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# The 6<sup>th</sup> Uganda National Honey Week

**Theme:**

**"Transforming Women and Youth from Subsistence to Commercial Apiculture"**

**Date:** 24<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2015

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## Editorial Message

Dear Friends, welcome to issue 13 of Api-newsletter. We at TUNADO, always find it a great pleasure to interact with you in this publication and we hope you enjoy hearing from us. In this issue, we bring you what transpired during the National MSP, AGM and the proceedings of the first African apiculture platform executive committee meeting where our very own BOD chairman is the vice-chairperson. Find more interesting stories on the importance of keeping bees, how important trees are to bees, our opinion poll, frequently asked questions and many other stories. Enjoy your read.

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## Chairman's Message

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST AFRICAN APICULTURE PLATFORM

Pollinator bees play an important role in agricultural production, forestry and the maintenance of biodiversity. Pollinated plants make up one third of human diets and 80% of the pollination is done by honey bees. Therefore it is gratifying and exciting to note the flurry of activities in the industry in Uganda and at the Continental level.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015 the beginning of the year MSP was held at the Uganda National Farmers Federation Hall where stakeholders reviewed the activities of 2014 and agreed on activities to undertake in 2015 in which focus is on skilling of value chain actors. Then on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015 TUNADO held her Annual General Meeting where the Board presented the Annual Report with the Audited accounts for 2014. The Budget and Work plan for 2015 were also presented and approved by the AGM.

At the Continental level the Executive Committee of Africa Apiculture Platform held their first committee meeting from 16<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at the Fish Eagle Inn in Naivasha Kenya. The meeting was sponsored by AU-IBAR under the Bee Health Project and officially opened by Prof Ahmed A.El-Sawalhy, Director of the African Union Inter African Bureau for Animal Resources(AU-IBAR).The Chairperson, Mr Adeshina Ademola and myself the Vice Chairperson facilitated the proceedings of the meeting. Technical guidance was provided by Dr. Simplicie Noulala Chief Animal Production Officer AU-IBAR and the secretariat services were provided by Dr Norber Mbahin Bee Health Project Officer AU-IBAR. The

meeting was attended by the elected member state representatives and representatives of the regional economic communities namely COMESA, CEBEVIRHA-CEMAC, EAC, FAO, ECOWAS, ICIPE, IGAD, AU-IAPSC and Api Trade Africa. The meeting reviewed the achievements since the Kampala meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> December and approved operational guidelines for the Executive Committee, agreed on criteria to select working committee members, EC Work plan for 2015-2016, and Sustainability strategy for AAP and discussed Key Policy issues for the Apiculture Industry.

The meeting was informed about the activities of the Bee Health Project managed by AU-IBAR. According to Dr Norber Mbahin, Bee Health Project Officer. The project is looking at;

- compiling a report on the status of honey production and beehive products in Africa,
- guidelines of regional and continental policy and legislative frameworks
- matrix for data collection
- environmental threats and stressors on bees ,honey products and pollination services

The meeting was informed by ICIPE Bee Health Project Manager Ms Everlyn Khamala that under the project, an African Reference Laboratory for Bee Health has been established and that four satellite laboratories will be established in Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Cameroon and Liberia.

At the National level once again, TUNADO was invited to participate in two important meetings because of the crucial role she plays in the promotion of Apiculture in the country .The first meeting was on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015 organised by Ministry of Water and Environment at the Imperial Royale Hotel in Kampala. The meeting reviewed the performance of the first FIEFOC project and provided input for the second phase of FIEFOC project. The second meeting which was held on 7<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at the Common wealth Resort Munyonyo organized by Makerere Private Sector Forum under the theme "Climate Change Mitigation :The Business Opportunities". The meeting addressed issues of climate change impact and ways of mitigating the impact as a business for the private sector. From the discussions in the plenary, Beekeeping was identified as one of the business opportunities the private sector can engage in to mitigate the effects of climate change.

With our annual Honey Week around the corner from 24<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> August 2015, I invite you to reserve those dates so that you can come and learn more about one of nature's wonders, **THE BEES**.



