



CENTER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNANCE ANNUAL REPORT 2023



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.



Background

The Center for Constitutional Governance with its implementing partners, The Copyright Institute of Uganda (CIU), and Civic Space TV have registered tremendous success in program implementation this year. This year has seen great improvements in the quality of productions on the Civic Space TV both in the studio outlay and the caliber of personalities hosted on the different shows and more partnerships with the Government of Uganda.

About Center for Constitutional Governance

Center for Constitutional Governance (CCG) is a constitutional watchdog established to promote constitutional governance by building a centre that empowers citizens to fully enjoy their constitutional rights. CCG key programs include; Constitutionalism and Constitutional Literacy through Hope Initiative a university student's programme, Reclaiming Civic Space, Social Justice Campaigns, Constitutional Literacy, Research and Documentation including citizen's civic engagements. On human rights protection, CCG worked with Uganda Human Rights Commission to popularize Government of Uganda and Parliament efforts to protect Human Rights of Ugandans and continued to work with CSOs to reclaim civic space in Uganda at different fronts.

1. Center for Constitutional Governance Digital Tools

i. Civic Space TV

The Civic Space TV, our frontline face in most of the activities has today, become the most reliable source of information on governance related discourse in the country. This is true because of the overwhelming requests from the public to be hosted but also recommendations of personalities to be hosted.

Civic Space TV channel has grown to a tune of over 9.94k subscribers and with support from, Ford Foundation, OSIEA, Oxfam International, Voice and the team, in partnership with Copyright Institute of Uganda (CIU) and Sikia Media has managed to record over 1.2k videos. These include live streams, interviews on issues about the state of civic space in Uganda and the different weekly trending governance-related events. The shows on Civic Space TV are; Community Show **#CommunityVoicesUG**, women's show **#WomenSpeaking**, **#YouthRoundTable** show, **#InterUniversityDebates**, The Citizens Chatroom **#CitizensChatShow**, Focus On Parliament **#FocusOnParliament**, Women at the frontlines **#WomenRise**, The Diaspora show **#UgandansInDiaspora** and the Copyright Garage podcasts.

Link to the Civic Space TV YouTube channel is

<https://youtube.com/c/CIVICSPACETV>



#CommunityVoicesUG

The Community Show organizes and sustains grassroots voices ensures that all individuals and communities can influence the local, state and national decisions that affect them as final receivers of any decisions. Community Show works to build the capacity, influence and empower local organizations and individuals to bring the lowest voice to advocate for policy changes. Grassroots organizing is one of the essential capacities needed to carry out a successful advocacy campaign, tapping into the power of grassroots organizing has brought important voices to our movement and this has will build the power we need to achieve our objectives to push back on shrinking civic space at all levels. Follow all the community conversation via this link https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLuYK4IT6T61wU51rL_tdY9i3wMSfZqcx

CivicSpaceTV
...Freedom Always!

SAVING, INVESTMENT AND PREPARING FOR RETIREMENT

#CommunityVoicesUG | #CivicSpaceTV
MONDAY 24th JULY | 2PM

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#WomenSpeaking

The women show is intended to allow full participation of women in conversations that are essential in building and sustaining strong, vibrant movement. Women civic participation results in tangible gains for democracy, including greater responsiveness to their needs. Also, to advance gender equality and to represent the concerns of women and other marginalized groups and help improve the responsiveness of policy making and governance. Key highlights for the conversations in the year was 16 Days of Activism against Gender based violence, Teenage pregnancies, mental health and Breast Cancer Awareness. Follow this link and be part of the Women show conversations

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLuYK4IT6T61wW2qYoYraciTZuejxGYg1W>



#YouthRoundTable

The Youth Round Table show has key stakeholders in the youth docket from Academia, CSOs, and CBOs at grassroots, district level representatives, policymakers at the national level, and students. The conversations aim at nurturing a space for coordination, collaboration, sharing experiences and learning from each other on what can be done to encourage the entire youth movement amplify their voices and demand for better service delivery from the concerned parties. By following this link you will catch up with all the Youth conversations.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLuYK4IT6T61yZ9eMb7D7B48N38xBfyG1>



