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Uganda foreign correspondents form professional association

KAMPALA, May 25th – Journalists representing the foreign media in Uganda have- held the first Annual General Meeting of the newly formed Foreign Correspondents' Association of Uganda (FCAU) - a networking organisation that will promote their professional interests.

Uganda has long enjoyed a reputation as one of the most hospitable countries in Africa for foreign correspondents, who have always appreciated the freedom to do their jobs unimpeded. The FCAU, with an initial membership of 15, pledges to do its part to ensure that this continues.

Malcolm Webb and Joshua Mmali were elected co-chairs at the meeting. Several board members were also elected from a broad range of international media outlets.

"We're very excited about the opportunities that the Association will provide, not only for the journalists, but also for everybody in Uganda that works with the foreign and international press," Webb said.

The FCAU will operate as a non-profit association, holding regular meetings and inviting newsmakers and experts to off the record discussions on developments in Uganda.

It will also serve as a one-stop shop for communications officers, press attachés or anybody else who wants to make contact with Uganda's community of foreign correspondents.

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