# ED's Message

## TUNADO HOLDS BEGINNING OF THE YEAR MSP

**O**n 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015 the MSP which was held at the Uganda national farmers federation attracted a number of members, stakeholders and partners from Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries, Swiss Contact UG, Green and White and many others thus making a total of 60 Participants. Key sector priority issues were reflected on. The principal entomologist, MAAIF, Ms kangave Alice gave an overview on the National training manual which is to be translated into seven(7) different languages to cater for a wider coverage. Mr. Joshua Kunya from Skills Initiative, Uganda also presented on the purpose of the tots which is to improve the quality and quantity of farm based trainers in beekeeping.

**Summary of the agreed upon issues of the national MSP as of 16 April 2015**

### **a) On popularizing the national beekeepers training and extension manual**

#### **ToTs**

- Members interested in being trained as TOTs to contribute towards training cost

as maybe determined by MAAIF and TUNADO

- MAAIF and TUNADO to certify the trainees as national trainers and have their names published on the MAAIF and TUNADO website as certified national trainers in apiculture.
- TUNADO members agreed to nominate their staff as trainees for TOTs. List of certified trainers would be distributed to all organisations supporting the apiculture sector.

### **b) On marketing platform**

#### **National honey week**

- All exhibitors at the 6th national honey week to put on TUNADO branded T-shirts
- National honey week's activities should include outreach to school children to interest them in beekeeping at a tender age.

### **Packaging materials**

- A new player-Ashut Engineers Limited introduced a new packaging container which members advised that it should be re-designed to make it suitable for honey by removing corners and make smaller versions of it as well and include



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food grade label on it.

### **c) On apiculture business development services**

#### **Awarding best apiaries**

- Members reviewed the selection criteria for awarding best apiaries and appended scores to every sub-section of the criteria and suggested organisations that should be on the inspection committee (MAAIF, TUNADO, Trainers)

#### **Loaning**

- Members were informed of available funds from Trias and Oxfam for loaning out to processors and packers. TUNADO still in the process of identifying SACCOs with affordable lending rates and an apiculture financial product. Members will be informed when the apiculture financial product is developed and funds have been disbursed to the selected financial institutions.

## PICTORIAL OF THE EVENT



**Principle entomologist MAAIF, Alice Kangave presenting on how to roll out the training manual**



**Asimwe Caroline of Swiss Contact taking the participants through comments on ToTs**



*Aryodi Bee farm director, Robert Okodia giving his view on awarding best apiaries*



*Members during a group work session*

## TUNADO IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OXFAM-NOVIB IMPLEMENT A PILOT (SAIL-UGANDA) IN LIRA & KOTIDO

Strengthening the Apiculture value chain for improved livelihoods in Uganda (SAIL-Uganda) is a new pilot project being implemented in Lira and Kotido districts. The process of developing SAIL-Uganda was based on the wide experience of TUNADO as a coordinating body for apiculture for the last 10 years. Sufficient information was generated to indicate that beekeeping is a possibility for the disadvantaged women and men in communities if market is guaranteed for beekeepers (UHTP 2014).

The overall objective of this project is to contribute to the improved livelihood resilience of 3672 people (60% women) and (40% men) living in the districts of Kotido and Lira, in northern Uganda by December 2015 and the specific objective is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of market chains for honey and beeswax in Lira

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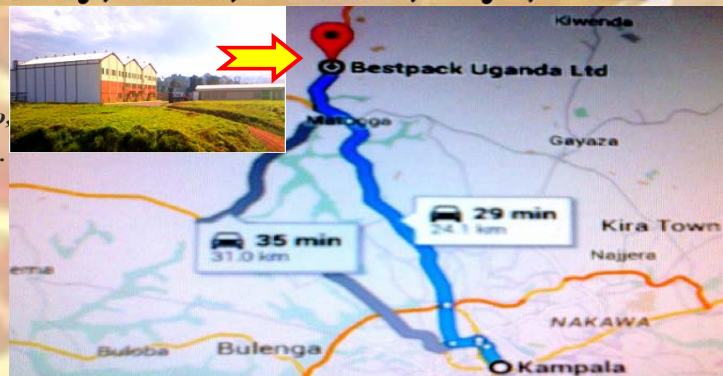
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## TUNADO IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OXFAM-NOVIB IMPLEMENT A PILOT (SAIL-UGANDA) IN LIRA & KOTIDO

and Kotido. The duration of the project is 10 months and there are mainly four results to be achieved during this period;

