



UCCA Norms and Procedures

1.1 The Uganda Consortium on Corporate Accountability (UCCA)

The Uganda Consortium on Corporate Accountability (UCCA) is a civil society consortium on corporate accountability aimed at enhancing accountability by corporations, states, international finance institutions and development partners for violations or abuses of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCRs). At present, the UCCA has a steering committee comprising of four founding member organizations specializing in different areas of socio-economic rights protection, including the Initiative for Social and Economic Rights (ISER), the Public Interest Law Clinic at Makerere University Law School (PILAC), Legal Brains Trust (LBT) and the Center for Health Human Rights and Development (CEHURD).

The membership of UCCA shall be composed of the organizations represented on the UCCA Steering Committee, as well as non-Steering Committee Members from other organizations or actors with an interest and/or expertise in corporate accountability.

There are no dues associated with membership.

1.2 Membership

- a. Members agree with and commit to advancing the goals, objectives and mission of UCCA.
- b. Members agree to have their organizational name listed on the UCCA website and on UCCA letters and communications.
- c. Members must designate at least one contact point within the organization who shall, at a minimum, read and, where appropriate, redirect or respond to e-mails from the Secretariat and other UCCA members, and shall participate in all UCCA membership meetings.
- d. Members agree to organize or participate in activities that further the agreed aims and objectives of the Consortium. While members do not commit to undertaking only such activities as agreed by the membership of UCCA or directed by the UCCA Steering Committee, or that are in conformity with the strategies and objectives of UCCA, they do commit to informing the other members of UCCA of any activities or planned activities undertaken in furtherance of the agreed aims and objectives of the Consortium.
- e. Members of UCCA may also add or remove members of the Steering Committee by consensus.
- f. Steering Committee consensus is needed for approval of new or addition of members.



1.3 Norms of Collaboration

- a. UCCA is managed by a full-time Coordinator who is responsible for leading the activities of the consortium. The UCCA Coordinator is managed by a Steering Committee (SC).
- b. Proposals for Consortium activities or initiatives may arise from General Members, the SC, or the Coordinator. However, these proposals must be within the approved project proposals.
- c. SC consensus is needed for approval of new campaigns and the discontinuance of existing campaigns.
- d. The Coordinator manages the development and approval of consortium letters and positions, with discretion to act on behalf of members in terms of responses and updates along previously agreed upon campaigns.
- e. Major decisions, in particular the adoption or discontinuance of campaigns or workstreams, require agreement by at least three-quarters ($\frac{3}{4}$) of SC members, in addition to broad Membership support.
- f. The Consortium may additionally encourage members to sign on to statements as individual organizations, where a statement in the Consortium's name may not be feasible or appropriate.
- g. Most UCCA public statements will be organizational opt-outs.

1.4 Opt-Out Procedures

- a. Once a UCCA communication or statement is drafted, members will have **a maximum of four (4) days** to consult with partners, request revisions, and communicate their opt-out of the campaign or communication.
- b. In the case of an urgent letter or communication, members will have **two (2) days** to opt-out of the campaign or communication.