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Paralegals during the refresher training in Kayunga

LAND AWARENESS WEEK

SSA participated in the 2025 Land Awareness Week from 25th to 29th August , which aimed at promoting land rights and sustainable land use for inclusive and sustainable development. The event brought together key stakeholders, including government ministries, civil society, and local communities, to discuss critical land issues. The week-long event featured community dialogues, legal aid clinics, and media engagements, among other activities.

TECHNICAL ADVISOR MISSION

From 20th September to 3rd October, SSA hosted Aly N. Alibhai, Technical Advisor on Housing and Human Rights from Rooftops Canada. During the visit, he had a meet-and-greet session with the SSA Board, took part in a field excursion in Entebbe, visited the Women's Spaces project areas, and participated in a two-day paralegal conference. This mission focused on sharing experiences, assessing ongoing work, and strengthening collaboration between SSA and legal aid partners through practical trainings and networks.



SSA's Programmes Officer presenting at the Real Estate and Housing Expo.

REAL ESTATE AND HOUSING EXPO

SSA participated in the Uganda Real Estate and Housing Expo (UREHE 2025) held at Kati Kati Grounds, Lugogo, from 26th -28th September focusing on transforming Uganda's real estate sector under the theme "Resilient by Design, Affordable by Intent". Organized by the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development and other partners, it brought together industry leaders, investors, and policymakers to showcase innovation and address challenges in housing.

KCCA PHYSICAL PLANNING COMMITTE MEETING

SSA participated in KCCA physical planning committee meeting where at least 30 building plans are approved for sustainable development.

REFRESHER TRAININGS

SSA conducted three day refresher trainings in Entebbe (6th -8th August), Mityana (11th -13th August), Kayunga (20th -22th August), and Kamuli (3rd -5th September), which aimed to strengthen the community's ability to defend, secure, and reclaim land and resource rights.

WORKSHOP ON GENDER RESPONSIVENESS

On 28th August, SSA organized a members' workshop on gender responsiveness, which aimed at building capacity and developing practical strategies.

PHILANTHROPY SYMPOSIUM

From 6th -7th August, SSA participated in the Philanthropy symposium organized by CivSource Africa.

INSTITUTE OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

On 22nd September, SSA had a field visit to Bujjuko with two officers from the Institute of Housing and Urban Development Studies, which was an opportunity to engage in research on informal building practices and strengthen partnerships with them for future engagements.



ALY, Technical Advisor from Rooftops Canada with Entebbe paralegals

TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL PROJECT MEETING

On 2nd October, SSA participated in the Partner's Day of the Land and Corruption in Africa Phase II project meeting organized by Transparency International Uganda. The partner's day convened representatives from the eight implementing counties together with civil society organizations, experts, and institutional partners to reflect on the results of the programme and provide a platform to exchange experiences, innovations and lessons learned that will inform future initiatives across the region.

WHAWG COMMEMORATION OF WORLD HABITAT DAY

On 2nd October, SSA convened a Women and Habitat Africa Working Group event under the theme 'Women's Rights to Land and Housing in Urban Crises .

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT MEETING

On 17th September, SSA participated in a stakeholder meeting in Kayunga district, where it shared updates on the activities that have been conducted, discussed recommendations, and streamlined the working relationship for sustainable development.

RADIO TALK SHOWS

SSA facilitated radio talk shows in Mityana on October 10th under the theme 'Understanding succession law' and in Kamuli on October 12th under the theme 'Promoting girlchild and women's rights to land inheritance.

MORE ACTIVITIES ;

- SSA participated in the Sustainable Urbanization and Housing meeting.
- SSA attended CSBAG annual general meeting.
- SSA participated in the urban Informality meeting.
- SSA attended the 3rd mailo land platform meeting.
- SSA participated in the National Planning Authority non state actors meeting.
- SSA participated in the Habitat International Coalition quarterly Advocacy meeting.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Facilitating radio talk shows in the women's spaces project areas of Entebbe and Kayunga.
- Visiting groups supported by the Municipal Development Forums.
- Participating in physical planning in Kampala.
- Planning and hosting technical advisors from Rooftops Canada on community housing.
- Monitoring community paralegals in the women's spaces project areas .
- Convening high level parliamentary dialogue on informal trade and informal workers .
- Celebrating the International Year of Co-operatives with Rooftops Canada.
- Engaging Physical planning students associations.

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