

INSTITUTE OF ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

Introduction

The Institute of Adult and Continuing Education (IACE) started in 1953 as the Department of Extra Mural Studies to serve the three East African countries. Its major role was to act as the extension arm of the University thus 'taking the University to the people' In 1966 this department was restructured into the Centre for Continuing Education (CCE). Later in 1992, CCE was elevated to the level of the Institute of Adult and Continuing Education (IACE) with three departments.

Objectives

The Institute's objectives are:

- a) The provision of University based learning opportunities to Adults through various approaches.
- b) The promotion of the discipline, profession and practice of Adult Education through research, training, consultancy and the provision of fora.
- c) Forging contacts and collaborations with other agencies in Uganda, Africa and elsewhere engaged in similar tasks, for the development of adult education.
- d) To organize short Courses in Labor Studies
- e) To coordinate the Bachelor of Education, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Commerce Degree by Distance Education.
- f) To organize Extra-Mural Community Education Seminars
- g) To organize Evening Classes and Study Circles
- h) To organize Public Lecturers
- i) To organize Short Courses in Media and Information supports for Adult Education
- j) To organize Special Projects in Adult Literacy and Basic Education.
- k) To conduct Research - mainly historical & action research.

Structure of the Institute

I.A.C.E is currently organized in three Departments:

- (a) Adult Education and Communication

Studies (AECS)

- (b) Community Education and Extra-Mural Studies (CEEMS)
- (c) Distance Education (DE)

The Community Education and Extra Mural Studies (CEEMS) has regional Centre with offices in Kampala, Jinja, Mbale, Lira, Gulu, Hoima, Fort Portal, Kabale and Arua.

I.A.C.E carries out its functions, through its establishments, in the following ways:

- Running full time residential courses at Makerere Campus.
- Organizing short courses, seminars, workshops, evening and weekend classes both at Makerere and many other parts of the country.
- Offering multi-media distance education courses.

The Consultancy Services

IACE members of staff undertake short term consultancies for various organizations on an individual basis. There is now a move to institutionalize these consultancies to some extent so that the organizations being served can benefit from the combined expertise of various staff members and from experience of these consultancies.

IACE Publications

The Institute publishes occasional papers on various adult education and development topics, Newsletters, the Makerere Adult Education Journal and Annual Reports.

Academic staff members have also produced a number of books in their areas of specialization.

Relationship with other Organizations

The Institute enjoys relationships with the following organizations:

- (i) The Universities of Nairobi, Dar-es-Salaam, Sokoine and Glasgow, Cardiff, U.K.
- (ii) Various Local NGOs.
- (iii) German Adult Education Association (DVV).