# INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS OF UGANDA

# **ICPAU E-NEWS**

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# ICPAU NEWS

### **ICPAU Regional Members Networks Elect Executives**

Members of the ICPAU Regional Members Networks held their Annual General Meetings between February and March 2024 and elected members of their Executive Committees. The new Executive Committees are composed as follows:

### Acholi Regional Members Network

	Position	
Name	FOSICION	
CPA Paska Nyero	Chairperson	
CPA Daniel Luciyamoi	Member	
CPA Agwang Angella	Secretary	
CPA Dickens Odongkara	Treasurer	
CPA Jacob Kilama	Member	
CPA Regina Ayet Dramundru	Member	
CPA Simon Peter Sagal	Member	
CPA Geoffrey Job Nyeko	Member	
CPA Denish Rurwenger Okot	Member	
CPA Otto Betty	Member	

### Lango Regional Members Network

Name	Position
CPA Patrick Oruk	Chairperson
CPA Tom Otile Otim	Member
CPA Patrick Emor	Secretary
CPA Mike Okidi	Treasurer
CPA Kenneth Otima	Member
CPA David H.B Obong- Olaa Jeromen	Member
CPA Alex Anganya	Member
CPA Nelson Okello	Member

### **Ankole Regional Members Network**

Name	Position
CPA Isaac Muzoora	Chairperson
CPA Lois Kekitinisa	Member
CPA Mugisha Jim	Secretary
CPA Feresta Turyahabwe	Treasurer
CPA Amon Akampumuza	Member
CPA Geoffrey Mutebi	Member
CPA Patience Natuhwera	Member
CPA Obed Mpwerirwe	Member
CPA Richard Kereere Mutungi	Member

### **Mid-Eastern Regional Members Network**

Name	Position	
CPA Mabala Richard Michael	Chairperson	
CPA Nabutsale Grace	Member	
CPA Adong Sylivia	Secretary	
CPA John Ekudel	Treasurer	
CPA Onek Robert	Member	
CPA Kenan Kamolu	Member	
CPA Masuba Martin	Member	
CPA Nabende Edward	Member	
CPA Mudabali Godfrey	Member	
CPA Joseph Wambi	Member	

### **Central Regional Members Network**

Name	Position
CPA Rollings Nyesigomwe	Chairperson
CPA Iginitious Musoke	Member
CPA Kalinda Gonzaga Joseph	Secretary
CPA Esther Kakuba	Member
CPA Ronald Akankwasa	Member
CPA Brian Mutabazi	Member
CPA Racheal Nakimera	Member
CPA Akurut Patience	Member
CPA Tracy Violet Nakisuule	Member

### **CPA Connect Magazine Out**

The 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the CPA Connect magazine has been published. In this edition, find articles on IFRS 17, risk-based audit methodology, service costing, change management, and tax implications of the 2023/2024 tax proposals. Also read about applying CPA in the United Kingdom. <u>Download your copy here</u>

### **ICPAU May 2024 Examinations**

The first examinations diet for 2024 is set to commence on 20 May to 24 May, for the Certified Public Accountants, Certified Tax Advisor and Accounting Technicians Diploma courses. Examinations will be conducted across all seven examinations centres, Arua, Fort Portal, Gulu, Kampala, Mbale, Mbarara, and Nkozi. Registration closed on 15 April and examinations permits will be issued in due course. 6977 students are expected to write their examinations in May with 123 for ATD, 132 for CTA and 6722 for CPA. <u>Accesss</u> <u>the timetable here</u>.

### The CFO Leadership Academy: Registration in Progress for 2024 Cohort

ICPAU and MAT ABACUS Business School announce the 2024 edition of the CFO Leadership Academy. The classes will begin on 23 May 2024. Register here ...

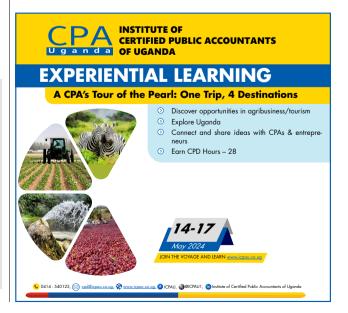
### West Nile Regional Members Network

Name	Position
CPA Candia Steven	Chairperson
CPA Ijuma Peter	Secretary
CPA Mambo Ismail	Treasurer
CPA Paul Lobe	Member
CPA Joel Alioni	Member
CPA Emmanuel Asea	Member
CPA Agnes Bako	Member



### **Experiential Learning**

The experiential learning is an exciting and hands-on form of Continuing Professional Development. The participants will travel to selected locations of the country and learn from established businesses in various sectors such as agri-business, leisure and tourism, manufacturing, value addition, and mining, among others. <u>Register here</u> ...



