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IN ANY CORRESPONDENCE ON
THIS SUBJECT, PLEASE QUOTE NO. COOPS 10/2024



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

MINISTRY OF TRADE, INDUSTRY
AND CO-OPERATIVES,
FARMERS' HOUSE, PLOT 6/8,
PARLIAMENTARY AVENUE
P.O. BOX 7103,
KAMPALA, UGANDA

November 5, 2024

The Chairperson,
Bugisu Older Persons Councils Caucus
MBALE

Attention: Mzee Wamulugwa John Francis

**RE: MEETING OF BUGISU COOPERATIVE UNION LIMITED
(BCU) BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH BUGISU OLDER
PERSONS COUNCILS CAUCUS DUE ON NOVEMBER 18,
2024**

Please refer to the above subject matter.

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 29th October, 2024, received 5th November, 2024, requesting for a change of venue and the composition /number of stakeholders to attend the meeting.

After careful consideration, I regret to inform you that I must decline your request. As Registrar of Cooperative Societies, my mandate is limited to regulatory oversight and supervision of cooperative societies in accordance with *Cooperative Societies Act, Cap 107* and *Cooperative Societies Regulations, 1992*.

Given the number, profile and composition of the "stakeholders" you are proposing to attend, I am not certain that this office is the most appropriate to preside over such a meeting. While you have been indicating that BCU is supposedly the subject of the meeting, it is puzzling that the profile of people you have now proposed to attend are principally inclined to community, cultural and traditional affairs, which are clearly outside my statutory scope. As you are aware, forums for discussing matters concerning cooperative societies/unions are clearly spelt out in the laws governing cooperatives.

For effective resolution, I recommend directing your concerns to the relevant authorities, such as the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development,

Ministry of Local government, or the Bugisu Cooperative Union's governing body.

Please note that my office remains committed to supporting the development of cooperative societies within the legal framework.

Thank you for your understanding.

With Cooperative greetings,



Robert Bariyo Barigye

REGISTRAR OF COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES

C.C: Minister of State for Trade, Industry and Cooperatives (Cooperatives)
Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives
Chairman, Board of Directors, Bugisu Cooperative Union Limited

BUGISU OLDER PERSONS COUNCILS CAUCUS

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The Registrar of Cooperative Societies
Farmers House
Kampala



29th October, 2024

RE: MEETING WITH YOURSELVES, BCU LTD BOARD AND OLDER PERSONS SCHEDULED FOR 18TH NOVEMBER, 2024

Greetings in the Name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

We refer to your letter dated 14/10/2024, in response to ours of 26th September, 2024 to address you as follows;

1. We sincerely thank you for honouring us as Older Persons, honoured our letter and positively responding to it in time, fixing a meeting with us on 18/Nov/2024 at BCU Ltd as the venue.
2. After consultations with the key stakeholders in this matter and in consideration of the past memories about Cooperatives and BCU Ltd as a social and economic system that made Bamasaaba rich and being mindful of having a fair representation of the stakeholders and a free environment of discussions in the meeting, we wish to propose the following in the interest of the stakeholders to avoid breach of peace during the meeting.
 - i) The day and date remain as you proposed.
 - ii) The venue be changed to a neutral place well protected and convenient to older persons. We propose Mbale Resort Hotel and we shall appreciate if it is agreeable to you and BCU Ltd.

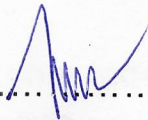
iii) Representation of the stakeholders be as follows;

a) Signatories to the letter and the support signatories	- 37.
b) District Older Persons Executive Committees and Councillors	- 49
c) Other key stakeholders.	- <u>14</u>
Total	100

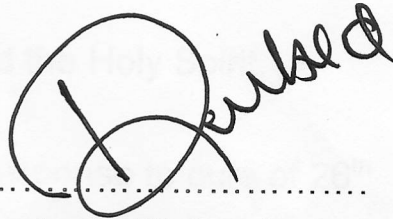
Stakeholders will transport themselves.

By copy of this letter to the RCC Mbale City, we request that the office of RCC be involved in the preparations.

Yours sincerely,



Wamulugwa John Francis
Chairman Bugisu Older Persons
Councils Caucus



Wambede Richard
Chairperson Older Persons
NRM League Sironko District
Bugisu Caucus

- c.c Hon. Minister of State for Cooperatives
Hon. Minister of State for Elderly
Permanent Secretary Ministry of Trade, Industry & Cooperatives
Chairman Bugisu Cooperative Union, Mbale.