



**CENTER FOR  
CONSTITUTIONAL  
GOVERNANCE  
( CCG )**

**PROFILE**



# DEMOCRACY





**C**enter for Constitutional Governance (CCG) is a regional organization based in Uganda and reaches out to the Eastern Countries of Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi and South Sudan with a cardinal goal of strengthening constitutional governance by bridging the gaps in governance and challenges in policy and regulatory framework.

CCG seeks to promote constitutional governance in the greater East African region in areas of regulatory policy making and governance concepts by directing attention towards democratic and constitutional governance and bypassing old dichotomies on the future of the nation state.

**Mandate:**

Making the Constitution a Peoples Document

**Vision:**

Building a center that empowers citizens to fully utilize their constitutional rights and obligations so as to participate in their governance, promote constitutional governance and defend the Constitution

**Mission:**

To promote constitutional governance through carrying out constitutional literacy campaigns and advocacy across East Africa

**Customer value proposition:**

CCG is committed to promoting constitutional governance through constitutional literacy & advocacy, mentorship, training, public interest litigation, social justice campaigns, research and continuous civic education.

**Objectives:**

1. Promoting research-based constitutionalism and constitutional governance
2. Promoting democratic culture through creating platforms for discourse, debate and activism

3. Promoting integrity of the democratic processes by advocating for effective policy, legal and institutional mechanisms
4. Strengthening civil society and other social institutions through social justice campaigns
5. Carrying out public interest litigation and legal representation of activists
6. Setting up an Institute for International Studies in East Africa

Since its establishment in 2011, CCG has successfully implemented projects on Constitutionalism and Constitutional Literacy with the support from Christian Aid International and Open Society Foundations; Youth Mobilization and Tax Justice Campaigns with the support from Action Aid Uganda; Shrinking Civic Space in line with challenges of Freedom of Speech, Association and Assembly in Uganda-supported by CIVICUS; Partnered with East African Community (EAC) to organize the first EAC dialogue on political integration and 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on good governance in Kampala and Burundi

respectively, programs in Civic and Voter Education project code-named “Youth Rock The Vote”, a Constitutional Sensitization pilot project in seven districts in an effort to supporting the upcoming Uganda’s constitutional review process in partnership with the International Republican Institute. CCG is running a civic education program in 25 universities under Hope Initiative program and 8 religious affiliated institutions of higher learning with support from the Democratic Governance Facility - Uganda; and is also carrying out Research on “Re-examining Democracy in Uganda” with support from Open Society Initiative East Africa -OSIEA. CCG has registered remarkable success on advocacy for constitutional governance in Uganda as well as the re-awakening of the students’ movement in higher institutions of learning.

## **Membership**

CCG is a leading member of Civil Society Coalition on Constitutionalism in Uganda; Secretary to the Civic Education Coalition in Uganda (CECU) that brings together state and non-state actors to harmonize civic education approaches in Uganda; and Member of CIVICUS (World Alliance for Citizens



Participation). CCG is also a member of the Steering Committee for the Universal Periodic Review and the National Action Plan on Human Rights and specifically a Chair of the Minority Rights Group.

## **Governance and Management**

CCG is led by a Board composed of leaders of high repute and experience in various fields in Constitutional Governance and Citizens Organizing. The Board is responsible for the overall strategic direction and oversight towards the operations of the organization as well as policy direction.

## **Management**

The organization is led and managed by a highly committed and vibrant Executive Director who is the overall head of the organization and the Deputy Executive Director/Director of Programmes is a constitutional/Human Rights Lawyer who over sees all the day to day programs. CCG also has experienced and energetic team of staff with multidisciplinary qualifications and expertise with proficiency in understanding context issues and experience in constitutional matters, political discourse, policy engagements, citizen engagements, use of participatory methodologies, research and financial management. It also has a strong program management and implementation team and support service teams that are the foot soldiers.


## **Gender**

# CONSTITUTIONALISM

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CCG has an equal opportunity employment policy that allows both men and women to compete favorably. In terms of program implementation, CCG has an institutional entrenched policy that regulates gender parity in all its programs and specifically in the composition of Hope Initiative clubs; section of leaders and ensuring mandatory equal representation of male and female citizens in all programs activities. This applies in all processes and events. Gender issues that affect female and male as well as other diversities amongst the citizens such as disability and other social considerations are taken into consideration.

### **Strategic Programmes:**

CCG's strategic program areas include; promoting constitutionalism and constitutional literacy; civic education for youth/students initiative; public interest litigation; research and documentation, social justice campaigns. These are carried out through consultative meetings, public dialogues, interface debates (quarterly at sub regional and national levels), trainings, voter education and mobilization meetings, youth creative design competitions, and use of the different social media platforms.

### **Constitutionalism and Constitutional Literacy**

Under this programme, CCG empowers citizens to know and defend their Constitution by promoting the rights and obligations of citizens as well as the responsibilities of leaders in a continuous constitutional literacy campaign. This is carried out through sensitizing masses on Uganda's constitutional history and the challenges; teaching about key elements of the constitution; summarizing the Constitution and producing an abridged version that can easily be used and understood by ordinary people and translating this abridged version into seven key local languages of Runyakitara, Luganda, Lusoga, Itesot,

Karomojong, Acholi and Lumasaba. CCG got an endorsement by the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs to operationalize Article 4 of the Constitution. CCG has also made partnerships with the Law Development Center, The Law Reform Commission and the Institute of Languages at Makerere University for collaborations on this program.

CCG has to-date published the constitutional literacy handbook as well as the “Know your Constitution” leaflet. We also distributed simplified copies of the constitution from Law Reform Commission in institutions of higher learning in Uganda.

