



UNAA Online Convention

September 4th – 6th 2020, Zoom/Facebook/YouTube

Post-event Report

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The first-ever UNAA Online convention was held on September 4th - 6th of 2020 and was highly attended mainly because it was very accessible to everyone. The Convention was deemed a Free event after the pandemic hindered the physical convention from taking place in San Francisco as planned. The Online Convention was entirely conducted on Zoom but streamed live on Facebook, YouTube and as well as on the UNAA official website and it gathered the most positive reviews from its attendees. The good reviews mainly came from Members, and from Sponsors who took advantage of the space to market their products and services.

The Programs ran from Friday to Sunday, typically following the traditional programming of the annual conventions but with a lot more forum sessions. The evenings were filled with Music and dance sessions as DJs played some of the best hits that entertained the attendees.

In conclusion, the attendees and mainly UNAA Members were pleased and satisfied with the Online convention given that the annual Convention tradition was maintained and not broken, that their Labor Day weekend was filled with learning and fun activities. Most were joyed and impressed that the UNAA Leadership offered such an awesome presentation even when the stress and the impact of the pandemic were at the peak. The number of volunteers that offered their time to participate in the forum discussions displayed a sign of strength and unity, making the online convention theme: "The Power of our stories: A Resilient community" a success.















Introduction

The Uganda North American Association (UNAA) holds an annual Convention each year in a selected city within the US and Canada. The 2020 UNAA Convention was scheduled to take place in the city of San Francisco, California at the Hilton Union Square Hotel, however, the COVID-19 Pandemic jeopardized the plans of meeting physically in San Francisco hence the Online Convention.

The Online Convention idea was not wholly welcomed, as many paid up Members preferred their usual style of convention and being that it would be UNAA's first online convention, the outcome wasn't assured.

The UNAA Leadership had to pull resources together and seek volunteers to help in the organizing and running of the Convention. The categories of Volunteers were to name but a few; Guest Speakers, Moderators, Marketing and promotions etc.

The Online Convention also attracted Sponsors who wanted to take advantage of the online presence to get their businesses and services advertised. The main Sponsors included; Endiiro Coffee, Uganda Embassy, Cultural Group Benefits, Housing Finance, Postbank, Equity Bank, Kalikumutima & CO. Advocates.

In conclusion, the Online Convention ran from Friday 4th to Sunday 6th, held entirely on Zoom and streaming on Facebook, YouTube and on the UNAA website: www.unaaonline.org

Objectives

- 1. To promote and maintain unity and togetherness
- 2. To maintain relations with sponsors
- 3. To continue addressing needs peculiar to Association Members
- 4. To encourage business relationships and interaction
- 5. To promote and maintain community social presence through virtual interactions















Online Convention Budget

UNAA Online Convention	2020 B	udget		
Projected Incom	е			
Sources of Income	Amo	unt per Item	Projected	Actual Paid
Projected Income Item	Number	<u>Amt</u>	Amount	
Endiro Coffee (Pledged)	1	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Cultural Group		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$ 500.00
Housing Finance (Paid)	1	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$ 1,500.0
Pearl Marina (Pending)		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$ -
Kalikumutima Advocates (Fulfilling Last Year's Contractual Obligation)	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -
Equity Bank (Pledged)	1	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$ 1,275.0
Postbank (Pledged)	1	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$ 1,500.0
Ugandan Government Grant	1	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	50000.0
rojected Total Income from Other Sources			\$59,200.00	\$ 58,775.0
Total Projected Income			\$59,200.00	
UNAA ONLINE Convention	2020 E	Budget		
Projected Expens				
I. Marketing/Mobilization	Amo	unt per Item	Projected	Actual Used
xpense Item	<u>Units</u>	<u>Amt</u>	Amount	
Marketing & Branding Package	1	\$3,996.40	\$3,996.40	
Castr Streaming service	7	\$100.00	\$700.00	\$70
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Total Expenses for Marketing/Mobilization \$4,746.40				
2. Entertainment	Amou	ınt per Item	Projected	















