



EPILEPSY SUPPORT ASSOCIATION UGANDA (ESAU)

ANNUAL EPILEPSY STAKEHOLDER'S CONFERENCE 28TH NOVEMBER 2008

Theme: *“Bringing epilepsy in Uganda out of the shadows”*

Introduction

Epilepsy Support Association Uganda is an indigenous NGO that brings together persons with epilepsy, their families and other people to work towards eliminating the social stigma attached to epilepsy and create an environment in which epilepsy is better understood so that those who live with it can exercise their full potential and enjoy equal rights. The association mobilizes people with epilepsy to form support groups through which they can meet to share experiences, offer each other mutual support and lobby for better services.

ESAU will host the national epilepsy stake holder's conference whose main objectives will be:

- To create national fora through which issues related to epilepsy will be discussed and common action agreed upon.
- To bring together users, professionals, policy makers and other service providers so they can share experiences related to their work and explore avenues for future collaboration and networking.
- To advocate for epilepsy as an emerging yet neglected public health concern in Uganda.
- To share findings on a study on the prevalence of epilepsy in Uganda.

Participants: The conference will attract persons with epilepsy, NGOs serving persons with epilepsy, professionals, researchers, policy makers, parents/guardians, health managers, clinicians, nurses district health officials and other persons interested in fighting the stigma attached to epilepsy and improving the quality of life of persons with epilepsy in Uganda.

Registration: ESAU will sponsor Psychiatrists, Neurologists, selected psychiatric nurses and other health professionals that work to promote ESAU activities in 20 districts. Such participants will be contacted personally. Interested participants, who may include persons with epilepsy, parents/guardians, professionals, researchers and NGOs who may wish to sponsor themselves will be required to pay a fee of **50,000/=** to cover meals, handouts, a conference bag and T-shirt

Deadline for registration is 31st October 2008.

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