1. 12 rural trading hubs successfully consolidate quality honey and beeswax from rural areas and trade to high end processors and packers

- 1.1 twelve rural based honey and beeswax trading hubs established
- 1.2 twelve trading hubs are linked to beekeepers and high end packers and exporters
- 1.3 twelve trading hubs have quality assurance capacity and processes in place to meet the market expectations of high end packers and exporters
- 1.4 twelve trading hubs put in place good business models and are linked to SACCOS for matching fund and soft loans

- 1.5 Uganda honey and beeswax processors/ packers and exporters are able to access bee products from Lira and Kotido

2. 612 beekeeper households have good skills and knowledge in best practices for honey harvesting and handling to produce good quality honey and beeswax

- 2.1 120 community based beekeeper mentors –CBBMs (72 women) and 12 trading hub coordinators trained and have knowledge and skills on proper harvesting of honey and beeswax
- 2.2 480 beekeeper households learn beekeeping from the CBBMs (4 per mentor)

3. Participating stakeholders have adequate knowledge on financial

management and have access to financial facilities

- 3.1 participating stakeholders have financial literacy and good working relationships are in place
- 3.2 trading hubs and high end buyers access loans and matching fund from SACCOS
4. an enabling environment for honey and beeswax trade is established

- 4.1 multi stakeholders platform (business forums, honey week) established/ conducted
- 4.2 Project participants have increased access to apiculture technical and market information.

This project is innovative in a sense that it is using market pull approach and not push where by local trading hubs are being introduced to creating market linkages with beekeepers and the high end buyers to solve the problem of consolidation and market access.

### PICTORIAL



Participants from Kotido during KAPs survey



JICA HWA BOD Secretary, Mr. Longoli Paul translating KAPs questions to the Beekeeping groups in Kotido



Gola Kic staff during a reflection meeting



Members during KAPs Survey in Lira (Gola Kic)



## News at a Glance

### TUNADO HOLDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015, TUNADO stakeholders convened at the Uganda National Farmers Federation (UNFFE) to check progress of the organization. During the meeting that was chaired by members of the TUNADO Board, the quorum received the minutes of the previous meeting, the report of the BOD of directors, audit report for the previous financial year and budget for 2015 financial year where a few amendments were made to indicate which partner pays for which activity.

The Annual General Meeting was well attended by Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF), Swiss Contact Uganda, ZOA and members of TUNADO

### BEE FACTS

There are two types of wax moth, the greater wax moth- *Galleria melonella* and the lesser wax moth-*Achroia grisella*. Both species can destroy combs although the greater wax moth is more damaging.

Wax moths may be found in a live colony or in stored combs. However, stored combs are at a much greater risk ..... **Find out how you can avoid and treat Wax moth in your Apiary in issue 14**



Image of wax moth infestation in a comb



### Importance of trees for bee forage

Trees are vital friends of Man, much as many people ignore this fact.

Apart from helping in manufacturing of food and oxygen for man, they support agriculture by variously boosting soil fertility.

They are the frontlines for our changing climate and above all, they are a source of forage for our bees.

Human beings have cut down trees and this does not spell a good future for the bees. As pollution and cutting down of trees increases, the ecological balance should be maintained.

Bees and trees belong together. The Honey bees and stingless bees have originally developed in forest biotope People Depend on Forests. Whereas deforestation can disrupt the lives of local communities sometimes with devastating consequences, Forests provide a vast array of resources to both human beings and the honey bees, including food, wood, medicine, fresh water, and the air we breathe. Without the trees, the ecosystem that supports the human and bee population can fall. Given the choice, wild honey bees choose nesting in trees rather than in an open landscape.

### Frequently asked Questions

**Qn. How many hives can fit in an acre of land?**  
As. Under favorable conditions that is; with enough forage in place, one acre can hold over 100 hives.

**Qn. Which bee hives work better in Uganda if someone was to start a beekeeping project?**  
As. In Uganda beekeepers are using traditional hives, KTB and Langstroth and in all the three have proved to work. However for frame hive technology, these rely on a much more sophisticated technology to be made, if these are to work suitably, they must be perfectly made from well-seasoned timber and uncompromised workmanship. The three types of hives cost differently but when sited, the yield per hives is always different depending on the management and forage around the apiary.

