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| 1. INTRODUCTION | 1.1 This report summarises the programmes/activities and events carried out by the LS Chapter for the period 16 April 2016 – 28 April 2017. 1.2 Opportunities, Challenges and Lessons learned are also shared. |
| 2. PARTICIPATION AND REPRESENTATION AT PUBLIC FUNCTIONS, SEMINARS, and WORKSHOPS | 2.1 Annual Surveyors' symposium and dinner organised by Makerere University Association of Surveying Students, on 22 nd April 2016. Encouraged students to join ISU as early as possible so as to benefit from the network of professionals at their disposal. 2.2 Meeting of SRB and the Permanent Secretary MLHUD. The purpose of the meeting was to brainstorm on the future of the surveying profession in general but more specifically the land surveying profession and agree on the government position for the MRA Negotiations. LS chapter represented by Mr. Musungu John and Chapter Chair. 2.3 Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) Negotiation meeting in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, from 25 th – 27 th May, 2016. Uganda was represented by Mr. Cyprian Inyangat (outgoing Chair of SRB) and Chapter Chair. A draft MRA was completed at this meeting. 2.4 Careers Guidance at Gayaza High School, ISU LS Chapter represented by Mr. Gideon Musoke, Ms. Christine Nagasha, Ms. Fiona Nanozi and Chapter Chair. 2.5 A half day CPD for Registered Land Surveyors on 10 th June, 2016 at Katikati Restaurant, Kampala. Attended by 25 RLSs. Major resolutions, which are still pending <ol style="list-style-type: none">Each RLS to submit a list of 10 assistants with their qualifications within a period of 1 month (only 30 RLSs submitted the lists within the allocated time)ISU identity cards to be issued to only those assistants submitted by the RSUs. IDs should include the name and registration certificate number of the RSURenewal of practising certificate should be possible for only those RSUs that are in good conduct with ISU i.e. no pending disciplinary proceedings and evidence of attaining the mandatory CPD hours for the previous year 2.6 Public Lecture at Kyambogo University on 8th July 2016. Chapter represented by Mr. Chris Tembo, Dr. Richard Irumba and Mr. Ivan Bamweyana. 2.7 1 day CPD on 29th July, 2016 at Katikati Restaurant. Theme: Procurement, Taxation and New Technologies. Attended by 150 LS chapter members 2.8 1 day workshop organized by MLHUD in conjunction with IGNFI / IGN France Consortium under the Competitiveness and Enterprise Development Project (CEDP) on 21 st September, 2016 at Estella Country Hotel, Najjera. LS chapter represented by Chapter Chair. |

