

ACTS

SUPPLEMENT No. 10

20th September, 2002.

ACTS SUPPLEMENT

*to The Uganda Gazette No. 54 Volume XCV dated 20th September, 2002.*

Printed by UPPC, Entebbe, by Order of the Government.

Act 19

*National Women's Council  
(Amendment) Act*

2002

THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2002.

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS.

*Section.*

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 5.
3. Amendment of section 6.
4. Amendment of section 7.
5. Amendment of section 8.
6. Amendment of section 9.
7. Amendment of section 11.
8. Insertion of new section 15A.
9. Insertion of new section 21A.
10. Amendment of Schedule.

**THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S COUNCIL (AMENDMENT)  
ACT, 2002.**

**An Act to amend the National Women's Council Statute, 1993 to provide for the composition of the National Women's Council, the District Women's Council, the National and District Women's Council Executive Committees; and for other matters related to the foregoing.**

DATE OF ASSENT: 10th September, 2002.

*Date of commencement:* 20th September, 2002.

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the National Women's Council (Amendment) Act, 2002 and shall be read as one with the National Women's Council Statute, 1993, in this Act, referred to as the "principal Act".

Short title.

Statute No  
3 of 1993.

2. The principal Act is amended by substituting for section 5 the following—

Amendment  
of section :

"Composition  
of National  
Women's  
Council

5. (1) The Council shall consist of—

(a) the Chairperson of each District Women's Council;

- (b) a representative of women with disabilities to be elected from among themselves through their structures;
- (c) three women representatives of non-governmental organisations involved in women's affairs or business to be determined by the National Women's Council;
- (d) a representative of the Ministry responsible for gender and women advancement;
- (e) the secretary for female youth on the National Youth Executive Committee;
- (f) a representative of women Parliamentarians elected from among the women members of Parliament; and
- (g) the Executive Secretary of the National Women's Council.

7. (2) The members of the Council in paragraphs (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) of subsection (1) shall be *ex-officio* members who shall just participate in the deliberations of the Council without a deciding vote.

3. Section 6 of the principal Act is amended by deleting paragraph (d) and re-numbering the existing section 6 as subsection (1) and inserting a new subsection as follows—

“(2) A District Women's Council shall be a body corporate and may sue or be sued in its corporate name and shall carry out any other activities carried out by a body corporate”.

## 4. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by substituting for subsection (3) the following new subsections—

“(3) A subcounty or division women’s council shall consist of—

- (a) all the members of the Parish or Ward Women’s Executive Committees;
- (b) a representative of women with disabilities elected from among the disabled women in the subcounty or division through their structures;
- (c) Secretary for female youth on the subcounty or division Youth Executive Committee;
- (d) two women representatives of non-governmental organisations or community based organisations involved in women’s affairs or business, registered and recognised by the subcounty or division to be determined by the sub-county or division women’s council;
- (e) the officer responsible for gender and women advancement in the subcounty or division; and
- (f) the subcounty or division women representative in the district local council;

(g) Secretary for gender in the sub-county or division local council.

(3A) The members of the Council in paragraphs (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) shall be *ex-officio* members who shall just participate in the deliberations of the Council without a deciding vote."

*repeal*  
(b) by deleting subsection (4) thereof;

(c) by substituting for subsection (5) the following new subsections—

(5) A District Women's Council shall consist of—

(a) the Chairpersons of the Sub-County, Division or Town Women's Councils;

(b) a representative of women with disabilities elected from among disabled women in the District through their structures;

(c) Secretary for female youth on the District Youth Executive Committee;

(d) two women representatives of non-governmental or community based organisations involved in women's affairs or business, which are registered and recognised by the district, to be determined by the District Women's Council;

(e) the officer responsible for gender and women advancement at the district;

(f) the District Woman Representative in Parliament;

(g) the secretary in charge of gender in the District Local Council; and

(h) the head of the Secretariat of the District Women's Council.

(6) The members of the Council in paragraph (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), and (h) of subsection (5) shall be *ex-officio* members who shall just participate in the deliberations of the Council without a deciding vote.

5. Section 8 of the principal act is amended—

Amendment  
of section 8.

