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**THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY  
SERVICES ACT, 2001.**

**An Act to provide for the establishment of an Organisation known as the National Agricultural Advisory Services (NAADS), its composition, functions and administration, for the promotion of market oriented agriculture and to provide for other related and incidental matters.**

DATE OF ASSENT: 17th May, 2001.

*Date of Commencement:* 1st June, 2001.

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows:

**PART I—PRELIMINARY.**

1. This Act may be cited as the National Agricultural Advisory Services Act, 2001.

Short title.

2. In this Act unless the context otherwise requires—

Inter-pretation.

“advisory services” means the provision of guidance to farmers or farmers groups with regard to the operation and management of their farming enterprises;

“agriculture” means the management of crops, animals or fish for producing food, fibre or wood;

“Board” means the Board established under section 8 of this Act;

“District NAADS Co-ordinator” means a technical officer recruited by the district to be in charge of NAADS activities in a district;

“farmer” means a person who derives his or her livelihood from crops or animals (land or water based);

“farmers group” means a group of individual farmers, an association, co-operative or any legal entity with a common farming interest;

“farmers forum” means a forum, comprising farmers groups at the Sub-county, District or national level;

“Local Governments Councils” means the councils set out in the Local Governments Act, 1997;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for agriculture;

“Organisation” means the National Agricultural Advisory Services Organisation (NAADS) established under section 3;

“Parish” means an administrative unit established under the Local Governments Act, 1997;

“Secretariat” means the Secretariat established under section 13;

“service provider” means a person or body contracted to deliver advisory services;

“Sub-county NAADS Co-ordinator” means a technical officer recruited by the Local Government to be in charge of NAADS activities in a Sub-county.

PART II—ESTABLISHMENT, FUNCTIONS AND COMPOSITION  
OF THE ORGANISATION AND BOARD.

3. (1) There is established an organisation to be known as the National Agricultural Advisory Services Organisation, (NAADS).

Establishment of the NAADS.

(2) The Organisation shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue or be sued in its corporate name.

(3) The Organisation may for and in connection with its objectives and functions under this Act purchase, hold, manage and dispose of any property, whether movable or immovable, and may enter into any contract and other transactions as may be expedient and may do any act or thing that is lawfully done by a body corporate.

4. (1) The seal of the Organisation shall be kept under the custody of the Executive Director and shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Chairperson of the Board and the Executive Director.

Seal of the Organisation

(2) A document purporting to be an instrument issued by the Organisation and sealed with the seal of the Organisation and authenticated in the manner provided under subsection (1) shall be deemed to be a valid document and admissible in evidence without further proof unless the contrary is shown.

5. The objects for which the Organisation is established are—

Objectives of the Organisation

- (a) to promote food security, nutrition and household incomes through increased productivity and market oriented farming;
- (b) to empower all farmers to access and utilise contracted agricultural advisory services;
- (c) to promote farmer groups to develop capacity to manage farming enterprises;

- (d) to create options for financing and delivery of agricultural advice for the different types of farmers but with emphasis on subsistence farmers, particularly women, youth and people with disabilities;
- (e) to gradually shift from public delivery to private delivery of agricultural advice;
- (f) to develop private sector agricultural advisory delivery capacity and systems and assure quality of advice;
- (g) to catalyse the participation of the private sector to fund agricultural advisory services.

Functions of  
the  
Organisation.

6. (1) The functions of the Organisation are to contribute to the modernisation of the agricultural sector in order to increase total factor productivity of both the land and labour for the benefit of the farmers and to this end, the Organisation shall—

- (a) support the provision of advice and information services to farmers;
- (b) support technology development and linkages with markets;
- (c) monitor and ensure the quality, appropriateness and affordability of advisory services;
- (d) support private sector and farmer institutional development;
- (e) provide programme management and monitoring; and
- (f) ensure that the research and extension needs of farmers are identified and answered by service providers.

(2) In the performance of its functions and roles, the Organisation shall collaborate with Central Government Ministries and their Agencies, Local Governments, administrative units and the private sector and universities.

7. The Organisation shall be composed of—

- (a) the Board;
- (b) the Secretariat; and
- (c) the farmers' fora.

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8. (1) The governing body of the Organisation shall be a Board of Directors comprising the following—

Board of  
Directors.

- (a) a Chairperson of the Board;
- (b) nine farmers, at least three of whom shall be women, two youths and one person with disabilities;
- (c) one member representing the agro-industry;
- (d) one representative of the Ministry responsible for agriculture;
- (e) one representative of the Ministry or Government Agency responsible for co-ordination and monitoring of Government programmes;
- (f) a representative or representatives of a Government Ministry or Agency as the Minister may from time to time determine; and
- (g) the Executive Director who shall be the Secretary to the Board, as an *ex-officio* member.

(2) The members of the Board under paragraph (a) and (c) of subsection (1) shall be appointed by the Minister in consultation with the National Farmers Forum.

(3) The member of the Board under paragraph (c) of subsection (1) shall be appointed by the Minister from among members of the National Farmers Forum.

(4) The members of the Board in paragraph (d), (e) and (f) of subsection (1) shall be *ex-officio* members appointed by the Minister upon recommendation of the Ministry or body they represent.

(5) A member of the Board shall hold office for three years and may be eligible for reappointment for one more term only.

(6) A member of the Board shall vacate office—

(a) by resignation;

(b) by removal from office by the Minister on written recommendation of the Board;

(c) for inability to perform the functions of his or her office, whether arising from infirmity of body or mind or from any other cause; or

(d) for failure to attend three successive Board meetings without sufficient reason.

(7) A member of the Board who becomes a member by virtue of his or her office shall be a member of the Board for as long as he or she holds the office and shall cease to be a member upon ceasing to hold that office.

(8) Where a member of the Board ceases to be a member other than by affluxion of time, the appointing or nominating authority shall appoint or nominate another person in that place and that person shall hold office for the remaining period of the person in whose place that person is appointed or nominated.