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| | <p>2.9 2 days CPD was held at Silver Springs Hotel Bugolobi on 14th and 15th October, 2016 organised jointly with MLHUD. Theme: Fit-for-purpose Land Administration. Well attended by over 150 LS chapter members</p> <p>2.10 Advanced Global Navigation Satellite Systems short course from 19th to 22nd November at Silver Springs Hotel. Attended by 14 LS chapter members</p> <p>2.11 Started the LS Chapter Newsletter. 2 Issues have been published so far. 1st Issue was circulated in the 2nd week of October, 2016 and the 2nd (latest) issue was circulated in the 2nd week of March, 2017.</p> <p>2.12 ISU feedback on the revised Curriculum of BSc in Land Surveying & Geomatics were submitted in the 2nd Week of June 2016. Special thanks to Dr. Lydia Mazzi Kayondo who participated in the review.</p> <p>2.13 The 3rd Joint ISU/SRB Workshop at Silver Springs Hotel in Kampala, marked the end of a busy year, 2016, for the Surveyors Registration Board and the Institution of Surveyors of Uganda (09 December 2016).</p> <p>2.14 A CPD on Assessment of Professional Competence, for Graduates aspiring to upgrade to Professional Associates was held on 10th March 2017. Attended by 25 LS chapter members.</p> <p>2.15 Meeting at MLHUD on 16th March, 2017 to discuss the development of a Corporate and Public Web Portal to provide access to the National Land Information System (NLIS). ISU represented by Mr. David Mulindwa (LS), Mrs. Florence Nambooze Bbale (LS) and Mr. Brayan Wamani (VS).</p> <p>2.16 A Student Outreach Conference at Makerere University was held on 24th March 2017. Ms. Mary Adweo and Chapter Chair made presentations on opportunities and challenges for the land surveying profession and MRA across the EAC, respectively.</p> <p>2.17 Buganda Land Board invited the Chapter Chair to series of TV programs on BBS Terefayina. This should be promoted as its one of the best ways of sensitising the public on the land surveying profession.</p> |
| 3. Working Groups / Adhoc Committees | <p>3.1 NLIS Working Group</p> <p>Following a number of complaints by the surveyors on the implementation of the National Land Information System by the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development. A working group was set up to address the following issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) investigate the implementation of NLIS and the computerization of land recordsii) identify challenges affecting land surveyors due to computerizationiii) provide possible solutions to the challenges in (ii) above and chart a way forward for the country <p>The members of the committee were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Mr Gideon Musoke - Chairman2. Mr. Opio Felix3. Mrs Florence Nambooze Bbale4. Mr. Brian Baguma5. Ms. Banura Constance |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">6. Dr. Joseph Batume7. Mr. Orton Kibuule8. Mr. Ochieg Jared9. Mr. Lubega Raymond10. Mr. Okwana Daniel <p>The committee held 3 meetings at the secretariat. Unfortunately no report was produced by the committee.</p> |
| | <p>3.2 Reference systems working group</p> <p>Based on information from MLHUD, the country will be changing its horizontal datum from Arc1960 datum to ITRF2005 datum. The implementation has already started with the Base Mapping Project that is currently on-going. In order to address the challenges that may be expected due to this transition, a working group with the following members was set-up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Mr. Makabayi Brian - Chairman2. Mr. Akuze Richard3. Ms. Alaisa Baiga4. Mr. Opio Asaph5. Mr. Asimwe Denis6. Mr. David Wamani7. Mr. Kamegero Eria8. Mr. Mubiru Fahad9. Mr. Iranya Moses10. Mr. Amanyia Dreck11. Ms. Nagasha Christine12. Mr. Okeny Geoffrey <p>The terms of reference were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Study the existing datum - ARC1960 & identify possible challenges that have curtailedb) its full implementationc) Study the new datum - ITRF 2005, how will it be implemented, how do we manage the transitiond) Address the issue of transformation parameterse) Suggest a way forward <p>The final report of the group was produced and presented at the CPD in October, 2016.</p> |
| | <p>3.3 The Editorial Board for the LS e-newsletter was constituted by the following members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Ms. Constance Banura – Editor2. Mr. Isaac Saakwa – Secretary3. Ms. Joan Akatukunda4. Ms. Christine Nakiggude (left after the publication of Issue 1)5. Mr. Kitutu Joel6. Mr. Nangalama Johnson (left after the publication of Issue 1)7. Mr. Joel Mukisa Mawerere |
| | <p>3.4 3 committees were constituted to study 3 possible pathways to Professional Associate Membership of ISU under the LS Chapter. The 3 pathways identified were: Geospatial Route (with the core competencies of GIS, Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing), Engineering Surveying Route, Land Surveying Route (with core competencies in cadastral surveying, topographic mapping and dispute resolution).</p> <p>The Terms Of Reference for the committees were</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Develop the core competencies for the membership route2. Determine the level at which the competencies are to be examined |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">3. Develop guidance notes for members to use when applying via the particular route4. Develop the part of the application form for the particular pathway5. Address any other issue relevant to the pathway |
| | Committee for the Geospatial Route <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Dr. Richard Otukei – Chair2. Dr. Lydia Mazzi Kayondo3. Ms. Constance Banura4. Ms. Vivienne Kiggunda |
| | Committee for the Engineering Surveying Route <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Mr. Mugumya Vicent – Chair2. Mr. Mugalazi Dennis3. Ms. Jessica Ausio4. Ms. Dianah Abeho5. Mr. Wafula Robert |
| | Committee for the Land Surveying Route <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Mr. Kizito Bashir Juma – Chair2. Mr. Nyombi Arthur3. Mr. Serwambala Ivan4. Mr. John Vianney Lutaaya5. Mr. Micheal Kazibwe6. Mr. David Mulindwa |
| | None of the committees was however able to make a head-way as regards the assignment. |
| | 3.5 Committee on the Survey Regulations Amendment |
| | The Terms Of Reference were <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Review the existing survey regulations of Uganda in line with the many changes in the land surveying profession2. Study the survey regulations of other countries preferably Commonwealth countries - Australia, Canada, Malaysia, Kenya, Tanzania3. Propose amendments to the existing survey regulations4. Produce a draft for the new/updated survey regulations |
| | The committee were <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Mr. Wafula Robert – Chair2. Mr. JB Ogwang – Secretary3. Mrs. Florence Nambooze Bbale4. Mr. Kabiswa Edirisa5. Ms. Mary Adweo |
| | The committee is currently working together with Mr. Chris Tembo (Vice President ISU) and the Consultant identified by MLHUD. A committee report will be produced soon. |
| 4. MEMBERSHIP GROWTH | <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. The LS Chapter has grown by 43% from 232 members as at 31st December 2015, to 409 members as at 31st March 2017.b. The following members were elected Fellows by the outgoing ISU Council<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Mr. George Wana2. Ms. Sumini Nansubuga3. Mr. Bashir Juma Kizito4. Ms. Fiona Nanozi5. Ms. Christine Asiimwe |