#InterUniversityDebates

The Inter University Debates are intended to provoke students' movement to actively analyze, challenge and refine different political ideologies putting young people at the heart of transforming political discourse, organizing and engagement in Uganda. The conversations are intended to bring about improvements in the civic awareness of the students; increased access to information and promotion of ideologically grounded discourse amongst university students on governance; accountability and development. The Inter-University Debates can be got by following this link https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLuYK4IT6T61zLePa93CIIwN6oG_o_MtE8



#CitizensChatShowUG

The Citizens Chat Show is a flagship show that is intended to push back and expand civic space in Uganda with over 151 videos. A vibrant, legitimate, and well-informed independent space essential in helping to check for a healthy democratic system and government. Through the freedom to associate, assemble, and express, citizens can shape the political and social structures that guide their lives. The conversations are in the interest of any interested partner particularly those who champion transparency, accountability, and civic participation to encourage open civic space engagements to flourish. The Chat-Show identifies key emerging issues in the various sectors and creatively convene and have healthy conversations around the issues with proposed solutions as a way of influencing governance as well as expanding spaces for citizen's engagement. The conversations on Citizens Chat show can be got by following this link

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLuYK4IT6T61wemdMo3D7sfiMN0I_R57FF





#FocusOnParliament

The focus on parliament show with over 89 Episodes now is now one of the go to spaces for updates on Parliament. This is a Parliament monitoring space with the goal of enlightening the public and bridging the gap between Parliament and citizens and to make the legislature more transparent, open and accessible. The space is a source of legislative information, and analysis to help shape public policy and legislative action in Uganda. The conversations are helping to foster a people centered parliamentary practice through provision of information and engagement on the legislative, budgeting, and oversight processes in Parliament. Follow all updates on Parliament by following Focus on Parliament conversations here.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLuYK4IT6T61wNV2MXan55R8UxEAOHsrFc>





#WomenRise

The women at the frontline show allows the opportunity to profile women in the different leadership roles to exercise their voices and document their journey into the different current placements. With over 99 Episodes recorded now we have been able to hear and capture stories of change makers in the Academia, Health, CSO, Politics, Army, and Business among others. The space has been a perfect place for women to express themselves so far and share their voices with others because there is no judgment and there is no right or wrong way to do it. Women have made a lot of progress as leaders. All the profiling journey for all Women at the Frontline can be viewed through this link to Civic Space TV

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLuYK4IT6T61yBunPqgmyZ_6SXdB9HoppZ



#UgandansInDiaspora

The Diaspora Show with over 53 Episodes now provides an opportunity for deepening the conversation on the contribution of the Ugandan diaspora to the development of Uganda and the continent. These conversations help in addressing concerns of people of Ugandan descent with a focus on recognition, justice and development, Ugandans in diaspora is a formidable constituency worthy of consideration in relation to Uganda's development. That Uganda needs to bridge the gap between herself and the diaspora in order to develop cannot be gainsaid. The conversations on Diaspora can be followed through this link

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rvKWsMx0sGE&list=PLuYK4IT6T61x_4wS_dp407N4_vvuCuttQ



UGANDA DIASPORA SHOW



Issues affecting Ugandans in the Middle East

SUNDAY 22/1/2023 | 2-4PM
#UgandansInDiaspora #CivicSpaceTV



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ii. Civic Space App

Civic space app is a rapid response application found on both Apple Store and Google Play Store. This application is used to track and document civic space incidences in Uganda including attacks on human rights defenders like civil society activists, journalists and artists; as well as other human rights violations affecting enjoyment of fundamental rights and freedoms in general. It will contribute to the efforts by actors in reclaiming and protection of civic space for a greater citizen's democratic participation as a tool for tracking human rights incidences.


