

CSBAG Scoops Prestigious Consumers' Top Choice Award



From Right: Bari Salim- Editor Consumers Guide, Hon. Amelia Kyambadde hands over the award for top choice NGO in Uganda for the year 2018 to Carol Namagembe and Evas Kanyesigye- CSBAG @2018

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Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group (CSBAG) has scooped the prestigious consumers’ award as the top choice Non -Governmental Organisation (NGO) in Uganda for the year 2018.

The Minister of Trade Hon. Amelia Kyambadde, handed over the award to CSBAG under the auspices of Consumers Choice Awards 2018 in a

colorful ceremony held at Kampala Serena Hotel on 8th November 2018.

According to Bari Salim, the publisher and Editor in Chief of Consumers Guide Magazine, CSBAG emerged the winner in the category of “Excellence as a Non-for-profit NGO in Uganda 2018.” Salim said that CSBAG was chosen by consumers themselves and not by the panel of judges having gained public trust and confidence in championing the cause of equitable budgeting in the country.

“The awards are given basing on the quality of service an organization has provided to the public and as a result, consumers gain trust and confidence in the organization,” Salim told guests. He said the CSBAG exhibited excellence in the work they do and was voted the best by the consumers.

Julius Mukunda, the Executive Director of CSBAG, attributed the organization’s success towards working with ordinary persons and its engagement in public finance management.

“Emerging as the winner in the category of Excellence as a Non-for-profit NGO in Uganda, 2018 is a sign that CSBAG’s work is relevant to an ordinary person and all those who contribute towards ensuring that there is proper public finance management in the country.” Said Mukunda.

Carol Namagembe, the Programme Manager of CSBAG who was delighted to receive the award said the accolade was well deserved and a sign of how CSBAG work resonates with the ordinary citizens citing the CSBAG campaign against mobile money tax. “We are happy to be recognized amongst other private sector actors.” Namagembe said after receiving the award on behalf of CSBAG.

Jeff Wadulo, Parliamentary Liaison Officer also attributed the organization’s recognition to championing the fight against mobile money tax which is repressive. “This is a big opportunity; once you are winner you will always remain higher. This is being unique and we take pleasure in fighting against the regressive mobile money tax,” Wadulo said.

Evas Kanyesigye ICT officer, CSBAG attributes the organization’s success to partners and members of a coalition saying their continuous contribution has made the recognition possible.

In her remarks, the minister informed guests that Consumer Protection Bill is in the offing. Kyambadde told the celebrants that Cabinet was handling the Consumer Protection Bill and it will soon be tabled in Parliament. She thanked the companies for promoting the Buy Uganda, Build Uganda Policy, which has contributed to the significant improvement in service industry that now contributes 56% to Uganda’s GDP.

CSBAG was among the 40 companies who received awards for their excellent contribution to the development of economy, chosen by consumers in Uganda.