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THE ACTUARIAL ASSOCIATION OF UGANDA (TAAU)

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Uganda

- Banana Republic?
- Because of green steamed greed bananas! "MATOOKE"







Uganda



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- Population: 36 Million people
- Official Language: English
- GDP Per Capita USD 589
- Licensed Insurance Companies: Life-7, Nonlife-20
- Pension provider: NSSF (Private DC), PSPS (Government DB), Number of occupation



Legislations affecting the profession

- Definition of an actuary
- Liberalization of the pension Sector
- Actuarial Valuation Requirements for DB schemes and pension plans/ annuities
- Actuarial valuation of life companies and certification of life insurance products
- Changes in Solvency calculation, others



Actuarial profession in Uganda

- TAAU was formed in 2007 & registered in Ugandan as a professional body
- Associate member of IAA
- Working towards becoming a full member
- TAAU functions through the governing council and committees guided by a constitution
- Currently working on a 3 year strategic plan

Membership

- Membership: 100 fully committed
- Although 300 registered including university students
- 1 fully qualified; 2 nearly qualified;
- Rest are professional student members
- Definition of a qualified actuary



Education

- One University (Makerere University)
 offering a 3 year Bsc. Actuarial Science since
 2003
- Professional student members follow IFoA Education system and exams



Actuarial Employment

- Majority of members are working in;
 - insurance companies (life and non life)
 as underwriters
 - o pension administration,
 - o insurance brokerage,
 - wider fields e.g. risk management,
 Business analysis, etc

Collaboration with AWB section of IAA





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- AWB provided a volunteer for a 3-day pension seminar: 20th to 22nd January 2014
- Beneficiaries: 43 members currently employed in Life insurance, pension regulator etc
- AWB Volunteer: Tommie Doubell (South Africa)
- AWB Book Donation to Makerere University







Life Seminar: 24th to 26th Feb 2014

- Actuarial Society of South Arica (ASSA): provided funding & a volunteer (Philip Barnard)
- Jeremy Reed, Hannover Re (USA) and
- Niall Mulvey, Hannover Re (Ireland): Life seminar volunteers (self funded)



- Hannover Re Ireland: 3 exams scholarship
- Uganda Retirement Benefits Authority
- Insurance regulatory Authority of Uganda
- Insurance Institute of Uganda
- Uganda Insurers association
- Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda
- And You



Challenges

- Members given up to other professions Accounting (ACCA), Insurance (CII), etc
- Scarcity of qualified actuaries to transfer practical skills to our members
- Lack of fully qualified actuaries to lecture in universities
- Lack of proper mentorship in pursuing professional papers

Challenges Cont'd

- A lack of actuarial employment opportunities
- Difficulty, length and cost of the professional training
- Several sectors have not appreciated the role of an actuary



Thank You!





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