### **Tuition Providers Masterclass**

ICPAU has introduced a masterclass for CPA tuition providers to equip them with improved pedagogical approaches. Upon completing the course, they will attain a Certified Tuition Provider certificate from ICPAU. <u>Register here</u>...



### **2<sup>nd</sup> C-Suite Forum**

ICPAU is set to host the second edition of the C-Suite Forum on 29 May 2024 at the Sheraton Kampala Hotel. Participants will discuss the collaborative role of the board, CEO and CFO in fostering organisational performance.

# Theme Announced for 12<sup>th</sup> CPA Economic Forum

The theme of the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the CPA Economic Forum has been announced as *Enhancing the Productive Sectors for Sustainable Development*. The CPA Economic Forum is scheduled for 3 - 5 July 2024.

### ICPAU Introduces Masterclass for Holders of Foreign Accountancy Qualifications

The Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Uganda (ICPAU) has introduced a one-week masterclass for holders of Foreign Accountancy Qualifications (FAQs). The aim is to simplify their ICPAU full membership enrolment. <u>Details here...</u>



# Join the ICPAU Benevolent Fund

The Institute has introduced the ICPAU Benevolent Fund to provide bereavement support to members of the Fund, their spouses and children. Benefits include bereavement support for death of a member, their spouse or child, and financial assistance in case of incapacitation, among others. Members and staff of ICPAU are eligible to join the Fund. Please write to <u>benevolent@icpau.co.ug</u>

### ICPAU Regional Members Network Executives Meet to Discuss Professional Growth

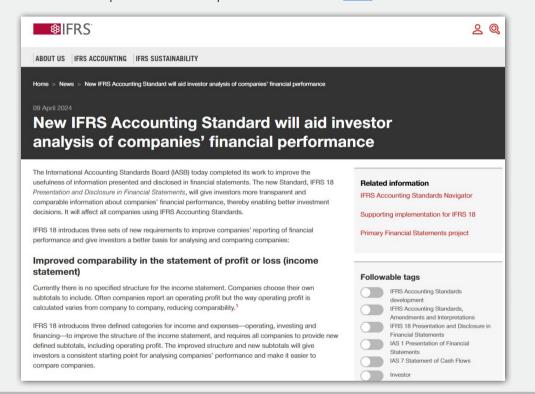
Regional Members Network Executives of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Uganda (ICPAU) convened on 30 April 2024 at Hotel Africana to share ideas on how to grow the accountancy profession and impact the communities. The accountants reminded themselves of who they are, how they can strengthen the profession, enhance the Institute's visibility, and how they can create impact in their communities. Click to read more.

# **TECHNICAL NEWS**

### **IFRS & NON-IFRS UPDATES**

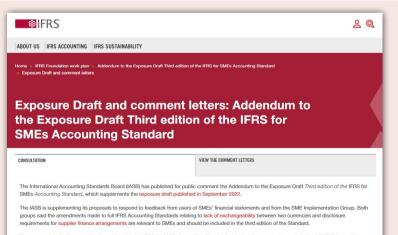
#### IFRS 18, Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements is here

The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) has published a new standard to improve the usefulness of information presented in financial statements. The new standard, IFRS 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements aims at producing more transparent and comparable information about companies' financial performance. Click <u>here</u> for more.



### IASB Consults on Supplementary Proposals to Update the IFRS for SMEs Accounting Standard

The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) is carrying out a public consultation about the Exposure Draft on the supplementary proposals to the IFRS for SMEs Accounting Standard. Click <u>here</u> to access the Exposure Draft which is open for comments till 31 July 2024.



The proposals in the Exposure Draft would update the IFRS for SMEs Accounting Standard and reflect improvements made to the full IFRS Accounting Standards. The proposals balance the needs of users of SMEs' financial statements, while maintaining the IASB's commitment to only update the Standard periodicality.

### **AUDITING & ETHICS**

### New IAASB Video Series Explores Proposed Changes to Fraud Standard

As the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) continues its public consultation on proposed amendments to its fraud standard, a new four-part video series has been released. Click here for more. The Exposure Draft on the Proposed Changes to the Fraud Standard is open for comment till June 5, 2024.

### IAASB Releases Additional Resources Explaining the ISA for LCE

The International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) has released new resources to help stakeholders understand, implement and use the new standard for audits of smaller and less complex entities (the ISA for LCE). All resources inclusive of the video series and webinar recording are available on the <u>IAASB</u> <u>website</u>.



### IESBA Releases New Global Tax Planning Standards

The International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA) has launched the first comprehensive suite of global standards on ethical considerations in tax planning and related services, incorporated in the IESBA Code of Ethics. The <u>new standards</u>, which become effective July 1, 2025, are aimed at complementing and further strengthening the relevance of the existing IESBA Code addressing Tax Planning and Related Services.

