

# IOB Alumni networking event



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# Alumni networking event

21st of February 2014, Kampala,  
Uganda



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# PROGRAMME

## 1. IOB projects

1. IOB Research projects in Uganda
2. Opportunities for IOB Alumni
3. Research publications on Uganda

## *Break*

1. 'Sounding Board' meeting IOB
2. IOB Alumni: Uganda Chapter

## *Reception*



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# Who's who?



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# Getting to know the IOB alumni

**Introduce yourself in 1 minute**

*name, what you studied at IOB, current job*

&

check out the booklet



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# IOB (RESEARCH) PROJECTS IN UGANDA



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# 1. IOB UGANDA projects

## – VLIR-UOS Projects:

- Governance platform
  - TEAM project (N. Holvoet & N. Molenaers)
  - TEAM project (K. Titeca)
  - South project (T. De Herdt)
  - South project (K. Titeca)
  - South project (F. Reyntjens)
- HEFs :Health, Food, Environmental Security platform
  - South project (N. Holvoet)
- PhD project:
  - Citizen-led gender budget initiatives in local governments

## – FWO project:

- Beyond the blueprint (N. Holvoet & N. Molenaers)



# A. Governance platform

= network of Ugandan and Flemish researchers

- policy-oriented research on governance & public policy issues
- natural resources, social service delivery and post-conflict
- Officially launched: 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2014
- 8 partner universities (UCU, UMU, Makerere, Kyambogo, Busitema, MUST, Gulu & Mountains of the Moon)

## • Opportunities for alumni

- *calls for abstracts: for students and staff :  
a 4-month scholarship to finalise 'sleeping' research*
- *Yearly workshops (2015 Gulu)*
- *Vacancy GRIP portal*
- *Call for projects*

Website: <http://soc.kuleuven.be/web/staticpage/12/80/eng/1082>



# TEAM: ACCOUNTABILITY & SERVICE DELIVERY

- N. Molenaeers & N. Holvoet & M. Katusiimeh
- UCU, MUST, Kyambogo & IOB
- Accountability mechanisms → better service delivery
- What accountability mechanisms work and why?  
What context factors matter? How do political factors and networks affect the effectiveness of these accountability mechanisms
- 2 PhD students (Martin Kizito & Robert Tabaro) & master students
- Opportunities for alumni

Seminars domestic accountability actors: (local) gov, cso, researchers)



# TOWARDS MORE EFFECTIVE AND EQUITABLE SERVICE DELIVERY FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES



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## Background

- The general public in Uganda has called for improved and expanded social services.
- From a scientific point of view, more research is needed in order to detect how social service delivery in Uganda can be improved and made more efficient, what the main obstacles are that prevent this from happening and which policies could help to overcome these obstacles.

## Departure point

### The orthodoxy regarding service delivery

- Accountability is crucial for high quality, inclusive service delivery



## Research Question

- But which accountability mechanisms matter and how?
- ✓ Horizontal versus vertical accountability?
  - ✓ Citizen-led versus government-led accountability?
  - ✓ Formal versus informal accountability?



- Research method: Comparative case study design, mixed methods

## Partners



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## Results Project ('14-'18)

- Scientific contribution regarding the diverging impact of a variety of accountability mechanisms on local service delivery
- Policy recommendations for improved and more inclusive service delivery
- Increased research capacity and research dynamic in involved Ugandan Universities (2 PhD degrees and 3 advanced MA degrees)



## More information?

- Promoters of the research project:  
Dr. Katusimeh Meshach (UCU, Uganda) & Dr. Nadia Molenaars (University of Antwerp, Belgium)
- Co-promoters and partner universities:  
Dr. Nathalie Holvoet (University of Antwerp, Belgium) - John Mary Kanyamurwa (Kyambogo University) - Dr. Pamela Mbabazi (Makerere University of Science and Technology (MUST))
- For more information:  
<http://soc.kulruven.be/web/statopage/12/90/eng/1082>