**Qn. What plants provide the best forage for bees?**  
As. All flowering plants can provide forage to bees. However, what matters is the duration of flowering and how long flowers can last. In Uganda, plants such moon flowers, caliantra, eucalyptus, bottle brush, sunflower and coffee trees provide good forage.

**Qn. Is it true that black honey on the market is always adulterated?**  
As. It's not true that all black honey is adulterated .this is because honey has different colors ranging from water white, amber, light amber dark amber etc. the color of honey is usually determined by the nectar source

**Qn. What's the right period in which one is supposed to harvest?**  
As. In Uganda, it has been realized that the harvesting season differs from region to region. This has been attributed to peculiarities of climate and vegetation in different ecological zones, there is a seasonal variation in bee forage and water. However, in beekeeping practice there are indicators shared in common that can act as a guide on when one should harvest honey as summarized below.

Based on this, the seasons are divided into:-

- Dearth period
- Build-up period
- Honey-flow period
- Harvesting period

#### Dearth period:

This is a time of the year when nectar and pollen are not available for the bees. Egg laying

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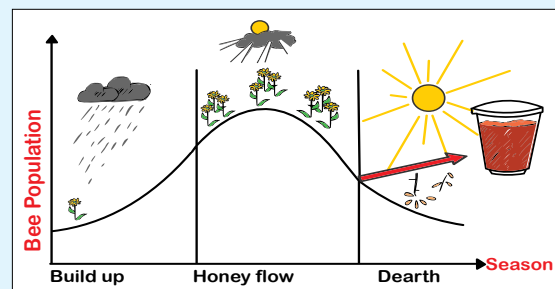
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## Frequently asked Questions



## Seasonal Management / Calendar

activities decrease or stops as there is no food to feed the brood. Dearth period may be caused by:

- Prolonged dry season which will not permit flowering
- Very heavy rains, which prevent bees from foraging.
- Very cold weather which prevents bees from going out to forage; instead they cluster to produce heat.

### What to do

- In hot areas, put the hive under shade so that bees have time to search for their food source instead of wasting time trying to cool the hive.
- Shelter hives to keep them dry where rains are heavy and provide proper ventilation
- Enhance pest control measures since the colonies are most vulnerable at this time.
- Provide water if there is scarcity and feed the colony if necessary.
- It may be necessary to provide supplementary feeding

### Build-up period:

- This is a time when plants start flowering and bees start to bring in pollen and nectar.
- During this period all the stores are used for comb

## AGRIPROFOCUS MARKET PLACE EVENTS CALENDAR - 2015

APF EVENTS	LEADING PARTNER	EVENT DATE	STATUS	AGRIPROFOCUS MARKETPLACE EVENTS CALENDAR-2015																																
				Jan	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE				JULY				AUG				SEPT				OCT				NOV				DEC			
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Seed Event (Kampala)	ISSD	26th February	DONE																																	
Field Tour Visits (Dairy Learning Lab)		11th-12th March	DONE																																	
Youth Event/Marketplace event -Lira	ICCO-	23rd-24th April	DONE																																	
National Fruit Event-Sector Event	SNV	23rd-24th April	DONE																																	
Finance Fair- Kasese	SNV-P4P	22nd-23rd June																																		
Dairy Learning Lab	AgriProFocus	29th-30th June																																		
Gender Learning Event- (Northern Region-Kitgum)	AgriProFocus	July																																		
Learning Event South (Western region-Mbarara) marketplace event		23rd - 24th July																																		
Market information symposium-(Kampala)-National Event	FIT Uganda	10th - 11th September																																		
National Dairy event (Kampala)-Sector Event		16th - 17th September																																		
Pre-event for Participation in Regional Event in Rwanda (Competition for Companies in Horticulture)	AgriProFocus-Uganda	13th August																																		
Horticulture regional Trade Fair	AgriProFocus-Rwanda	October																																		
Youth Event/ Finance fair-Mbale	The Hunger Project/ CELED	22nd -23rd Oct																																		
Nyama platform Launch	Nyama Group	29th Oct																																		
Livestock Expo- Kenya	AgriProFocus Kenya	4th- 6th Nov																																		
Bunyoro region-Masindi marketplace event	TRIAS/MADFA	5th-6th Nov																																		
AgriProFocus Network day (Kampala)	AgriProFocus Uganda	25th November																																		

**TARGET NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS**  
Regional events- 500 farmers/event



building, egg laying and brood rearing.

