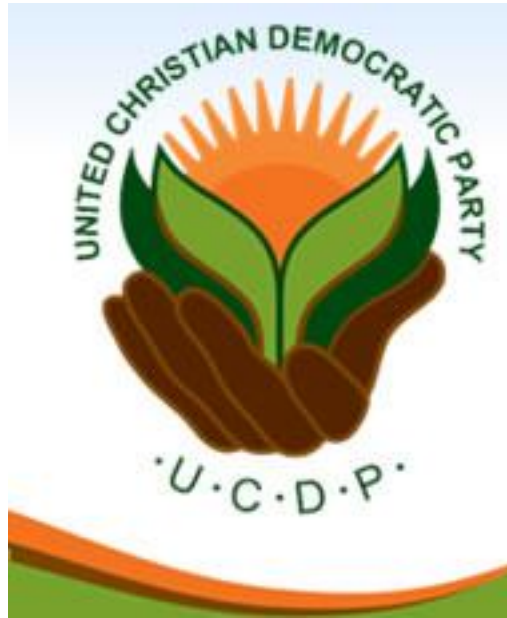


**UNITED CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC STUDENTS'
ORGANIZATION**



UCDESO

READY TO DELIVER WHERE OTHERS HAVE FAILED

**CONSTITUTION OF THE
UNITED CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC STUDENT
ORGANIZATION**

1. TITLE

1.1 The name of the organization shall be United Christian Democratic Students' Organization (hereafter referred to as UCDESO)

1.2 VALUES

UCDESO is the student organization profound on the values coined under the banner of the United Christian Democratic Party (UCDP). It upholds divine guidance, non-racialism and non-sexism, human dignity, accountability, equality, freedom in larger context, justice and fight against all forms of academic exclusion

2. AIMS

The aims of the Organization are to;

2.1 Regularly present congresses in order to discuss issues concerning students

2.2 To build a strong and growing organization that is intended to play its role in the process of advancement and transformation of institutions of higher education.

2.3 Intended to encourage the culture of high social and personal values rooted in the principle of "BOTHO"

2.4 To build a committed and informed organization

2.5 To encourage strong culture of organizational governance with clear vision.

2.6 To inculcate strong culture of delivery based on evaluation and feedback

2.7 To promote, protect and further the interests of its members and to voice collectively their opinions on matters pertaining to education

2.8 To promote student solidarity regardless of economic nerve, culture, race, nor educational attainment

2.9 To build an organization that encourages openness in the critical issues

2.10 To perform any act necessary to realize the above aims

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Any student interested in the realization of the above aims may apply for membership.

3.2 Membership of the organization is divided into the following categories

3.2.1 Full membership (students)

3.2.2 Honorary members. The council may decide to confer honorary membership of the Organization upon former students

3.3 Membership fee will from time to time be determined by the council

4 PATRONS

The council may as it sees fit, on the recommendation of the general meeting, as mentioned in 6.2 appoint a patron or patrons for the Organization.

5. COUNCIL

5.1 Members of the Organization entitled to vote shall, at a general meeting of the Organization elect with majority vote a council consisting of the President, Deputy President, Chairperson, deputy chairperson, Secretary general, deputy secretary general, treasure general and any number of additional members. The term of the council shall be 2 years.

5.2 The council shall further consist of;

5.2.1 Other members of the organization may be co-opted by the council to fill vacancies which may occur and;

5.2.2 Other members who may from time to time be co-opted by the council in the light of the special needs

5.3 A person appointed in terms of section 5.2.2 remains a member for as long as the council decides

5.4 Should the organization establish an official News letter, the editor of the newsletter is ex-officio of the council, if he/she is not already a member of the council.

5.5 The duties of the council are to;

5.5.1 Realise the aims of the organization

5.5.2 Execute decision of the general meeting

5.5.3 Generally control the administration and finances of the Organization

5.5.4 Report from time to time to the General meeting concerning its finances and administration and present financial statement for proof/approval.

5.6 Where members of the council cannot reach consensus on a specific point, a decision will be reached by voting by the members of the council. In case of a stalemate, the President will have the deciding vote, as well as his ordinary vote

5.7 The President and secretary general of the council act in matters of urgency on behalf of the council.

6 CONGRESS AND MEETING

6.1 The organization shall hold congresses

6.2 A general meeting will be held during a congress or at such time determined by council.

6.3 Fifteen full members shall constitute a quorum at a general meeting.

6.4 The president of the organization and in his absence the deputy president acts as chairperson of the meeting at national level. At branch level the chairperson of the branch will chair the meeting.

6.5 Decisions at a general meeting, with the exception of constitutional amendments, will be reached by a majority of votes. The chairperson has a decisive vote, as well as his ordinary vote, in the case of a voting stalemate.

6.6 The agenda for the congress and the agenda for the general meeting shall be drawn by the president and the secretary general. Members of the organization shall submit suggestions to secretary at least a month before the date of the congress.

6.7 The secretary shall notify members at least two months before the congress of the date which the congress and the general meeting is to be held. The agenda and programme must be sent to members at least two weeks before the date of the congress and general meeting begin

6.8 A special general meeting for the discussion of urgent matters may be called either by the council or at the written request of at least thirty full members of the organization. Only the matter for which the meeting was called shall be discussed at such general meeting.

6.7 In the case of a special meeting, members must receive notification of it two weeks before the date of the meeting.

8. BRANCHES

8.1 Any group of 15 students and members of the organization may organize a branch of the organization.

8.2 application for recognition as a branch must be made to the council and the constitution of the respective branch shall be submitted therewith.

8.3 The general meeting is competent to withhold recognition from any branch, and may dissolve any branch at any time

9 Amendments to the Constitution

The national congress is authorized to amend the constitution by way of a two third majority vote by the members' present and whom are entitled to vote ;provided that written notice of the proposed amendments are given not later than 14 days prior to the meeting upon which such amendments will be proposed.