# New District Creation & social service delivery in Uganda

- Robert Tabaro (Kyambogo)
- Theory: Decentralization (new districts) → bring services closer to the people
- Reality: weak performance of many of the new districts
- Research: what factors explain new district creation?  
Key actors? Public perception?
- Methodology: cross-sectional descriptive design



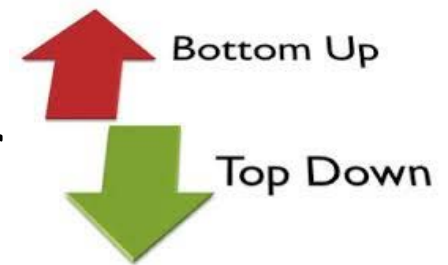
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# INNOVATIVE SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISMS AND TRANSFORMATIVE PARTICIPATION FOR LOCAL ACTORS

- Martin Kizito (UCU)
- Theory: accountability mechanisms → better access to and quality of social service delivery
- What mechanisms work? Gov-led? Citizen – led? Hybrid?
- What context factors enable/hinder accountability mechanisms
- Methodology: theory based evaluation





# TEAM: POST-CONFLICT GOVERNANCE

- K. Titeca & T. Aloysius Malagala (Gulu University)
- Institute of Peace and Strategic Studies, Gulu University
- Conflict and the post-conflict reconstruction process
- Strengthening Institute of Peace and Strategic Studies, Gulu University & the Institute of Good Governance and Peace Studies (Uganda Martyrs University)

- Opportunities for alumni

Dissemination and involvement of 'key-group' such as national and international civil society initiatives working on PCR



# South: Urban Governance in Kampala

- K. Titeca & M. Katusiimeh (UCU)
- Makerere University
- Urban governance Kampala
- Since 2010 (Kampala City Council Bill)  
dysfunctional governance → conflicts , urban  
services problematic, transport ...
- Pilot project to stimulate joint research
- To inform Policy makers on urban governance
- Opportunities for alumni

Research and dissemination of results on urban gov



# South: service delivery & decentralisation

- T. De Herdt & P. Mbabazi (MUST)
- Uganda Martyrs University (UMU)
- Assumption: decentralisation will increase efficiency service delivery
- Alternative explanation: political elite capture?
- Starts in 2014
- Collaboration with universities in neighbouring countries
- Opportunities for alumni

Seminars/ trainings/ ...



# South Initiative: Refugees

- Tom Ogwang & F. Reyntjens
- Problem statement: Refugees, born in Uganda, but not considered as Ugandan citizens (no political rights: vote, ...)
- Goal: reintegration in Ugandan society
- Starts in 2014



# PLATFORM ON INSECURITY

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- policy-oriented research on health, food and environmental insecurities
- Topics: gender, nodding disease, land slides, land degradation, ...
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  - *Yearly workshops, seminars, database on ugandan research ...*

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# South: time allocation & health

- N. Holvoet & V. Nilah Nyakato (MUST)
- Map intra-household time allocation → triple dayjobs of women
- Relation between time use and health of women/ education of women & girls / labour market of men
- Opportunities for alumni (vnyakato@must.ac.ug)
  - 2 Data collection & entry (diaries)
  - 1 data analysis: quantitative methods



The interplay among intra-household  
time allocation, maternal and  
children's health care and education  
in Mbarara District.

