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**Need for offering of Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Co-operatives
Sector Management at the Faculty of Agriculture, Makerere University**

CONCEPT PAPER

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1.0 Title: Need for offering of Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Co-operatives Management at the Faculty of Agriculture, Makerere University

2.0 Background

The co-operative sector represents a significant contribution to the global economy. According to ICA annual survey, Global 300, the top 300 cooperatives around the world had nearly \$1 trillion in revenues in 2005. That is only slightly less than the economy of the world's 9th largest Economy, Canada.

In addition, as a source of credit, food, social protection, shelter and employment co-operatives play an important role. The United Nations estimated (in 1994) that the livelihood of 3 billion people was made more secure by co-operatives. At least 800 million are members of co-operatives and 100 million are employed by them world over.

In Uganda, the co-operative movement has not only been revitalized but has also diversified beyond the traditional sub sectors of coffee and cotton marketing into maize, rice, vanilla, honey, housing, financial services to mention a few.

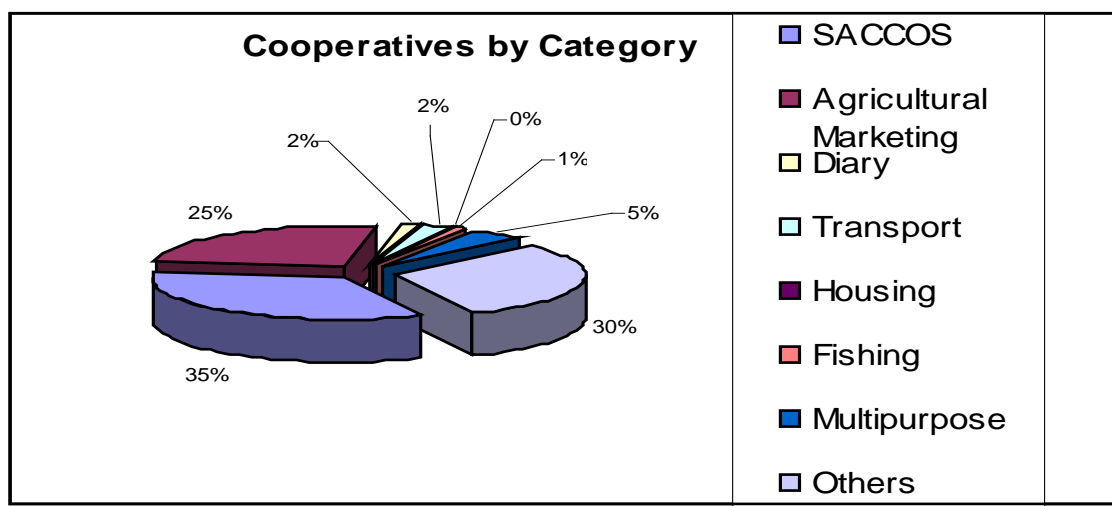
Presently the number of cooperatives in Uganda stands at 10,797 see table 1 below.

Table 1: Status of Co-operatives in Uganda as at end of 2011

Category of Cooperative	Status		Total by Category
	Permanent	Probationary	
SACCOS	2462	1223	3685
Agricultural Marketing	2571	176	2747
Diary	165	12	177
Transport	186	62	248
Housing	8	2	10
Fishing	71	13	84
Multipurpose	501	59	560
Others(Workers, Health, Energy, Livestock, Tourism, Industrial etc)	2892	394	3286
Grand total	8856	1941	10,797

Source: Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Department of Cooperative Development

Figure 1: Analysis of Cooperatives by Category



Source: Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Department of Co-operative Development

3.0 Problem statement

According to The National Cooperative policy, cooperative sector has been able to create approximately 36,000 jobs for Ugandans, and the cooperative business is in billions of shillings in terms of turnover serving a membership of 3.9 million.