- At this time, there should not be less than two top bars full of honey so that the queen may lay eggs to maximum capacity and brood rearing may not drop.
- Feed any colony that runs short of food.
- The more stores of honey, the greater the number of foraging bees that would be available to collect the crop thus a bigger harvest.

#### What to do

- Remove all combs which are wrongly built.
- Check that the brood are in compact blocks on the combs. This indicates a good queen.
- Look for hiding places for small hive beetles and wax moth larvae, which the bees cannot remove.
- Merge queen less and small colonies to form medium sized ones.
- Help the bees to expand their brood nest by putting an empty top bar in between the brood bar and the top bar containing honey and pollen.

#### Honey Flow period

- Bee plants are in full bloom during this period.
- Bees bring in nectar and pollen in greater quantities for their daily requirement and therefore utilise the period for storing.
- There will be a daily increase in stores if the colony was properly prepared in the build-up period. Otherwise the colony will use the honey flow period to build-up instead of collecting excess nectar and pollen.

#### What to do

- At this time the queen should be restricted to the brood area (by using a queen excluder) to leave the other combs to be used for storage.
- In case of a Langstroth hive, give extra space when the colony is  $\frac{3}{4}$  full. They will serve both for the distribution of the colony population, which will control swarming, and to store excess food.
- In the case of a Kenya Top Bar Hive, harvesting can be done to create space.

#### Harvest period:

Beekeepers should inspect their apiary regularly to know when the colonies are ready for harvesting. This is the most certain way of telling hives that are ready for harvesting. A colony ready for harvesting will have the following signs

- The bees become aggressive in guarding the hive, and can sting at the slightest provocation.
- Presence of worker bees outside the hive in large numbers
- The honey harvesting period starts about ten days after blooming.
- By then the honey is ripe and ready for harvesting.
- The scent of honey fills the apiary

**Note:** There is always a danger of bees consuming the honey if harvesting is delayed.

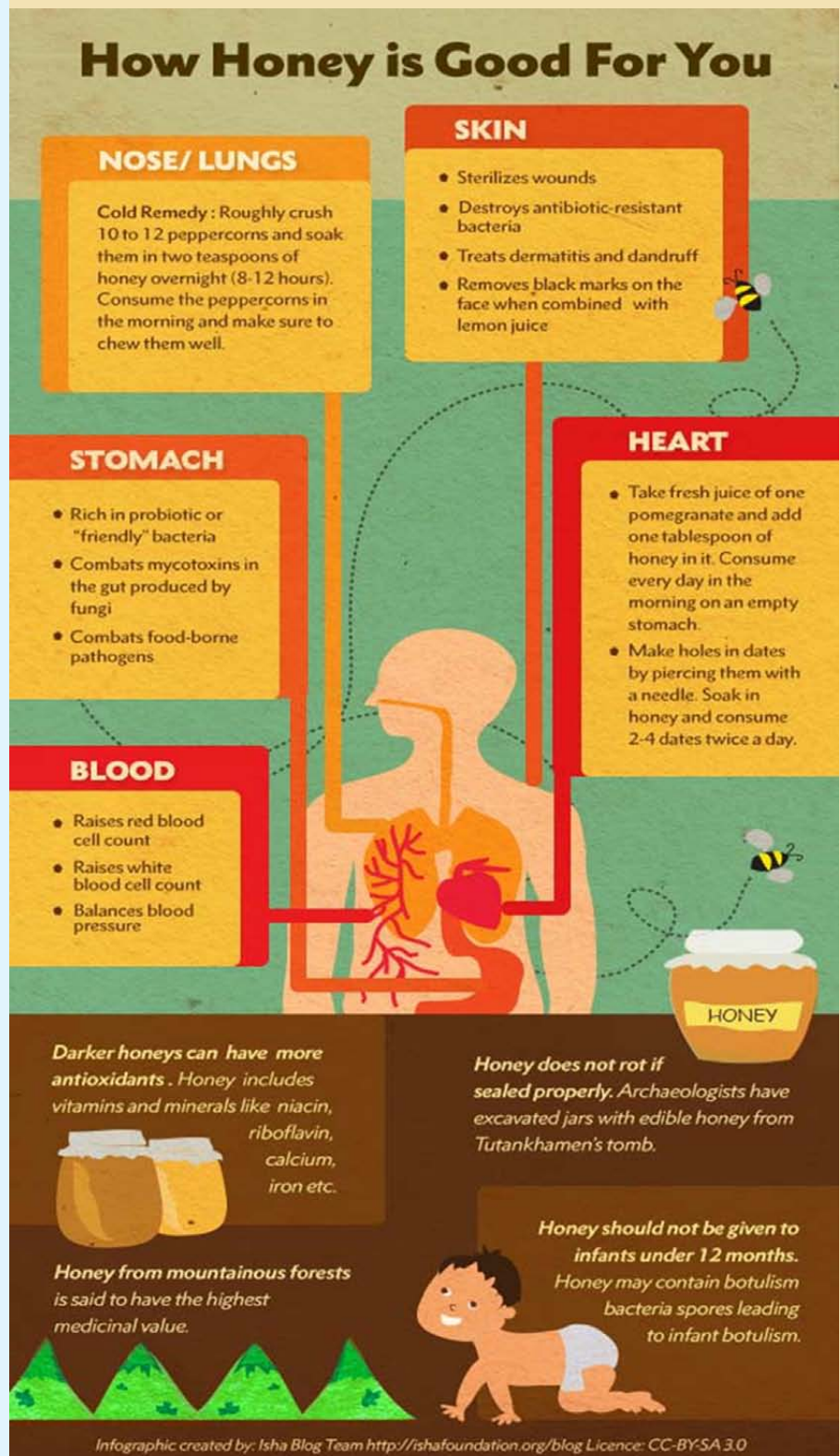
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# Mubende District the Home of one of the Oldest Bee Hive in the World