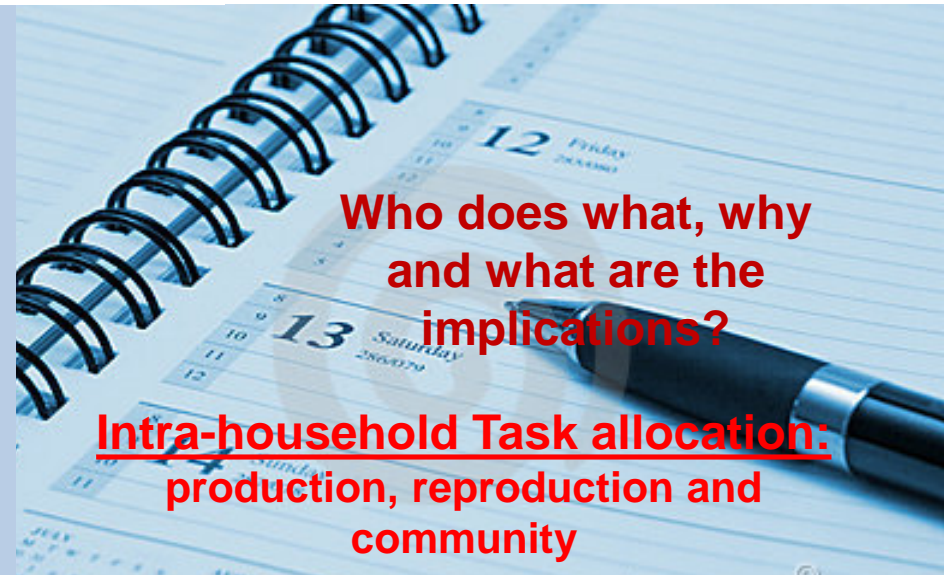
*Evidence from and influence of  
household diaries.*

By

*Prof. Nathalie Holvoet and Dr. Viola N Nyakato*

#### Research questions

- ❖ Are men and women aware of the levels of inequality in time and task allocation?
- ❖ How can diary keeping make routines and habits visible?
- ❖ Will keeping of a diary enable individuals to reflect on their daily patterns and thus trigger change in attitude and behaviour towards intra-household tasks?





# PhD: Citizen-led gender budget initiatives

- P. Bamanyaki
- Supervisors: H. Manyire & N. Holvoet
- Impact of citizen-led GBIs in health – maternal health at local government level
  - responsive resource allocation & utilization
  - improved service delivery,
  - increased consumption of health services
- Method: Theory based evaluation (Causal process tracing), quasi experimental
- Link up with other gender researchers



# FWO: Beyond the M&E blueprint

- Promoters: N. Holvoet & N. Molenaers  
Miet Kuppens (PhD student) & Sara Dewachter
- In search of 'localised' M&E initiatives
- What works? and how?
- *Opportunities for alumni:*
  - *Survey team*
- *Wanted? Input on 'localised' good functioning M&E initiatives*



# IOB Programmes (open to alumni)



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A photograph of two children, a young girl on the left and a young boy on the right, both smiling and holding waffles. The girl is wearing a yellow patterned top, and the boy is wearing a red and white striped shirt. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be an outdoor setting with a white pillar.

## VLIR-UOS PhD scholarships



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# PhD scholarship (vlir-uos)

- Every year [VLIR-UOS](http://www.vliruos.be/en/project-funding/calls-for-applications/call-detail/call-icp-phd-2014-5224/) **10 PHD scholarships to former ICP students**
- Phd interest → IOB promoter → phd proposal
- geographically spread : home institution and a Flemish university = sandwich programme
- **Target group:** graduates not earlier than 2010, or will graduate in 2015
- Deadline (PHD proposal): **March 2015**
- More info: <http://www.vliruos.be/en/project-funding/calls-for-applications/call-detail/call-icp-phd-2014-5224/>





## VLIR-UOS scholarships for IOB Master programmes



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# VLIR-UOS scholarships IOB Master programmes

- 3 master programmes
  - Master Globalization and Development
  - Master Governance and Development
  - Master Development Evaluation and Management
- VLIR-UOS scholarships (*master degree, professional experience, motivation*)
- Deadline: 1st of Februari
- Website: <http://www.uantwerp.be/iob>





## Summer school : The Politics and Economics of Aid



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# Summer school : The Politics and economics of aid

