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Ugandan Empowerment & Career Development

Annual Report UECD Switzerland 2022/23

Dear Sponsors, Members, Patrons and interested Friends

since the AGM on May 7, 2022, the Board has met 5 times in the team room of Alex's office at the Zypressenstrasse and also exchanged information bilaterally.

For the planning and process of organizational development, we once invited an external consultant specializing in advising on development projects in Africa - Manuel Rast. We will report on this in detail at the MV 23. It was a productive meeting.

The sponsors and board members met once for an exchange of ideas and dinner at the earth house of Brigitta Loretan and Andreas Dolder on the Mutschellen. This resulted in very good conversations in the great atmosphere of this very special house. Many thanks to Res and Brigitta.

The Board is complete again. After Ursula Baumgartner and Isabelle Zürcher left the Board and Brigit Furrer took her leave at this MV 23, we advertised the vacant positions via Kampajobs, the online job exchange for NGOs, and we received two genuine applications. We recommend to the MV 23 Anna Biniek and Markus Berger. They will introduce themselves later on the Annual Report UECD Switzerland 2022/23.

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Donations

We received CHF 10,700 from the Else v. Sick Foundation and CHF 6,000 from the Rotary Switzerland Foundation. These two donations will enable us to include two new students for a 3-year and a 5-year course of study.

We have the capacity to take in a further 3 students this year to accompany them in Uganda.

If you are members of service clubs such as Rotarians or Lyons or other organizations, companies, foundations, donors or trusts or are members yourself we would be delighted to present UECD to you. Andreas Dolder has donated Fr.50.

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Students and sponsors

The current students are Monica (Law), Andrew (Medicine), Bridget (Medicine), Brenda (Law), Faith (Education with a focus on English and Literature), Beatrice (Agricultural Engineering), Ayiko (Economics), Praise (Human Resource Management), Justine (Education with a focus on English and Literature) and Meburo (Education majoring in Biology and Chemistry).

All 10 students are portrayed on the website under Current Students www.uecd.ch
They are financed by the sponsors Philipp (Bridget), Elisabeth and Annemarie (Brenda), Marianne and Mirjam (Faith), Brigitta (Beatrice), Gisela and myself (Ayiko).

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From the Rotary Club Basel (Justine, Praise, Meburo) and from previous donations

(Andrew and Monica). Justine is accompanied by Claude and Nina in the cultural

exchange, Meburo by Alex, Praise by Anna, Andrew and Monica by me.

On the website you can also see which student is accompanied by which Ugandan

Mentor.

At the MV we will show you on the Uganda map where the students in Uganda all

come from. Adah made this interactive map for us.

The pandemic with the closures of the two universities KIU and Makerere and

online studies is over. Everything is back to courant normal.

Trip in summer 22

You can read about the highlights of last summer's trip with sponsors and board

members in the travel report www.uecd.ch. You can also read about Alex and his

individual follow-up trip.

The back office

The Clubdesk back-office program is up and running.

Many thanks Alex.

Newsletter March 2023

Thanks to her hard work on the layout, Anna has created a wonderful newsletter.

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Many thanks Anna. Current positive contributions from Kampala by our journalist Sarah Fluck, articles from our students Meburo, Obed and Ronald (interview with Sarah) make the newsletter exciting www.uecd.ch under News can be read. All photos on the website and the portraits of the students are by our photographer Diana Ulrich. Many thanks Diana.

Obed's visit to Switzerland

Over Christmas 22, we invited Obed, who is currently doing a postgraduate degree in The Hague at at the Erasmus University to come to Switzerland. Thanks to everyone who him to show him a piece of Switzerland. His sponsor Hanspeter, who invited him to family for Christmas, Claude and Nina, who took him to Engelberg in the snow and where Obed also met Philipp, Elisabeth, who brought him to Uster to meet her with her son-in-law, who comes from Rwanda. To all those who came along on a hike over the Rigi, Marianne, Werner, Elisabeth, Gisela, Ruedi. To the hostess and the host in the earth house, Brigitta and Andreas. It was a great new experience for Obed - he was thrilled.

Workshop

We conducted a workshop in Uganda with all students and alumnae/alumni on the topic: the new organization, registration UECD Uganda as a non profit company and on the topic: which networks can we rely on in Uganda and which are still to be formed. Both topics were very topical and created a good good basis for the future.

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Finances

We need to find new ways to handle financial transfers. The Alternative Bank

Switzerland no longer makes transfers to Uganda. Alex is looking for the best option

and will report at the MV 23.

We have invited our fundraising consultant to the first VS meeting after the MV in June,

Daniela Erb, to talk about fundraising opportunities.

Future: Who focuses on what?

Anna will be organizing the newsletter again in the 2nd half of the year and will talk to

the Ugandans via a Zoom conference with the Ugandans about what contributions

they can offer for the next newsletter.

She will continue to accompany Praise in her studies. Markus is looking for donations

for 3 more students. Alex continues to manage the money transactions and the

back office and data storage together with Anna. He also continues to accompany

Meburo studies. Eva leads the OE process with the development of the cooperation

agreement Switzerland-Uganda and continues to accompany some students. We will

also organize sponsorship event.

Next MV 24 on March 23, 2024

We have planned the next MV 24 for March 23. We are planning to change the Articles

of Association at the MV 23 to change the Articles of Association so that we work with

the calendar year again, i.e. there will be a shorter association year 23.

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That's it for today. We on the Board would like to thank you all for your support and help in the further development of our NGO and the future sister organization UECD Company in Uganda, which we are registering at the request of the alumnae and alumni. We are also grateful for your initiative in finding new sponsors.

Best regards on behalf of the Board of UECD Switzerland

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