision making organs.
 - Kanungu NGO/CBO Forum or if disbanded or dissolved another organisation that will form having similar characteristics and objectives as determined and accepted by the Organisation decision making organs.
 - A district-wide CSOs umbrella/Organisation/consortium/forum that will form in Kisoro District having characteristics and objectives as the above and if dissolved or disbanded, another one which will form having similar characteristics and objectives as determined and accepted by the Organisation decision making organs.
 - A district-wide CSOs umbrella/Organisation/consortium/forum that will form in Rukungiri District having characteristics and objectives as the above and if dissolved or disbanded, another one which will form having similar characteristics and objectives as determined and accepted by the Organisation decision making organs.