- N. Molenaers
- Master/ PhD student & professionals
- 02/06-14/06/2014
- Topics: aid, aid effectiveness ,conditionalities, new donors, domestic accountability, aid statistics, visits to european aid actors
- Virtual summer school
- Deadline: 01/05/2014
- <http://www.uantwerp.be/polecaid>





## VLIR-UOS Training Programme: HR4DEV



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# Training programme: HR4DEV

- S. Vandeginste (IOB)
- Human rights & each special topic
  - 2014: children rights
  - 2015: transitional justice
- 28 July - 22 August 2014
- Deadline for scholarship: March 15, 2014
- More info: <http://www.hr4dev.be/>



A photograph of three people seated at a long wooden table during a seminar. From left to right: a man in a grey blazer speaking into a microphone with a Dell laptop in front of him; a man in a red and white plaid shirt listening; and a woman in a blue top looking down at papers. The background features a wall of large, square, perforated acoustic panels and a mounted Samsung television. A semi-transparent red banner with the text 'IOB ALUMNI SEMINAR' is overlaid across the middle of the image.

## IOB ALUMNI SEMINAR



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# IOB Alumni seminar (Antwerp)

- Presentation research/ policy paper by IOB alumnus/a in Antwerp
- Call for papers December
- Deadline: March
- Seminar: May integrated in IOB Research Day
- Livestreamed
- Joseph Asunka (Ghana, 2011); Quang Nguyen (Vietnam, 2012); Tekalign Gutu (Ethiopia, 2013)



# IOB Alumni Seminar (In-Country)

- Alternating with Antwerp-based
- Seminar : presentations by IOB staff & alumni
- If possible ... live streamed
- Plans for 2014:  
Manilla, The Philippines  
2015? Kampala, Uganda



A photograph of an outdoor social gathering. Several people are seated at round tables in a paved area. A large, thick tree trunk is prominent in the center, with its branches spreading over the tables. In the background, there is a building with a red facade and a sign that says "Café". The scene is lit by natural light, suggesting late afternoon or early evening. A semi-transparent red banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text "Meet and Greet".

## Meet and Greet



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# Future projects

- Young Professional Summit

More info: <http://brussels.gmfus.org/about-the-forum/young-professionals-summit/>  
<http://brussels.gmfus.org/>

- Evaluation societies

More info: <http://mymande.org/evalpartners>

- Transitional justice alumni network

More info: latest exchange to change issue:

- ...



# IOB RESEARCH



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# IOB SOUNDING BOARD MEETING



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# IOB Sounding Board Meeting

- get input of alumni & professional sector on IOB education
- Several countries
- To complement survey data





## 1.A

Think about **your work week**

...

what are the skills and  
knowledge **YOU** have used  
most during this past work  
week?

## 1.B

What are the most important  
skills and knowledge necessary  
**for professionals in the  
development sector?**





Learning Objective	learn	useful
I can <b>explain the evolution over time of development theories</b> in social sciences and can <b>use these theories</b> to explain divergences in development outcomes between countries and regions.		
I am able to choose and use the appropriate tools and methods <b>to analyze, conduct and communicate processes and research</b> , achieving a basis in both qualitative and quantitative research whilst specializing in one of both		
I am able to <b>process social science literature</b> in development studies , i.e. critical reading, reporting, presenting and discussing in groups of peers.		
I am able <b>to produce scientifically founded (policy) documents</b> , literature reviews, papers and dissertations, to present them and to debate them with peers		
I am able to <b>organize his/her work optimally</b> and reach deadlines, both in personal and in group work.		
I am able to <b>explore divergent positions and alternatives</b> and to discuss these with the aim of reaching outcomes that gain acceptance by all parties.		
I am able to work and discuss constructively within an <b>intercultural environment</b> composed of people with different affective, cognitive and behavioural orientations.		





1.C How well do the master programmes from IOB prepare their students for taking up their roles in the development arena?

- In terms of knowledge?
- In terms of skills?

1D What additional courses/trainings should be included in the IOB programmes to make better development professionals?



