Q & A ON THE RULE OF LAW CLUBS

1. What is the Rule of Law?

According to Justice Anthony M. Kennedy of the US Supreme Court the Rule of Law means that;

(a) The **Law is superior to the Government, and it binds the Government and all officials to its precepts.**

(b) The **Law must respect and preserve the dignity, equality, and human rights of all persons**. To these **ends the Law must establish and guard the constitutional structure necessary to build a free society in which all citizens have a meaningful voice in shaping and enacting the rules that govern them.**

(c) The Law **must devise and maintain systems to advise all persons of their rights**, and it must empower them to fulfill just expectations and **to seek redress of grievances without fear of penalty or retaliation**.

Society can only thrive when every individual is governed by the rule of law.

2. What are Rule of Law Clubs?

The rule of law club is a non-profit, non partisan and non governmental forum dedicated towards promoting the culture of the rule of law in Uganda. The clubs will be based on the principles of **respect for human rights, discipline, unity, peace, equality, democracy, freedom, social justice and progress.**

The establishment of the Rule of Law (ROL) clubs is one of the strategies of Uganda Law Society under the new strategic plan 2017- 2021 to promote a culture of rule of law in the country.

Overall the clubs are intended to promote and preserve member interest in Rule of Law issues in the Country.

3. **How do I join the Rule of Law Club?**

   Contact the Rule of Law Department under the Uganda Law Society. Look at the Uganda Law Society website www.uls.or.ug or contact rolclub@uls.or.ug and ask for help. You can also contact a sponsor Rule of Law club under any University that will help you start a Rule of Law Club in your school or institution.

4. **How can I start a Rule of Law club in my school?**

   Contact a sponsor Rule of Law Club under the Universities which will share with you the constitution and objectives of the Rule of Law club and you can start one. You can also contact the Uganda Law Society or visit their website www.uls.or.ug or write to rolclub@uls.or,ug and ask for help on all documentation needed or any further information that you need.

5. **What activities will the Rule of Law Clubs do?**

   (a) Rule of Law Club will be a forum of **creating awareness and discussions** on tropical issues affecting the rule of law among members.

   (b) To become **ambassadors** of the Rule of Law in their communities and to always advocate for the respect of the rule of law by every person.

   (c) To organize **career discussions and mentorship programmes** for members interested in joining the Justice, Law and Order Sector.

   (d) Receive and discuss the **Uganda Law Society Quarterly Rule** of Law Report and to make appropriate recommendations.

   (e) To run a book club that will enable members to read and discuss literature that promotes rule of law and leadership

6. **What is the role of the Uganda Law Society?**

(a) To launch and provide mentorship to the rule of law clubs in conjunction with sponsoring clubs such as Makerere Law Society and other University Rule of Law Clubs.

(b) To be a registry of all the rule clubs in Uganda and to ensure the Independence of the clubs at all times.

(c) To organize a convention and a national debate/ essay on rule of law for the member clubs from time to time.

(d) To update the member clubs on the state of the rule of law on the country from time to time.

(e) To support targeted advocacy activities by the Rule of Law Clubs on rule of law issues and to provide coordinate joint training and strategy sessions.

(f) The ULS President shall sign the member certificates of each member as a token of appreciation for being an active member of the Rule of Law

7. **What is the role of Makerere Law Society and University Law Societies?**

(a) To work with ULS to spearhead the launch of Rule of Law clubs in Secondary Schools

(b) To initiate and support debates among Secondary Rule of Law clubs surrounding issues of Rule of law.

(c) How will the rule of law club be governed?

The club will be governed under a Constitution and all members will elect their leaders as per the Constitution.

The members will have to pay a registration fee of 1,000/= and annual subscription fee of at least 10,000/= only per year for University Law Clubs and 1,500/= for secondary schools to enable the club run its activities efficiently.

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