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6. Ms. Alaisa Mohammed Baiga
 7. Mr. Eria Isabirye Kamegero
 8. Mr. Ivan Serwambala
 9. Mr. Frank Mugisha
 10. Mr. Samuel Nathan Ssebunya
 11. Mr. Paul Idude
 12. Mr. Elvis Zzimbe
 13. Mr. Paul Onen
 14. Mr. David Nviiri
 15. Mr. Simon Kataabu
 16. Mr. Humphery Mitanda
 17. Mr. Robert Wafula
- c. The following members were registered by SRB and promoted to Professional Members
1. Mr. Angelo Besiga Tweteise
 2. Mr. David Nviiri
 3. Mr. Moses Babikkako
 4. Mr. Robert Wafula
 5. Mr. Ibrahim Magemeso
 6. Mr. Arthur Nyombi
 7. Mr. Francis Kithula Mugisa
 8. Mr. Micheal Kazibwe
 9. Mr. David Mulindwa
 10. Mr. Elvis Zzimbe
 11. Mrs. Florence Nambooze Bbale
 12. Mr. Simon Kataabu
 13. Mr. Ivan Serwambala
 14. Ms. Fiona Nanozi
 15. Mr. Alvin Muhimbura
 16. Mr. Denis Musinguzi
 17. Mr. Swaibu Bukenya
 18. Mr. Abdulhakim Ssentamu
 19. Mr. Emmanuel Ngabirano
 20. Mr. Paul Idude
 21. Mr. Sam Eriamu
 22. Ms. Christine Nagasha
 23. Mr. Elisha Mubiru
 24. Mr. Joseph Kibuule
 25. Mr. Anthony Barigye Ariho
 26. Mr. Denis Kaggwa
 27. Mr. Andrew Arthur Kumbu
 28. Mr. Mubarak Isabirye
- d. The following members were promoted to the level of Professional Associate
1. Ms. Vivienne Kiggundu
 2. Ms. Sophia Nagujja
 3. Mr. Isaac Saakwa
 4. Mr. Dennis Asiimwe
 5. Mr. Joab Micheal Baguma
 6. Mr. Herbert Ekurutoi Orena
 7. Mr. Brian Lubega
 8. Mr. Jonathan Mawangwe
 9. Ms. Juliet Namubiru
 10. Mr. Daniel Okwana

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| | 11. Mr. Peter Wanyama |
| 5. OPPORTUNITIES | <p>5.1 Increased interest by members in the activities of ISU in general and LS Chapter in particular. This is clearly shown by the increased chapter membership and increased attendance at the CPDs/meetings of ISU.</p> <p>5.2 The use of social media especially the Land Surveying WhatsApp group and LS Facebook page for communication and knowledge sharing. This has tremendously improved communication between the chapter chair and the members. In some instances virtual meetings have been conducted on the chat group and important decisions reached.</p> <p>5.3 The MRA negotiations were completed. Upon signing (expected this year) of the agreement, land surveyors will have the opportunity to practice in all the 6 partner states of EAC.</p> <p>5.4 Mr. Robert Wafula became the 1st land surveyor in Uganda to be chartered by the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). This means that any LS members who would like to become chartered will now have a local surveyor as a supervisor/mentor/counsellor.</p> <p>5.5 The ISU CPD Policy was launched by the ISU council at the end of 2016. The policy requires that each member must attain a minimum of 30 CPD points annually to be eligible for renewing membership for the coming year. If implemented, this will promote professionalism in the entire surveying profession.</p> <p>5.6 Improved coordination and communication between ISU especially the LS chapter and MLHUD, which culminated in organising a joint CPD. This should be promoted as MLHUD is the parent ministry of ISU.</p> <p>5.7 ISU is now an official member of the International Federation of Surveyors. This provides more avenues for networking with international surveyors and opportunities for CPDs.</p> |
| 6. Challenges and possible recommendations | <p>6.1 The LS chapter is the biggest and fastest growing chapter in ISU. However, the ISU constitution only provides for chapter chair to manage and administer the activities of the chapter. With the increasing number of members, the chapter activities are overwhelming and will very soon become impossible to manage by a single person.</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create sub-chapters within the LS Chapter (one proposal is to follow the 3 pathways highlighted above) and elect a chair for each sub-chapter so that the LS chapter leadership committee is composed of 4 people. <p>6.2 ISU activities are carried out on a voluntary basis. Even though all members accepted to serve on the various committees, only 3 committees were able to accomplish their tasks (Reference systems working group, Editorial Board of the e-newsletter and Survey Regulations Amendment committee)</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ISU should explore the possibility of remunerating members who accept to carry out a task on behalf of the Institution. <p>6.3 Incidents have been reported in the media where land surveyors were beaten/assaulted. Fortunately none of the registered ISU members have been</p> |

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subject of these beatings. However, this raises the issue of safety of land surveyors in the field.

Recommendation

- More public sensitization is needed
- 6.4 Delays in the Ministry Zonal Land Offices have continued to constitute the biggest challenge to practising surveyors.

Vote of thanks

I would like to thank the following for the support rendered to me during my term of office:

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