Expense Item	<u>Units</u>	<u>Amt</u>	Amount	
Entertainment (DJ Services)	1	\$2,350.00	\$2,350.00	\$1,950
Decorations & Cake	1	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400
Sunday Venue	1	\$1,103.25	\$1,103.25	\$1,103
Equipment Rental (Lawrence)	1	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500
Total Expenses for Entertainment			\$4,353.25	
Graphics & Marketing, Promotions, Radio Ads, Voiceovers				
Fliers	10	\$50	\$500	500
In Memorial Video	1	\$300	\$300	400
Backdrops & Clips	2	\$750	\$1,500	75.42
Voiceovers	2	\$150	\$300	0
Website Landing Page	1	\$500	\$500	500
Flagpoles & Flags	4	\$63.74	\$255	254.96
Flag Strings	4	\$42.44	\$170	42.44
Radio Ads	2	\$250	\$500	0
Total Expenses for Graphics			\$4,025	
				Actual Expenses Used
Total Projected Expenses			\$13,124.37	\$6,476.07
Net Operating Income				\$ 52,298.93

Key Recommendations

• No key recommendations were noted in terms of budgeting.











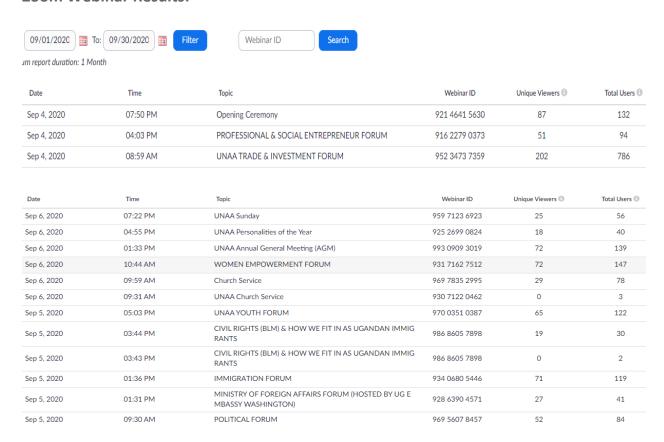




Attendee Survey

The Reviews from Attendees, Sponsors and even Leaders were positive and encouraging. The Attendance report for each forum is shown the images below.

Zoom Webinar Results:

















Facebook Views:

Friday:

09/04/2020 9:59 PM	The 2020 UNAA Convention has started. Enjoy the live steams!	m 4	0	16.8K	1.5K 1.8K
09/04/2020 9:56 PM	The 2020 UNAA Convention has started. Enjoy the live steams!	84	0	608	58 7
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09/04/2020 5:34 PM	The 2020 UNAA Convention has started. Enjoy the live steams!	84	0	1.8K	190 37
09/04/2020 4:25 PM	The Professionals and Social Entrepreneurs Forum	84	0	4.4K	471 114
09/04/2020 11:16 AM	The 2020 UNAA Convention has started. Enjoy the live steams! #UNAA2020	84	0	12.8K	1.6K 434
09/04/2020 8:35 AM	The 2020 UNAA Convention has started. Enjoy the live steams!	m<	0	5.5K	511 T174















Saturday:

09/05/2020 9:54 PM	#UNAA2020 Saturday Night Live Mix	m 4	0	6.1K	493 183
09/05/2020 5:15 PM	#UNAA2020 Youth Empowerment Forum	884	0	9К	884 343
09/05/2020 4:03 PM	The #UNAA2020 Civil Rights / BLM Forum	884	0	3.4K	364 84
09/05/2020 2:05 PM	The #UNAA2020 Immigration Forum	m 4	0	5.4K	686
09/05/2020 1:47 PM	#UNAA2020 Ministry of Foreign Affairs Forum	m 4	0	6.9K	736 169
09/05/2020 10:10 AM	#UNAA2020 Political Forum	884	0	15.9K	1.5K 476
09/05/2020 10:02 AM	#UNAA2020 Political Forum starts now	884	0	816	73 I 12
09/05/2020 9:42 AM	In Case You Missed It: Miss Uganda 2020 Cares Tour Highlights: If you missed it at the #UNAA2020 Opening	84	0	800	66 16
09/05/2020 9:28 AM	In case you missed it at the #UNAA2020 Opening Ceremony last night. Our 2020 Memorial video to all	m 4	0	697	70 8
09/05/2020 8:53 AM	What's on today: Political Forum. Immigration Forum. Civil Rights Forum. Link in bio. And live on Facebook.	<u>_</u>	0	3.2K	157 15
09/05/2020 12:13 AM	UNAA 2020 DJ ONLINE PARTY LIVE	84	0	1K	57