**K**ubenda benda Literally meaning walk while bending where Mubende district delivered its name after Mubende town. Mubende was carved in 1967 from Buganda government and is one the oldest district in Uganda.

It is found in central region of Uganda 172 kms from Kampala capital city of the pearl of Africa where it borders with Kyankwanzi in the North, Kiboga North East, Mityana in the East, Sembabule South, Kyegegwa south west, Kibale in the north west covering area of 4620 square kilometers with undulating landscape where nature did it all endowed with cultural and tourist potentials you should not miss.

The district with 15 local councils of Bagezza, Bakuya, Butologo, Kalwaana, Kasambya, Kassanda, Kiganda, Kigondo, Kitenga, Kitumbi, Kiyuni, Maduudu, Mubende, Mwezi, local Nabingola and total of 771 villages where the Chwezi/demi gods are said to have transverse and stayed.

It hosts the oldest sacred tree Nakayima which is over four hundred years which was planted by Nakayima the wife of Ndahura on top of flat tabled Mubende hill. The tree is said to possess the great Ndahura's legitimate spirits the first king of Banchwezi, the demi gods.

Many people from near and far have come to adore and worship this sacred tree for blessings, marriage, wealth, children and other fortunes for their survival in this legitimate rural village clinic.

Every year more than one billion tourist immigrants cross international, national, regional and local borders and it is evidenced that 40 tourists visit this place daily. Hidden by nature in this place is the oldest legend bee hive which have never been tapped for honey. It is found in *ptenygota mildbradii* tree species of about 60 meters tall, a pronounced buttress roots of 3 meters. This imposing tree has different chambers or sections on the sides commanding different legitimate spirits for different use according to high call of their needs, fortunes, prosperities. A decentralized system is replicated and reflected by nature of this tree where the oldest bee hive is accommodated.

The population growth rate is estimated at 3.6% following the 1991 which was 277,500 and 2002 which was 423,450 respectively.

Mubende blessed by nature Agricultural produce include sweet potatoes, beans, cassava, maize, banana groundnuts, onions, cabbage,



tomatoes, coffee and tea where farming is almost subsistence and little for sale.

The influx of immigrants has led to the survival for the struggles which has brought land wrangles, crime tension and conflicts in the districts and beyond.