4. What are the ongoing **evolutions** in the **professional landscape of development sector**?  
What skills will be crucial for future development professionals?



3. How do you see the **evolutions** in the **educational landscape**?

- In terms of content?
- In terms of location (north, south, joint, ...)
- In terms of modalities (short versus long programmes, online versus residential, professionals versus scholarly, ...)



# IOB UGANDA ALUMNI CHAPTER



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The IOB alumni community is currently spread all over the world.


1-9	10-19	20-29
30-39	40-49	50-59
60-69	70-79	80+



**Joseph Asunka**  
USA (Ghana)  
- Researcher (PhD student), University of California, Los Angeles  
- IOB International Training Programme



**Oscar Edute**  
Switzerland (Uganda)  
- First Secretary at Permanent Mission of Uganda to the United Nations  
- Master In Governance & Development 2006 - 07



**Kobehi Guillaume Toutou**  
Ivory Coast  
- Planning Officer at UNICEF Côte D'Ivoire  
- Master of Development Evaluation and Management 2005-06

"Being the part of such a visionary & globalized institute, I miss IOB's vibrant, multicultural and welcoming environment."



**Daniela Cristina**  
Argentina  
- Lecturer in the Universidad Nacional de Córdoba  
- Master in Development Evaluation and Management, 2002-03  
- Master of Globalization and Development, 2009-10

"IOB was a great learning tool for me, as I was exposed to more challenging experiences."



**Myranda Lutembo**  
- Cooperative Agreement Coordinator at Ministry of Health, Zambia  
- Master Development Evaluation and Management 2008-09

"My experience at IOB? Fantastic! Probably life-changing."



**Wikus Kruger**  
South Africa  
- Sustainable Energy Consultant Resto Energy /  
- Master Development Evaluation and Management 2011-12




**Eva Palmans**  
Madagascar (Belgium)  
- Senior Elections Advisor at European Centre for Electoral Support  
- Master en Gouvernance et Développement, 2000-01

"I learned a lot, not only knowledge but also people... I left with friends in every corner of the world."



**Joy Valerie Lopez**  
Philippines  
- Senior Economic Development Specialist at the National Economic and Development Authority  
- Master Globalization and Development 2010-11



**Gemma Pinol Puig**  
Vanuatu (Spain)  
- Researcher, The World Bank  
- Master Development Evaluation and Management 2007-2008

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**Tanvir Mahmud**  
- Specialist Improving Democracy through Parliamentary Development (IPO), UNDP Bangladesh  
- Master of Globalization and Development, 2009-10



