

UGANDA FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS' ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES PLAN FOR PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION FOR UGANDAN PHOTOJOURNALISTS

KAMPALA, January 15th – The Foreign Correspondents' Association of Uganda (FCAU) has announced plans to run a photography competition for Ugandan photojournalists in 2012. The winners, along with some of the Association members, will get a chance to showcase their work at a photo exhibition to be held in Kampala.

Michele Sibiloni, an AFP photojournalist who is organizing the competition, said, "There are many talented Ugandan photojournalists, and the exhibition will be a unique opportunity to promote our work together."

The details of the competition will be posted on the FCAU website (www.fcau.org) in the coming weeks. The photography competition is part of a wider plan to increase interaction between the association and journalists working for Ugandan media. This was agreed at the Association's second Annual General Meeting, held in Kampala.

At the meeting Joshua Mmali, BBC and Malcolm Webb, Aljazeera were re-elected as co-chairs, to lead an elected board that runs the Association and organizes events. The Association was founded in May 2011 and has since grown to nearly 30 members.

"Our first year was a great success and the association is moving from strength to strength. We've held several events, including off-record briefings with key newsmakers, which have proven to be a great forum for exchanging thoughts and ideas for both the journalists and the guests. We're looking forward to hosting more briefings this year," Mmali said.

FCAU has also launched its website (www.fcau.org) that profiles some of the members and shows their journalistic work.

The Association provides networking opportunities for members and is a contact point for anyone who wants to reach foreign correspondents working in Uganda. Members are broadcast, print and photojournalists from a wide range of foreign media outlets including BBC, Aljazeera, Reuters and The New York Times.

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