

THE COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT FOR WOMEN OF AFRICA (CEEWA) UGANDA CHAPTER

On the commemoration of the 11th Anniversary of the International Women's Day, (CEEWAU) joins the rest of the world to congratulate women in their efforts to increase household incomes for improved livelihoods. CEEWA recognizes the contribution of government, Civil Society Organizations and Development partners in the promotion of the rights of the marginalized particularly women.

CEEWA-U Cf non-governmental organization is committed to increasing the level of women's access to and control over economic resources namely; credit, land and agricultural extension for economic empowerment. CEEWA-U's Mission is to promote the Economic Empowerment of Women in the Development Process through; advocacy, training, research, documentation and information dissemination.

CEEWA focuses on agriculture enterprise development with a purpose to enhance the economic status of women both off farm and on farm through four thematic areas: Gender and Economic Decision Making, Women and Agriculture, Women and Finance and Women and Entrepreneurship Development through use of ICTs.

- CEEWA believes that women's economic empowerment can only be achieved if policies and programmes are made gender responsive. This calls for more systematic efforts aimed at influencing both the processes of policy formulation, implementation and monitoring. Agriculture, the main contributor of GDP is a female intensive sector of production, which emphasizes that elimination of poverty can only be realized when women are made part and parcel of government's effort to eradicate poverty. There is also need to build and enhance women's capacity to be able run and manage their own businesses effectively especially micro and small scale women entrepreneurs at grassroots.

Let us consolidate our gains and continue to advocate for the economic empowerment of women to enhance the women's role in creating their own wealth for improved livelihoods.

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