CCG has an established niche in constitutional democracy engagements through constitutional advocacy and civic engagements. CCG’s experience on both civic and voter education with youth and other citizens in the last six years has made it easier to reach out to the youth and women. CCG applies human rights based approach and build on principles of participation of the youth to further enhance her work on constitutional democracy and civic engagements. Therefore, CCG has built an acceptable brand on this and is recognized by other stakeholders and beneficiaries.

### **Hope Initiative -HI (Youths/ Students Programme)**

This is a comprehensive students and youth program in universities and higher institutions / school of learning in Uganda on civic education and constitutionalism. The primary goal of Hope Initiative program is to develop a crop of tertiary-level students who are civically competent and interested in playing a visible role in the

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# YOUTH EMPOWERMENT



# JUSTICE

governance processes in Uganda across regional, political, religious and social divides. The programme is institutionally supported by the Guild Presidents Association of Uganda (GPAU) which entered into partnership with CCG through an MOU for a continuous support in the Universities and tertiary institutions countrywide.

Over the years, CCG with support from Democratic Governance Facility (DGF) to date has been instrumental in mobilizing and organizing youth in universities and out of universities to build ideological confidence among the youth reaching approximately ten million students across the twenty five universities. Through the Hope Initiative program, CCG has managed to identify, train, mentor and produce youth leaders at different levels such as Youth Members of Parliament, Youth Council leaders, District Councilors, in civil society organizations and at community level. Through the voter education program, CCG's interventions have resulted into increased youth participation in the previous general elections at different levels. This was compounded by active youth involvement during the civic education programs at


the universities before the 2016 election period. CCG has built outstanding relationships with the university fraternity and the alumni network as a key step in youth engagement for effective leadership and participation in governance processes.

## **Social Justice Campaigns**

These campaigns are premised on the drive to promote just and equitable societies. They range from quality health and education for all, demand for accountability of public funds, legal reforms, promotion of democratic cultures, etc. These are carried out through advocacy and reforms in electoral laws and election management; civic education campaigns on health, education and on electoral reforms; litigation and engagement for general health, education and legal reforms; publication and dissemination of materials on governance benchmarks and monitoring governance performance/standards in member countries. CCG envisages that there will be a leveled ground for all actors, acceptable and functioning electoral systems; timely and continuous citizen sensitization on health, education and electoral processes and democracy; archaic laws reformed; increased access to



# RESEARCH



knowledge on governance and production and publication of performance score cards on governance in the member countries.

## **Public Interest Litigation**

CCG carries out public interest litigation on matters that affect political responsiveness, accountability and social justice especially civil- political rights; media freedoms and in defence of the Constitution. CCG also carries out legal representation of activists through the citizens' rapid response mechanism. This is done through advocacy engagements and legal representations. It is hoped that this will bring about improved governments responsiveness to peoples demands and aspirations as well as increased access to legal services and representation for common causes and repeal of obnoxious laws that limit people's freedom of expression or in defence of the Constitution. CCG's work on human rights at local, national and international levels through the Universal Peer Review process has been commendable.

## **Research and Documentation**

Research, documentation and publication at CCG are done with a view to generate data and information for evidence based advocacy, policy making and development of constitutionalism in the region. CCG is currently carrying out research on Re-Examining Democracy in Uganda. This research is based on key thematic topics of governance including: constitutionalism; sovereignty, the people, government, multi-party politics and Elections in Uganda. It's hoped that this research will provide new information to the challenges of democratization in Uganda for evidence based advocacy and reforms. With increased funding, this will be disseminated widely for greater peoples' participation and engagements.

# DEVELOPMENT

A pair of hands is shown from a low angle, cupping a mound of dark, rich soil. A small, vibrant green seedling with three leaves is growing out of the center of the soil. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white, suggesting a bright, clean environment. The overall image conveys a sense of care, nurturing, and the beginning of a new project or venture.



## **Continuous Civic Education**

To promote constitutional governance in the region, CCG has continued to carry out continuous civic education and sensitization on rights and obligations of citizens and their leaders as well as advocacy for the promotion of human rights, good governance and rule of law. CCG specifically under this programme, targets the youths/students and women. These two social groups form the majority of our population and they are largely marginalized in governance issues. It is expected that the continuous mobilizations of key sections of this population will bring about a responsive citizenry that fully understands their rights and obligations and can effectively hold their leaders accountable at all levels.

## **Institute for International Studies – IIS-EA:**

CCG aims to set up an Institute for International Studies in Uganda to serve all the East African countries (covering Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi and South Sudan) and beyond. The Institute will be for Analysis, Policy Development, Research and Publications, Fellowships, Trainings, Internships for Leaders. It will carry out systematic analysis for advancement of regional perspectives and global insights encompassing the vision of the political, social, economic and cultural problems of today's modern world. The Institute will also carry out an independent research institution engaged in research in international affairs.

The Institute shall produce research relevant to governance in East Africa in relation to international policy, and international development as well as other issues that transcend national boundaries and compel intellectual creativity.

The Institute of International Studies will offer unique understanding of worldwide problems and the training of the next generation of leaders in diverse areas through fellowships, training and internships. This will provide information and knowledge that can bring about active and effective leadership as well as citizen participation for the promotion of democracy, good governance, accountability and development in East Africa as a Center of Excellence.

## **Organizational Development**

Activities under organizational development (OD) have been guided by commitment to building and strengthening CCG. Despite some impressive performance in the programs for youths in Uganda, there is still need for more capacity building for the staff as well as staff training framework and volunteer motivation and opening up of satellite offices in the other member states.

## **Partners**

CCG has worked with different partners on different projects. These include; Open Society Initiative East Africa - OSIEA, Christian Aid International, Action Aid International - Uganda, United National Development Program -UNDP, Diakonia, International Republican Institute -IRI, CIVICUS and The Democratic Governance Facility - Uganda



**PARTNERS**





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