



TASLAF'S ANNUAL NGO LEGAL & REGULATORY COMPLIANCE SYMPOSIUM 2026

Theme:

Navigating a New Legal Era – NGO Compliance under Uganda's Protection of Sovereignty Act, Tax Amendments and Employment Reforms



**KAMPALA
UGANDA**



**08:00 am
05:00 pm**





TRAINING DESCRIPTION

The Annual NGO Legal, Policy and Regulatory Compliance Symposium is organized by TASLAF Advocates, a specialist law firm providing tax and legal services to the NGO sector.

This event is a platform for participants to share knowledge and practical insights on Uganda's legal and regulatory framework for NGOs while strengthening capacity for compliance and sustainability. The symposium's core objective is to guide NGOs in meeting their legal, regulatory, and tax obligations in a constantly changing environment, while fostering collaboration with regulators to create an enabling environment for effective operations.

TRAINING DURATION

The training is a **2-day** event.





OVERVIEW



Uganda's NGO sector has entered a new legal era. In the space of a year, the rules governing how organisations are funded, taxed, staffed and run have been rewritten. The Protection of Sovereignty Act, 2026 has transformed the treatment of foreign funding; the Employment (Amendment) Act, 2025 has overhauled the obligations of every employer; and successive tax amendments have reshaped how NGOs and their donor-funded programmes are taxed, all against a backdrop of tighter enforcement and shrinking donor support.

The 2026 symposium will equip NGOs to understand and adapt to these sweeping legal changes, turning a wave of new obligations into a clear, practical compliance strategy for the year ahead.





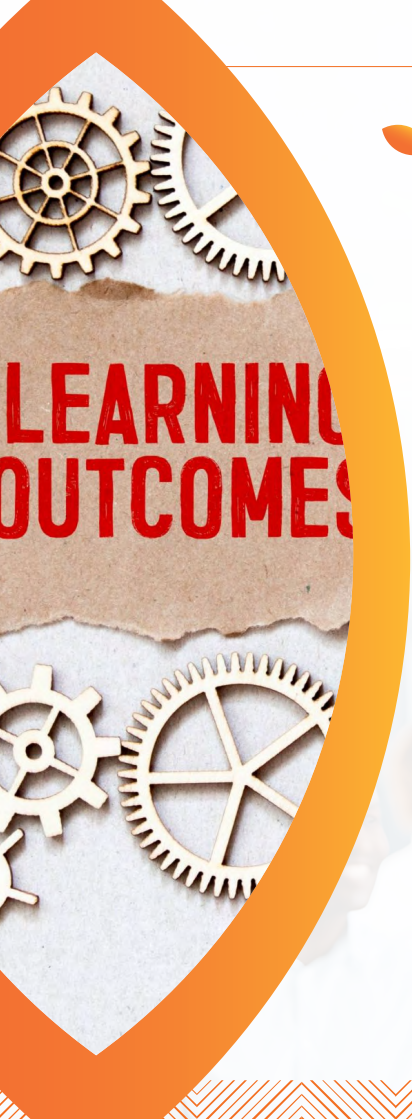
SOME OF THE KEY TOPICS TO BE COVERED

- Navigating the Protection of Sovereignty Act, 2026: Foreign Funding, the “Agent of a Foreigner”, Disclosure and Reporting Obligations and Practical Risk Mitigation for NGOs
- The 2026 NGO Regulatory Roadmap: NGO Bureau Registration, Permit Renewals, Annual Returns, Statutory Filings and Emerging Compliance Expectations
- Tax Readiness for NGOs in a Reforming Landscape: The Latest Tax Amendments, Exemptions, VAT, Withholding Tax, PAYE and the Taxation of Donor-Funded Programmes
- The Future of Employment Law for NGOs: Navigating the Employment (Amendment) Act, 2025, AI in the Workplace, Emerging Compliance Risks and Sustainable Workforce Management
- Strategic Compliance and Donor Accountability: Managing Foreign Funding, Donor Conditions, Grant Compliance and Organisational Independence in a Shrinking Funding Environment



- From Aid to Enterprise: Sustainable Financing, Social Enterprise and Income-Generating Models, and the Legal, Tax and Governance Questions They Raise
- Data Protection and Digital Compliance for NGOs: Meeting Obligations under the Data Protection and Privacy Act across Beneficiary, Donor and Staff Data
- NGO Governance and Board Oversight: Strengthening Boards, Internal Controls, Financial Accountability and Regulatory Risk Management, among others





LEARNING OUTCOMES

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By the end of the symposium, participants will be able to:

- Understand the Protection of Sovereignty Act, 2026 and manage foreign funding, disclosure and reporting obligations with confidence.
- Meet NGO Bureau registration, permit and annual-return requirements under the current regulatory roadmap.
- Apply the latest tax amendments correctly across exemptions, VAT, withholding tax, PAYE and donor-funded programmes.
- Align employment contracts, policies and practices with the Employment (Amendment) Act, 2025.
- Diversify income and structure social enterprise and self-generated revenue lawfully and tax-efficiently.
- Strengthen governance, board oversight and internal controls for greater organisational resilience.
- Meet data-protection obligations over beneficiary, donor and staff data.
- Network and forge collaborations with peers, regulators and partners.
- Advocate effectively for progressive and workable policy and legal reform.

MODE OF DELIVERY

The symposium will adopt a participatory and interactive approach to maximize participant engagement. This will include expert presentations and case studies, regulatory Q&A panels, guest speakers and breakout sessions. The event will conclude with a networking cocktail on the final day to foster meaningful connections and partnerships.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The symposium targets:

- Representatives of International, Foreign, Regional and Local NGOs, Charities, and other CSOs; (such as: Directors; CEOs; Executive Directors; Executive Committees of the Board; Country Managers; Heads of Finance/ Finance Managers and Officers; Heads of Programs/Program Managers; HR Managers & Officers; Admin Managers & Officers; Budgeting officers; Payroll Accountants; Compliance Staff; Audit Staff; Office Administrators; Project Managers; Fund Raising Managers; Grant Managers; Program Officers and Tax Managers, among others)
- Board Members & Trustees
- NGO networks & Coalitions
- Development Partners and Donor Agencies



REGISTRATION FEES

- Early Bird discount USD 150 per person (**Valid till 7th September 2026**)
- Late Registration - USD 170 per person

HOW TO REGISTER

To register and buy your ticket, please complete our online registration form here <https://taslafadvocates.com/events/ngo-symposium-2026/register>

The program will be shared subsequently.

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Registrations are filling up quickly - reserve your spot today.

We look forward to welcoming you and engaging with you at the symposium.



ABOUT TASLAF ADVOCATES

TASLAF Advocates provides blended legal and tax services to the most impactful entities operating in Uganda & East Africa. We are driven by a desire to create social impact and harness the interconnectedness of the African eco-system in our provision of blended legal & tax services. Our clients include leading private equity/impact funds, construction and oil & gas companies, tech companies, leading NGOs and social enterprises looking to set up or expand in Uganda and East Africa.

Our team combines a breadth of experience, education, and training in the best institutions in the world. We are always on the lookout for the most talented and ambitious professionals to join the team. With a mix of lawyers and accountants across the board, we deliver practical, commercially focused solutions across a broad range of legal, tax and regulatory matters, enabling our clients to navigate complex business environments with confidence.

Through our Pro Bono arm and SME Legal Facility, we provide strategic legal support to SMEs and social enterprises, helping them strengthen governance structures, improve compliance, enhance investor readiness and achieve sustainable growth.



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