It has education institution which include a total of 439 primary level school of which 299 are government, 93 are private and 47 are community initiated schools. A total 75 are secondary schools of which 21 are government aided school, 20 are private and 34 are community based schools.

In advocating for Green Revolution and the Environment the district is appreciative to the contribution of Tropical FM radio not only for information sharing and development issues in the entire district and beyond but promote care and good health of the citizens.

The health facilities were boasted by Japanese support fund with 175 beds other equipments to Mubende regional referral hospital to cater for growing sick inhabitants and medical care especially the road accidents from Mityana, Mubende and Fort portal roads. Other remarkable health centers are Kiganda and Kasanda.

The 60% of the residents' access water from endowed protected springs bore holes and National Water Corporation.

This is the haven of hope; available steady supply of food, well endowed with spiritual legitimate beehive blessed with Ndahura's automated wonders. The question puzzles every one that those who have the food have no appetite and those who have the appetite have no food. Is it Mubende where we can get best honey?

Written by  
**MUKUNDANE B. ALBERT**

## Opinion Poll

*This Issue's Question.*

**Market and pricing in the honey sector**

*Overview; In Uganda today, during the honey harvesting season, I have always heard different sector players' remarks on the issue of market. Beekeepers complain that they have a lot of honey but lack where to sell it. Processors and packers say they have the market but lack people to supply them with honey.*

**Question,**

I have been producing honey for the last three years. I usually sell my honey to the middle men and nearby shops within my locality and to people around me. The price I sell a kilo of honey ranges from 4000 – 6000/= Ug shillings which quickly taken. Last year I was overwhelmed to find out that the very kilo of honey I sell at 6000sh is divided into a 500gm bottle and sold at 8000/= each. Given that price, I decided to put 1 kilo of honey at 10,000/=. I was so excited to sell 10kgs at that price to one of my neighbors and to a truck driver. Since then, I have decided to maintain a kilo of honey at 10,000/= because the returns were overwhelming. However, I have realized a few people are coming to buy because it has taken me close to 6 months to sell honey from my first harvest. I feel I am running out of business but my understanding tells me that I will be cheated if I sold my honey at 5000/= shillings. What can I do?

A beekeeper in Buliisa, Bunyoro region

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### Training of Trainers 24-29<sup>th</sup> June 2015 in Central Uganda

The Uganda National Apiculture Development Organization (TUNADO) in Conjunction with Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries with support from development partners is pleased to announce the first training of trainers in Apiculture from 24<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> June 2015. By conducting a ToT in every TUNADO sub-region, local beekeepers will be empowered with both technical (up-grade skills) as well as the pedagogical skills to train communities and fellow beekeepers in their sub-regions more effectively and at a relatively affordable training cost subsequently, increasing the quantity and quality of beekeepers trained locally (multiplier effect). The simplified National Beekeepers' training and extension model will be used. The training will be in different parts of the county but the first round will be organised in central Uganda.

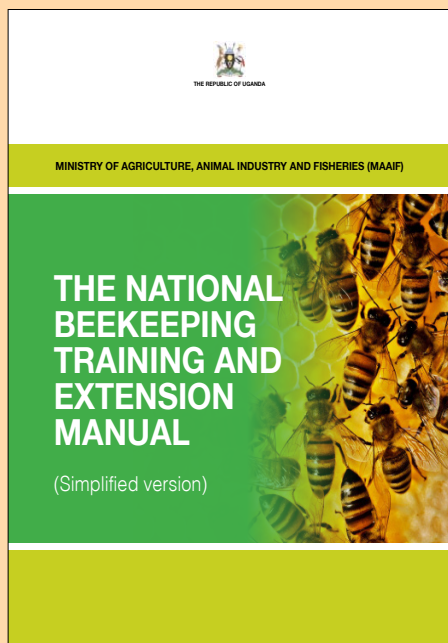


Image of training manual

### Goal of the training

Improve the quality and quantity of farm-based trainers (informal) in beekeeping sector, operating in Uganda.