Sunday:

09/06/2020 11:31 PM	Ugandan North American Association - UNAA was live.	84	0	8.3K	480 282
09/06/2020 10:53 PM	Ugandan North American Association - UNAA was live.	84	0	1.8K	137 32
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09/06/2020 10:02 AM	Good morning! Welcome to the final day of #UNAA2020	84	0	770	44 9
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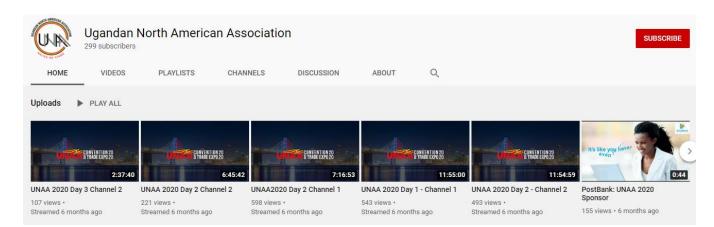








YouTube Streams:

















Program and Speakers

The UNAA 2020 Online Convention Programs ran as follows:

PROGRAM

Enjoy our weekend line-up.
#Business #Culture #Networking #Entertainment #Discovery

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

11.00 AM - 02.00 PM US Central | 7.00 PM - 10.00 PM Kampala

Trade and Investment Forum (Morning Session)

12.45 PM - 01.10 PM US Central | 08.45 PM - 09.10 PM Kampala

Jumu'a Prayers

03.00 PM - 06.00 PM US Central 11.00 PM - 02.00 AM Kampala

Trade and Investment Forum (Afternoon Session)

04.00 PM - 6.00 PM US Central 12.00 PM - 02.00 AM Saturday Kampala

Professional & Social Entrepreneurs Forum

06.00 PM - 08.00 PM US Central 02.00 AM - 04.00 AM Kampala

Opening Ceremony

08.00 PM US Central Til Late 04.00 AM Kampala















FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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10.00 AM - 12:00 PM US Central 06.00 PM - 08:00 PM Kampala

Political Forum

12.30 PM - 02:00 PM US Central 08.30 PM - 10:00 PM Kampala

Ministry of Foreign Affairs Forum

02.00 PM - 03:30 PM US Central 10.00 PM - 11:30 PM Kampala

NAMCA - Challenges and Opportunities Presented with COVID-19

02.00 PM - 04:00 PM US Central 10.00 PM - 12:00 AM Kampala

Immigration Forum

04.00 PM - 06:00 PM US Central 12.00 AM - 02:00 AM Sunday Kampala

Civil Rights (Black Lives Matter) Forum

05.00 PM - 07:00 PM US Central 01.00 AM - 03:00 AM Sunday Kampala

Youth Empowerment Forum

06.30 PM - 08:30 PM US Central 02.30 AM - 4:30 AM Sunday Kampala

Ssenga / Kojja / Variety Show / Happy Hour

08.30 PM US Central Til Late 04.30 AM Sunday Kampala















FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY

10.00 AM - 11:00 AM US Central 06.00 PM - 07:00 PM Kampala

Sunday Prayers

11.00 AM - 01:00 PM US Central 07.00 PM - 09:00 PM Kampala

Women Empowerment Forum

02.00 PM - 04:00 PM US Central 10.00 PM - 12:00 AM Kampala

UNAA Annual General Meeting

04.00 PM - 05:00 PM US Central 12.00 AM - 01:00 AM MondayKampala

IT Forum

05.00 PM - 06:00 PM US Central 01.00 AM - 02:00 AM Monday Kampala

Special Presentation: UNAA Personalities of the Year

06.00 PM - 08:00 PM US Central 02.00 AM - 04:00 AM Monday Kampala

Closing Ceremony

08.30 PM US Central Til Late 04.30 AM Monday Kampala

Entertainment







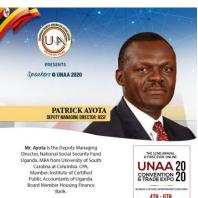












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Olivia Kaguliro Mulerwa, Assistant Director International Partnerships Thunderbird School of Global Management