### **IPSAS & OTHER TAX DEVELOPMENTS**

### **IPSASB Issues Exposure Draft on Arrangements Conveying Rights Over Assets**

The International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (IPSASB) released for comment <u>Exposure</u> <u>Draft (ED) 88</u>, Arrangements Conveying Rights over Assets (Amendments to IPSAS 47, Revenue and <u>IPSAS 48</u>, <u>Transfer Expenses</u>). ED 88 proposes illustrative examples to accompany IPSAS 47 and IPSAS 48, on other types of arrangements conveying rights over assets that are common in the public sector. Comments are requested by May 31, 2024.

### Withholding Tax Exemption Applications for 2024/25

The Commissioner, Uganda Revenue Authority has issued a public notice to notify the public that the application window for the Withholding Tax Exemption for FY 2024/25 opened with effect from April 15, 2024, up to June 14, 2024. The application process is strictly online. Please visit the URA web portal at <a href="https://ura.go.ug">https://ura.go.ug</a> and follow the steps to apply.

#### ICPAU Comments on the Tax (Amendment) Bills, 2024

The Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Uganda (ICPAU) compiled and submitted comments on the Tax (Amendment) Bills, 2024 to Parliament's Sectoral Committee on Finance, Planning and Economic Development for consideration. Click <u>here</u> for the detailed comment letter.

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

# Strategies for Business Sustainability in a Volatile Economy

### By CPA Silajji Kanyesigye Baguma Chairman, ICPAU Taxation & Economic Policy Panel

To mitigate the adverse effects of the proposed fuel tax hike, proactive strategies must be implemented within the business community. Firstly, there is a pressing need to reevaluate production processes



to minimise costs. This may entail streamlining operations, optimizing resource utilisation, and exploring alternative energy sources where feasible. <u>Read more.</u>

# EFRIS: Transforming Tax Compliance in Uganda

### By CPA Julius Kenneth OKURUT Member, ICPAU Taxation & Economic Policy Panel

Implementation of EFRIS brings significant benefits to both taxpayers and the Taxman. It ensures improved record-keeping by providing digital transaction records, aiding businesses in maintain-



ing accurate financial records. EFRIS enhances transparency by preventing invoice trading, ensuring transparency authenticity, and fostering transparency within the business community. Read more ...

# Alternative Options for Domestic Revenue Mobilization for Uganda

#### By CPA Zuriat Nakayenga

Member, ICPAU Taxation and Economic Policy Panel

The Government of Uganda has got to rethink its strategy on how to fund the 45% Budget in FY25/26 through optimising tax collection and devising strategies to tax the informal sector. To diversify its reve-



nue, the Government can consider leveraging on royalties from natural resources like oil, gas and minerals. More effort should be put in strengthening the role of public private partnerships in delivering capital-intensive public projects. <u>Read</u> <u>more</u>...

### Impact of Proposed Tax on Sale of Land

### By CPA John Sebuuma Member, ICPAU Taxation and Economic Policy Panel

This proposal will increase property values: There will be a general increase in the price of properties not only in cities and municipalities but in other jurisdictions. Land being a factor of production will adversely affect in cost



of investment and also discourage those who would wish to dispose of some of their properties to invest in economic activities. <u>Read more</u> ...

### The likely impact of selected proposed amendments to the taxing Acts for the year 2024 - 2025 focusing on excise taxes

### By CPA Charity Akatukwasa Partner/Tax Consultant.

### Value Impact Management and Finance Consultants

Whereas the increase in excise taxes on alcoholic drinks may be justified by the government as an attempt to control the consumption of these products, it is not justifiable to have the excise tax on the necessary goods such as petroleum products increased since these increases will have an inflationary effect on all sectors of the economy that are trying to recover from the effects of the COVID -19 lockdown effects. Read more...

### The Role of a Money Laundering Control officer (MLCO)

### By CPA Susannie Teega Kyamanywa Manager - Quality Assurance & Regulation **ICPAU**

Before you get into the role as a new Money Laundering control officer, you need to understand that A "Money Laundering control officer" is not just a position or a job description; it brings with it the responsibilities associated with protecting the organization (firm) and the global economy as a whole. Read more ...

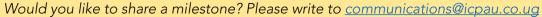
### Likely impact of the Proposed Tax Amendments 2024 -2025

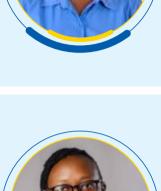
### By CPA Obed Tindyebwa, Tax Consultant

2024-25 tax proposals are being considered by Parliament of Uganda. In this article, I will highlight the likely impact of some of the key tax proposals. Tax Procedures Code bill requires taxpayers to inform the Commissioner in writing, before destroying goods due to; damage, expiry, or obsolescence. Failure renders the related amount non-allowable which can increase tax liability. Read more...