### Specific Objectives:

- Create a pool of qualified trainers who will facilitate informal training in all TUNADO sub-regions in Uganda using the simplified national beekeepers training and extension manual;
- Improve the quality of training in beekeeping offered in the informal sector, hence increase production and productivity of bee products;
- Harmonize Training of Trainers (ToT) in beekeeping operating in the informal sector.
- Increase participation of private sector (practitioners) in the training process of beekeepers in the informal sector

**Application procedure:** Applications can be done directly on website [www.tunadobees.org](http://www.tunadobees.org) or can be picked from TUNADO Buganda Road plot 76 next to FAO Country Office Wandegaya. More information contact TUNADO on 0414258070 e-mail: [info@tunadobees.org](mailto:info@tunadobees.org). Please note that application is on-going.



Exhibitors showing some of their hive products during the Honey week

## The 6<sup>th</sup> National Honey Week at forest mall lugogo 24<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> Aug 2015

The Uganda National Apiculture Development Organisation (TUNADO) in conjunction with the MSP and MAAIF IS organizing the 6th National Honey Week under the theme **"transforming women and youth from subsistence to commercial apiculture"**. The National honey week aims at raising awareness about the apiculture sector in Uganda. The honey week offers opportunity for networking, experience sharing, business deals, honey and other hive products showcasing buying and selling. Entrance is free for all.

**To exhibit and sponsor the event please contact**

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## Api Price Watch

Find the retail price of honey across the 7 sub regions

Item	Farm Gate Price (UGX) / KG Per Region						
	Central	Eastern	Mid-West	South Western	West Nile	North	North East
Comb honey	5000	4,000	5,000	6,000	4500	5500	4000
Liquid honey	8000	12000	6000	9000	5000	8000	7000



**TUNADO**

# THE UGANDA NATIONAL APICULTURE DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION

*A membership & apex body for coordinating apiculture sector in Uganda*

## VISION

Being a vibrant membership based apex body coordinating apiculture industry in Uganda for sustainable national development.

## MANDATE

Being a national apex body that coordinates initiatives of stakeholders in the apiculture industry.

## TUNADO Philosophy

"We believe in promoting apiculture as a business enterprise."

## Mission

To provide a national platform for stakeholders to promote and develop economically viable and environmentally sustainable apiculture industry in Uganda.

## Core values

- Accountability
- Good Governance
- Innovativeness and Voluntarism
- Non discriminatory

## Goal

Membership representation, advocacy, lobby and apiculture promotion.

## OBJECTIVES

- To bring together all people involved in the Beekeeping industry into active and gainful commercial production of honey especially for the rural poor.
- To contribute to policy formulation and implementation processes pertaining to the apiculture industry in Uganda.

- To protect the National bee colonies from diseases, infections infestations, and interferences of a harmful nature of whatever manner, so as to maintain the productive quality of the indigenous bee species.
- To conduct research and disseminate knowledge pertaining to the apiculture industry in Uganda.
- To liaise with Uganda National Bureau of Standards, Uganda National Bureau of Statistics and any other body to monitor quality, standards and statistics of bee products.
- To collaborate with any other Beekeeping related organizations and firms all over the world hence, soliciting for local, regional and international markets for hive products.

## Upcoming events

**6th National Honey Week**  
Forest Mall- Lugogo, 24<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>  
August 2015

**Apimondia 44<sup>th</sup> International Apicultural Congress**  
15<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September 2015,  
Daejeon, South Korea

**Regional MSPs in Mid North and Karamoja region**

**TOTs central region 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>**  
June 2015, Kabanyoro

**API Expo - 2016**  
Rwanda

## Membership

**TUNADO** is a membership and national apex body mandated by the Government through the Ministry of Agriculture Animal industry and fisheries (MAAIF) to coordinate the apiculture sector in Uganda. Currently its membership is open to individuals, Institutions, Non- Government Organization, Companies and associations or other persons involved in Apiculture development in Uganda. This membership is renewed annually and is based on the following categories:-

Category	Membership Fee (UGX)
Associations, Processors Corporate membership	100,000/=
Registered Groups/CBOs	100,000/=
Individual Membership	100,000/=
Honorary Membership	FREE

## Support a bee keeper

Did you know that 50 USD can train a vulnerable woman in beekeeping?

**Donate now through the TUNADO account number;**

Account Name : The Uganda National Apiculture Development Organization Limited.  
Account number : 95010200001852  
Bank : Bank of Baroda, Kampala Rd.  
Swift code : BARBUGKA

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