4TH - 6TH SEPTEMBER

FULL PROGRAM







Mr. Michael. K. Mugabi is the Managing Director of Housing Finance Bank in Uganda. Michael has a wealth of Inovideogle de experience in the Banking. Housing a Legal Sectors in Uganda, and a tenore MichaelMichael Holds at Master of Law Degree in Commercial and Corporate Law from the University of London, United Kingdom, a Bachelor of Laws Honous Degree from Makerere University Kampala, amongst other professional qualifications









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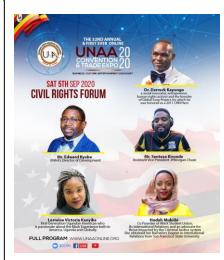
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Key Recommendations

- Too much information Feedback from Attendees recommended limiting the number of Speakers to avoid "too much Information" at a given time. The Attendee analysis shows most Members tuned in for the first hour and then dropped off.
- Improve on Time Management Some forums exceeded their time slots because they had too many Speakers or the time allocation for the guest speakers to speak was poorly managed.
- Avoid Repetition of Presenters and Moderators: Some Attendees reported missing some forums because they saw the same faces and thought it was a repetition or replay of a previous forum.
- Duration of the Forum Most forums were set to run between 1-2 hours which was reasonable but most exceeded that time.
- Staying with in the Theme context Keep it consistent with presentations.
- Burden Sharing The Executive shared most of the burden of running the program.















- Excellent choice of Speakers Overall, most attendees were pleased with the choices of speakers and how well informing the sessions were.
- The AGM was attended by many non-subscribing UNAA Members. A more secure method of conducting the AGM will be needed to prevent non-members from joining in.

Marketing, media and promotion

The Marketing, Media and promotion was impressive, promotional materials (Art work) was done for every forum. Constant reminders were put out through UNAAs social Media handles and email. The Media team used professional streaming services, so there wasn't any downtime in the entire running of the Convention.

The most views and feedback came from the Facebook streams as many of the Attendees were watching the replays as opposed to the live streams.

Key Recommendations

 More practice time to reduce Technical challenges – there were instances where some Guest Speakers struggled technically and delayed the start of the sessions. Allowing Guest speakers more to join early and test their devices would resolve this.

Sponsorship

The Sponsors of the 2020 Online convention were impressed with the value they got. The attendance was higher than they had expected, the streaming service stored the videos online for later viewing, which gave chance for those that missed certain sessions to go and replay them.















Key Recommendations

• Length of the Sponsor speeches – Some of the Sponsors needed strict emphasis on how much time they had to present since most took a lot of time than they had been allotted.

Staffing

The 2020 Online Convention had just 2 staff on the Technical Team; The Executive Secretary and the Director of Communications.

Key Recommendations

- Acquire additional staff in the case of a similar online convention.
- Training staff ahead of time will ease on the number of challenges.

Future Recommendations

- UNAA should consider incorporating an online aspect even when the Conventions are physical in order to grow her following.
- UNAA should spread the Forum sessions through out the week/month, as opposed to doing everything on the Labor Day weekend.
- Have the AGM attended by UNAA Members only and avoid non members making decisions for the organization they do not subscribe to.
- UNAA should get into the habit of paying staff to run some of the convention activities so as not to overburden and overwork its volunteers.
- There was consensus that most forums that were highly attended were informative to the UNAA
 Membership and most people stressed the need for these discussions to continue throughout
 the year and not only during the Annual Convention.















APPENDIX

2020 CONVENTION TRANSFERS AND REFUNDS:

CATEGORY	NUMBER
ONLINE REFUNDS	25
	16
UGANDA REFUNDS	16
BOAT CRUISE REFUNDS	4
ONLINE TRANSFERS	68
UGANDA TRANSFERS	75
BOAT CRUISE TRANSFERS	7
VENDOR TRANSFER	1















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