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2- Program for Mbale City Reclaiming Civic Space for Self-led Influencing.

This intervention sought to create avenues and platforms for citizens self-led influencing in the newly created city of Mbale in Uganda. The program amplifies voices of market women, boda boda riders, youths whose bulk is unemployed, women most at risk, local artists and minorities to the incoming local leaders to ensure that their voices are integrated in decision making and implementation processes by the new political leadership. During the course of this programming, Citizens had the opportunity to engage with their leaders also from the needs assessment conducted and acted upon we have heard success with several change stories captured.



Through the project meetings with the acting Mbale Central market leadership , it was agreed to follow the right procedures to organize fresh elections. After a series of more meetings, fresh elections in Mbale Central Market were held and most of the challenges in the market caused by the previous leadership hope to be addressed. The market leadership gap was addressed.

Local leaders in Mbale city have also continued to participate in security and community policing meetings , in partnership with IUIU Radio every Monday.

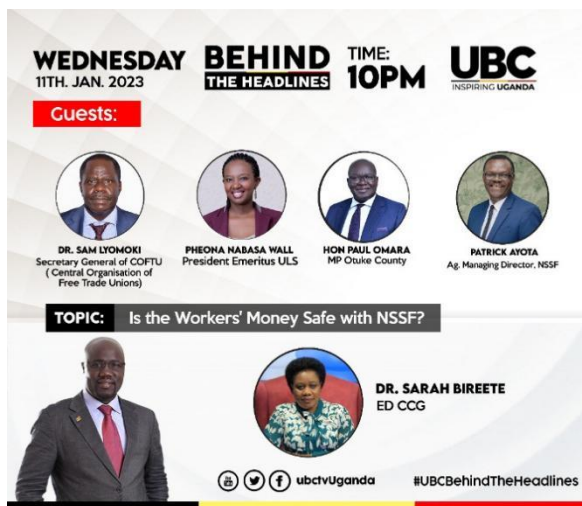
Through the project meetings, residents of Mbale city were also able to appreciate personal initiative towards keeping the city clean and efforts are still being made by the City leadership to ensure sufficient funding is allocated towards disaster preparedness and keeping the city clean and curbing the impact of climate change like flooding in Mbale City.



3- Partnership with Government

- a) We are championing a healthy and constructive engagement between Government and the None State actors through identifying common grounds. Our participation on the #UBCBehindTheHeadlines Show on Uganda Broadcasting Services-UBC, where our Executive Director is a permanent panelist and sometimes hosts the conversations, this has created a space for stakeholder participation across all divide. Our finds are that, it is a good practice to find areas of agreement between the civil society and the government rather than areas of disagreement, as this continues to lay a basis for mutual trust and further collaboration.

Follow Link: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=behind+the+headlines+ubc



- b) CCG, in Partnership with Uganda Human Rights Commission has continued to amplify work and efforts towards protection of Human Rights of all citizens. This has been implemented alongside the #KnowYourConstitution campaign where we have continued to share updates of different Articles that citizens ought to know - that are very relevant to their day to day governance.

Project milestones

- We have been able to record over 500 new episodes of different programs on the Civic Space TV channel.
- Thousands of new subscribers on the Civic Space TV channel, from different parts of the world have proved that is more and growing interest in citizen-led conversations. The growth in the channel reach has successfully increased engagement and provided a platform for activists and citizens to strongly express their opinions and grievances.



- Civic Space TV has given exposure to university students through successful Inter-University debate championships hence increasing awareness amongst university communities and the country at large.

Project implementation challenges

- Content creation remains an expensive venture, hence there is usually a need to pull together additional resources in order to sustain the project.
- Co-ordination between the panelists, moderators, production crew, and all involved in content creation was eased. However, there are minimal challenges, for example, last-minute cancellation, and confirmation of panelists, Inability to express themselves due to fear of persecution.



Photo Gallery





Photos from some of the Civic Space TV engagements and Civil Society collaborations.