(a) by substituting for paragraph (1) (c) the following—

"(c) a Secretary, except at the district level;"

(b) by substituting for paragraph (1) (f) the following—

"(f) in the case of the District and sub-county or Division Women's Council Committee—

(i) the District Women Representative in Parliament at the District Council;

(ii) the subcounty or division women representative in the district local council at the Subcounty Council;

(iii) the officer responsible for gender and women advancement at the district or subcounty as the case may be;

(iv) the representative of women with disabilities in the council elected under section 7;

(v) Secretary for female youth on the District and subcounty or division Youth Executive Committee as the case may be;

(vi) the two of the women representatives of the non-governmental organisations elected under section 7;

(vii) the Secretary in charge of gender in the District local council and subcounty or division local council;

(viii) the Executive Secretary of the District Women Council.

(c) by substituting subsection (2) with the following—

“(2) The members of a Women's Committee referred to—

(a) in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of subsection (1) of this section, shall be elected by the members of the Women's Council from among their number;

(b) in paragraph (f) are the *ex-officio* members in the Council and shall just participate in the deliberations of the Committee without a deciding vote.

(2A) The Executive Secretary of the District Women's Council shall be the Secretary to the District Executive Committee.”

Amendment  
of section 9.

6. Section 9 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for subsection (2) the following new subsections—

“(2) The Executive Committee of the National Women's Council shall be composed of the following—

(a) Chairperson;

(b) Vice Chairperson;

(c) Publicity Secretary;

- (d) Finance Secretary;
- (e) the Secretary for Female Youth on the National Youth Council;
- (f) two of the female representatives of non-governmental organisations in the Council elected under section 5;
- (g) the representative of women with disabilities in the Council elected under section 5;
- (h) the representative of the Ministry responsible for gender and women advancement;
- (i) the Executive Secretary of the National Women's Council.

(3) The members of the Executive Committee of the National Women's Council referred to—

- (a) in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of subsection (2) shall be elected by the members of the National Women's Council from among their number and those officers shall be representatives of the four regions of Uganda;
- (b) in paragraphs (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i) are the *ex-officio* members in the Council and shall just participate in the deliberations of the Committee without a deciding vote.

(4) The Executive Secretary of the National Women's Council shall be the Secretary to the National Women's Council Executive Committee.

7. Section 11 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for subsection (1) the following new subsection—

Amendment  
of section  
11.



“(1) The Secretary shall be appointed by the Minister on the advice of the National Women's Council in consultation with the Public Service Commission”.

Insertion of  
new section  
15A.

8. The principal Act is amended by inserting a new section 15 A after section 15 as follows—

“Funds of  
District and  
other councils

15A (1) The funds and resources for the District and other lower Women Councils shall consist of—

(a) such sums as may be appropriated by Parliament for the purpose of the Women's Councils through the Ministry responsible for gender and women advancement;

(b) any monies accruing to the relevant Women Council in the discharge of its functions under this Statute; and

(c) grants, gifts or donations to the relevant council.

(2) The monies appropriated under subsection (1) shall be decentralised and directly transferred to Districts for the benefit of the relevant Women Councils by the Treasury.

(3) All income and monies of a Council shall be deposited to the credit of the Council in a bank approved by the Minister and shall not be withdrawn except with the approval of and in a manner determined by the Women Council.

(4) The provisions of sections 16 to 21 shall apply to the district and other lower Women Councils.”

9. The principal Act is amended by inserting a new section 21A after section 21 but under Part VI as follows—

Insertion of new section 21A.

“District Women Council Secretariat

21A (1) The District Women’s Council shall have a Secretariat to assist it in carrying out its functions under the Act.

(2) The Sub-county Women’s Council shall have a Secretariat to assist it in carrying out its functions under this Statute and the effective date for the provisions of this subsection shall be determined by the Minister”.

10. The Schedule to the principal Act is amended—

Amendment of Schedule.

(a) by substituting for paragraph 5 the following—

“Filling of vacancies on Councils and Committees

5. Except for the National Women's Council and the National Women's Executive Committee, where a position falls vacant on a Women's Council or Women's Committee, the next higher Women's Council shall, within thirty days after the position falls vacant, supervise elections and fill the vacancy and the Chairperson of that next higher Council shall notify the Electoral Commission of the results;”

Voting of member of Parliament

5A. Except at the village and parish levels where the Chairperson of the Women Council is the secretary for women in the local council, no person shall hold an office in the Women’s Councils together with an office of the local council, both of which entitle her to participate in the voting of a District woman member of Parliament.”

(b) by substituting paragraph 9(1) the following—

“9(1) A Women's Committee shall meet for the discharge of its duties at least once every month at such time and place as the Chairperson of the Committee may direct; except that the National Executive Committee shall meet once in every three months”.