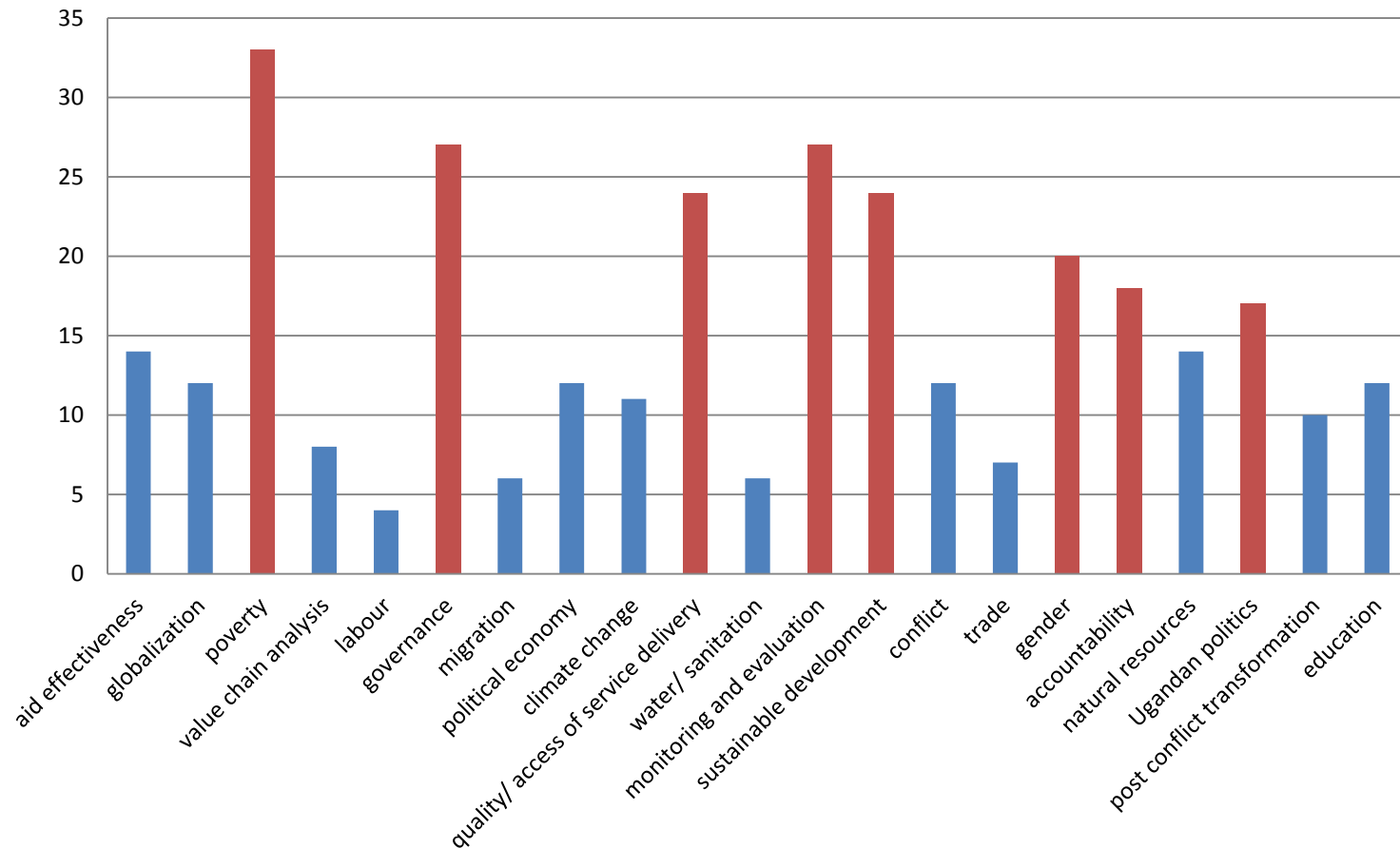
**Imelda Namagga**  
Uganda  
- Senior Programme Officer, Uganda Debt Network  
- IOB International Training Programme

950 IOB alumni all over the world ...  
Some 65 Ugandan alumni



# Some interests in common?

Topical interests among Ugandan alumni





# Brokers for development?

Action Aid (2)	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Angel's center for children with Special Needs	Minority rights group international
Biodiversity, Agricultural Services & Innovations	MUST (2)
BTC (2)	Nsamizi Training Institute of Social Development
Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS) International, Nairobi, Kenya	Parliament of Uganda (2)
Democratic Governance Facility (DGF)	The African WildLife Foundation
District local government (2)	TIRGA
Grameen Foundation	Ugacof Limited
HIAS Refugee Trust of Kenya (Uganda Office)	Uganda Christian University
International Hospital Kampala (IHK)	Uganda Coffee Development Authority
IOB (3)	Uganda Debt Network (2)
KU Leuven	Uganda Martyrs University
Kyambogo University (2)	Uganda National Roads Authority
Makerere University	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
Ministry of Defence	United Nations World Food Programme
Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development	Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO)



## How?

- Set up some **communication** channels (FB LinkedIn, alumni booklet...) → **Share info**
- Find (very limited) funding
- 1 activity a year :
  - Seminar** (work by alumni/ staff/ external speakers)  
**& Social event**
- First event in 2015
- Future? Application for alumni project?





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