However, Uganda's current formal education syllabus hardly provides cooperative knowledge other than mere categorization of cooperatives as one form of business enterprise at O-Level. This problem is further compounded by Uganda Cooperative College Kigumba a cooperative- specialized training institute that offers only Certificates and Diplomas, which qualifications and skills in most cases, do not match higher level task demands in the cooperative sector management.

It is recognized in the National Cooperative policy (2011) that there is need for the government to invest in Human Resource Development for the growth and development of the co-operative sector.

Makerere University which is expected to offer higher education in cooperatives management, only teaches cooperatives as a mere course unit under Agriculture Economics and Rural Economy specializations. This leaves need for high caliber professionals in cooperatives unattended to. Yet the cooperative movement has high potential to contribute significantly to the National Domestic Product .Hence a need for higher level cooperative education to sufficiently and comprehensively provide professionals so badly needed to competitively run cooperative enterprises into highly successful entities and corporate bodies in the economy.

4.0 objectives

- i. To train highly qualified professionals to effectively manage the cooperative sector
- ii. To develop curriculum for cooperative education at the university
- iii. To meet the need for cooperatives professionals in the cooperative movement's labour- market segment.
- iv. To enable the cooperative movement compete favorably in the global economy

5.0 Out Puts

- i. Admission of Students for the Cooperative management
- ii. Bachelors and masters Degrees graduates
- iii. Lecturers for the course
- iv. More publications about the co-operative movement

Indicators

- i. Policy
- ii. Curriculum design and syllabus
- iii. Number of courses in cooperatives management
- iv. MOU between MTTI & Makerere University

6.0: Activities and Duration

Table 2

S/N	Activity	Time frame	Responsible
1	Policy development	2 months	CCD & Dean Faculty of Agriculture
	Curriculum design and syllabus development	4 months	CCD, Dean Agric Director NCDC
	Courses development	3 months	CCD & Dean Agric.
	Signing of MOU	2 weeks	PS & VC MUK

7.0 Beneficiaries and Impact

The beneficiaries shall include the Primary Cooperative Societies, Cooperative Unions, The Area Cooperative Enterprises and Savings and Credit Cooperative Societies

Impact

The envisaged impact will be improved management of Cooperative Societies that are competitive and successful in the market arena

8.0 Project Management

The project shall be implemented by the faculty of agriculture Makerere University, Ministry Of Education and Sports in close collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism, Trade and industry specifically the department of cooperative development.

Monitoring and Evaluation shall be done annually to appraise the progress of the programme and feed back shall always be sought from the labour market to see how the graduates of the programme are fairing in terms of skills and performance.

9.0 Budget estimates

Budget

Item	Description	Details	Units	Unit cost (UGX)		Total cost (UGX)
Workshops(for policy , curriculum & syllabus development)	Full board accommodation (Day 1)		20	130,000	5	13,000,000
		PAX				
	Full board accommodation (Day 2)		20	130,000	5	13,000,000
	Full board accommodation(Day3)		20	130,000	5	13,000,000
	Full board accommodation(Day4)		20	130,000	5	13,000,000
	Hall hire		4	300,000	5	6,000,000
		DAYS				
	Transport refund		20	80,000	5	8,000,000
		PAX				
	Out of pocket(4 Days @22,000 per day)		20	88,000	5	8,800,000
		PAX				
Sub Total						74,800,000
Printing, photocopying and binding(policy ,curriculum and syllabus design)						
	<i>booklets</i>		500	5,000		2,500,000
<i>Printing of hand outs</i>		<i>copies</i>				
	<i>provision</i>		1	3,000,000		3,000,000
<i>Photocopying</i>						
	<i>booklets</i>		500	5,000		2,500,000
<i>binding</i>		<i>copies</i>				
Sub-total						4,200,000
Sub Total						12,200,000
LAUNCHING						
	venue hire		1	1,200,000		1,200,000
	meals	pax	150	25,000		3,750,000
	drinks	pax	150			

				30,000		4,500,000
	<i>printing and publicity</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>15,000,000</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>15,000,000</i>
Sub Total						24,450,000
Grand Total						111,450,000

