



PRESS STATEMENT

The NGO Quality Assurance Certification Mechanism (QuAM) is an initiative by NGOs in Uganda that seeks to promote self-governance and transparency of NGOs. It is a self-governance system run and managed by NGOs in Uganda. QuAM is promoted by the Uganda National NGO Forum and the Development Network of Indigenous Associations (DENIVA), which hosts the QuAM secretariat.

It has come to the notice of the QuAM secretariat that someone called Suzanne Walisa, who reportedly works with the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) under the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), has been going around presenting herself as a representative of QuAM and holding meetings with different NGOs and donors claiming she is consulting on behalf of QuAM.

The QuAM secretariat would like to inform the NGO sector, QuAMed Organisations, Development Partners, and the public that Suzanne Walisa does not work for it in any capacity whatsoever, and that it has not commissioned anybody to conduct any meetings, focused group discussions, consultations or study aimed at reviewing QuAM.

QuAM and the QuAM tools undergo regular periodic assessments and reviews of its tools every 3 (three) years. These reviews are aimed at strengthening its tools and enabling the mechanism meet the different legal and policy demands. In 2022 QuAM underwent a review and the next review is slated for 2025. Such reviews are sanctioned by the QuAM Council and the two QuAM promoters. Neither the OPM or an individual has capacity to sanction or carry out such reviews.

Thank you

QuAM Secretariat

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