# **CPAs MILESTONES**

CPA Christine Katwe Appointed to Tax Appeals Tribunal













# ICPAU IN THE NEWS

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https://www.independent.co.ug/efris-transforming-tax-compliance-in-uganda/

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# **NEWS IN PICTURES**



ICPAU Secretary/CEO CPA Derick Nkajja (2<sup>nd</sup> L) addressing participants.



Delegates at the 4<sup>th</sup> East African Congress of Accountants



ICPAU Council member CPA David Timothy Ediomu and ICPAU Vice President CPA Ronald Mutumba at the EACOA.



PAFA President CPA Keto Kayemba inspects stalls at the 4<sup>th</sup> EACOA.



CPA Derick Nkajja (Extreme Right) with CEOs of the East African Community Institutes of Accountants.



Participants interact at the 4<sup>th</sup> East African Congress of Accountants. Extreme Left is ICPAU Director Education -Mr. John Bosco Ntangaare



Some of the newly elected members of the ICPAU Regional Members Network Executive Committees at an Executives meeting on 30 April 2024 at Hotel Africana. Seated 3<sup>rd</sup> Right is ICPAU CEO CPA Derick Nkajja and 4<sup>th</sup> Right is ICPAU Vice President, CPA Ronald Mutumba.



# **EACIAs NEWS**

### ICPAR Holds 4th EACOA

The Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Rwanda (ICPAR) held the 4<sup>th</sup> East African Congress of Accountants (EACOA) from 16 – 19 April 2024 at the Kigali Conference and Exhibition Centre – Rwanda. The theme was Beyond Borders: Exploring Global Perspectives.

### **OPC Burundi to Host 5th EACOA**

During the 4<sup>th</sup> EACOA it was announced that Ordre des Professionnels Comptables du Burundi will host the 5<sup>th</sup> East African Congress of Accountants.



### ICPAK Counting Down Days to the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Seminar

The countdown to the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Seminar of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK) has begun. With less than 20 days left, ICPAK is set to hold the Annual Seminar from 20 – 24 May 2024 at the Sarova Whitesands Beach, Pride Inn Paradise Resort Mombasa, and virtual. The theme is Accountancy Profession's Contribution to National Growth and Development. www.icpak.com



## PAFA NEWS

### PAFA AGM Set for June 2024

The Pan African Federation of Accountants (PAFA) has announced that the 14th PAFA Annual Meeting of the General Assembly will be held on 27 June 2024 in Port Louis, Mauritius. The AGM will be preceded by the PAO Leadership Forum and Technical Forum on 25 – 26 June 2024. www.pafa.org.za

# **IFAC NEWS**



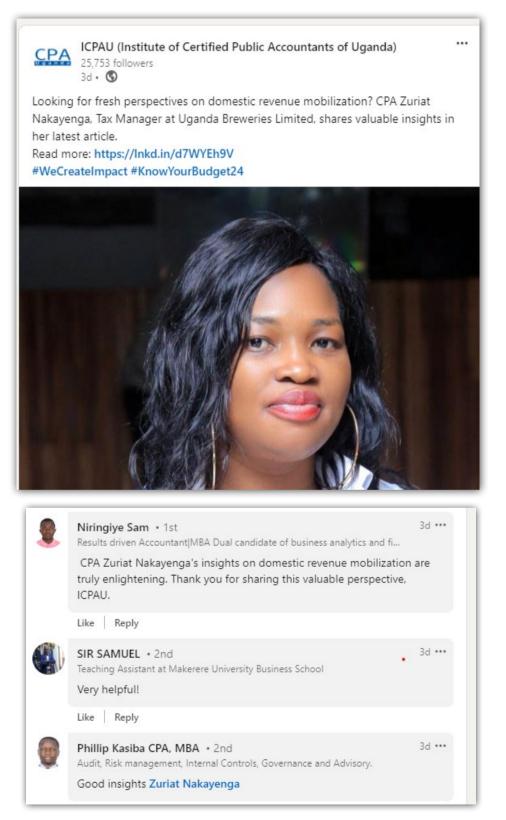
### **IFAC Announces Young Leaders Collective**

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IFAC is establishing its Young Leaders Collective to provide the profession with the opportunity to learn from the perspectives of early career professional accountants, as well as students and future or aspiring accountants. CPA students within the 30-year age bracket are encouraged to apply. Please write to <u>students@icpau.</u> <u>co.ug</u> for a letter of recommendation. Applications close 31 May. <u>www.ifac.org</u>

# CONVERSATIONS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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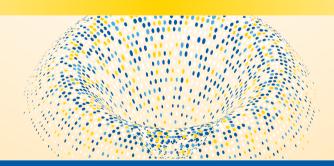




Click<u>here</u> to access the 2024 CPD calendar

Download the 2024 examinations calendar

Download the timetable for May 2024 examinations



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