WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear member,

The month of June has been yet another season of productivity at Federation of Uganda Employers. Besides our regular office work we spread our wings and featured the voice of employers on various platforms including the 107th ILO conference in Geneva, Switzerland. We participated at the post budget engagement with tax payers, featured at the commemoration of world day against child labor, to mention but a few.

In this edition catch up with updates on what happened during the month of June 2018.

Have a great new month of July.

Yours,

Douglas Opio,
Executive director

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FUE at the commemoration of the world day against child Labour

On 12th June FUE participated in the commemoration of world day against child Labour at Kaunda Grounds in Gulu district. In attendance were the Hon Minister and permanent secretary of Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, government officials, civil society representatives, to mention but a few.

It was a grand opportunity for FUE to speak to the general public in attendance. FUE Executive Director was represented by Walter Okema who is the Chairman for FUE District committee Gulu. In the speech he highlighted how FUE has been involved in the fight against Child Labour since 1999 with support from International Labour Organization.

He went on and highlighted more about our current project “Employers Initiative in Eliminating Hazardous Child Labour in Tobacco growing through Social Dialogue” in Omoro and Gulu districts.

He particularly sited out a few key achievements the project has attained including training 33 employers, workers, CDOs, Tobacco Leaf inspectors and agricultural extension workers in child labour monitoring and reporting using appropriate channels.(in Gulu and Omoro) districts.

For more information the performance of this project, contact FUE for a detailed report.
Workshop on voluntary national reporting on SDG implementation

On 15th June 2028, FUE participated in a one day workshop on implementation and reporting of SDGs. The main aim of this engagement was to create awareness among stakeholders on the Voluntary National Review process and create an opportunity for their involvement in the process of reporting SDG 8.7 (end forced labor and child labour). We were glad to represent employers at this forum.

In 2016, more than 190 world leaders committed themselves to a 17 SDGs to help in eradication of extreme poverty. All countries are supposed to report on how they are implementing these SDGs. However reporting is voluntary. In Uganda NOTU is working on SDG target 8.7 (end forced labor and child labour) and SDG 4 (Quality Education) especially on the voluntary national review.

FUE leads employers’ delegation at the 107th ILO conference

From 28th May to 6th June, 2018 we were glad to participate in the 107th ILO conference that took place in Geneva, Switzerland.

Being a recognized body by government and International Labour Organisation as sole representative of the interests of employers in Uganda, we were given the mandate to lead the employers’ delegation the conference. The delegation was led by our Executive Director, Douglas Opio. The team comprised of officials from FUE, Parliament of Uganda, UBOS, CAA, UWA, NWSC and NSSF.

For more information about what transpired at the conference we will be sharing more information on our website.

Drafting guidelines for implementing the graduate volunteer scheme project

Federation of Uganda Employers participated in the drafting of the guidelines and tools for implementing the graduate volunteer scheme project. The technical committee meeting took place on 7th June 2018 at Hotel Africana.

The Government represented by the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations Volunteer Programme (UNV) developed the Uganda Graduate Volunteer Scheme (GVS) project in 2017.

The project aims at building capacity of national institutions, partners and key stakeholders to mainstream and create employment for youth. The scheme will put in place a solid policy and legal framework which recognizes volunteerism as an avenue for youth’s contribution to the society development challenges, and a pathway to youth’s enhanced employability. For more information about this contact us, but we will keep you posted on the progress of the scheme.
FUE attends post budget engagement with tax payers

On 18th June FUE attended a post budget engagement with tax payers and the public to discuss the national budget for the financial year 2018/19 at hotel Africana. The focus of this engagement was on educating and popularizing the benefits from the previous budgets and tax policy measures to the business community – which we represent – as well as the taxpaying public. Among others included provision of information for better investment decisions, a presentation of the outcomes of the tax efforts for accountability purposes, sharing of testimonies from taxpayers who have benefited from the tax policy.

As employers being a part of such engagements puts us in a better position to be of benefit to our members especially in times when they need information.

FUE regional visits

From 27th to 28th June 2018, we concluded our month by carrying regional visits of our FUE members in the north and eastern region.

The social protection conference

On 21st June FUE participated in the international conference on social protection for inclusive growth in Africa which was held at Skyz Hotel Kampala. The event opened by Hon. Janat Mukwaya, Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development. In attendance, the event brought together over 80 delegates from Uganda Benin, Ethiopia, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Rwanda, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Belgium, Netherlands and the United States of America.

The conference discussed key policy actions needed for strategic implementation of social protection in Africa. Among the objectives of the conference included discussing modalities for implementation of social protection in Africa.

The interests of employers were effectively represented by FUE and to all our members, you can ask for more information on this at an one point in time.

Sensitizations

- Labour laws
- Employment relations

Book yourself a 2 hour sensitization session on Labour laws or Employment relations. These sessions are available for supervisors and managerial staff.

Those interested can book Tuesdays or Thursdays

Venue: Employers premises

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