

Jinja, Entebbe and Fort Portal. We are currently seeking support for a similar map for Mbale. We also published a book, *“Beyond the Reeds and Bricks—Historical Sites and Buildings in Kampala, Jinja and Entebbe”*, containing beautiful photographs and interesting facts about Uganda’s built history. The book is available in Aristoc Bookshop, Kardamom & Koffee in Kampala, at the Entebbe Airport bookshop, and directly from CCFU.

Placing commemorative plaques on historic buildings

We place commemorative plaques on historic buildings as a way of distinguishing them and providing quick information to visitors. With the support of the European Union, we have so far placed plaques on 11 historic sites in Kampala, Jinja and Entebbe. This work will continue in all the other cities.

Policy Advocacy

The Trust supports KCCA’s adoption of the Historic Buildings Ordinance, which will protect our heritage in the city. Similar ordinances will be supported in other cities. The Trust will also continue to advocate for the preservation of built heritage in danger of demolition such as the Watoto building, the National Theatre and the Uganda Museum in Kampala, Ripon Falls Hotel and Amber Court Club in Jinja, and the Local Government Offices in Fort Portal.

Education and Capacity Building

We facilitate public dialogues aimed at enhancing public appreciation of built heritage. The Trust also provides advice about conserving historic sites, and managing and developing them as tourism centres, as well as guiding stakeholders about funding opportunities.

Safeguarding and management

Working with the Uganda Railway Corporation and with the support of the European Union and SIOGEA, the Trust is establishing a railway

museum in Jinja. The Trust will also work with selected site owners and managers to set up flagship projects that can demonstrate to other built heritage owners how to sustainably and profitably run a built or natural heritage site.

MOVING WITH THE TIMES

Download our mobile app, “Uganda’s Built Heritage” to obtain information on our important historic sites and to stay connected to Uganda’s built heritage. The app is available on the App Store and Play Store.

A CALL FOR ACTION!

- Report cases of built heritage in danger to city authorities or us at the Trust
- Engage and lobby your leaders to develop legislation to safeguard our built and natural heritage
- Donate towards the documentation and production of maps for built heritage in the new cities of Mbale, Gulu, Arua, Masaka, Mbarara, Hoima, Lira and Soroti
- Follow our hash tag *#SaveUgandasHistoricBuildings*
- Call upon cultural institutions, religious institutions and other institutions such as banks to invest in the preservation of their historic buildings and come up with regulations on the protection of their built heritage, cultural sites and landscapes.



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PROMOTING OUR HISTORIC BUILDINGS, SITES & MONUMENTS

With Uganda's rush to "modernise", our historic buildings, sites and monuments are under immense threat. Most of the older, iconic buildings are for instance fast disappearing, whilst the surviving ones are dwarfed by newly constructed structures. This means a lost connection with our shared past and abandoning the unique features that prevent our cities and landscapes from becoming indistinguishable from each other.



Given this situation, a dedicated Heritage Trust - the Heritage Conservation Trust of Uganda - was started in 2020 by the Cross-Cultural Foundation of Uganda (CCFU) to champion the safeguarding of historic sites and buildings, cultivate pride in our heritage and help citizens and visitors experience the "spirit" of a city, community and nation. This initiative stems from CCFU's membership of the International National Trusts Organisation (INTO) and the establishment of other Trusts worldwide. At the end of the 2013 International Conference of National Trusts held in Uganda, partners in our culture sector proposed that Uganda should consider establishing a National Trust coordinated by CCFU.

The Heritage Conservation Trust of Uganda is meant to "celebrate and safeguard Uganda's historical and natural heritage for posterity".



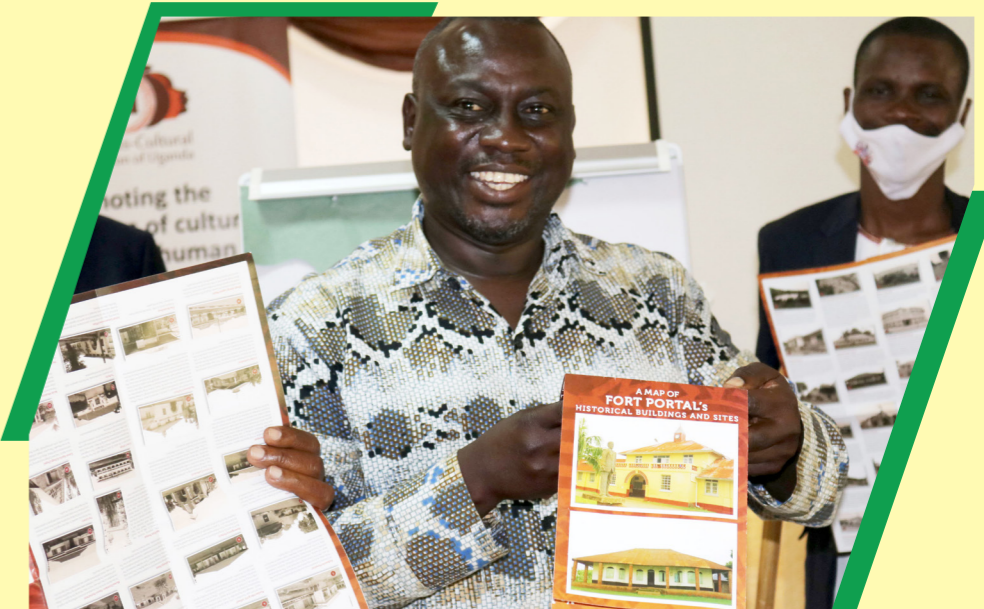
The objectives of the Trust are to:

- Research, document and raise awareness about historic buildings, sites and monuments.
- Advocate for appropriate legislation for the protection of Uganda's built and natural heritage.
- Promote, safeguard, sustainably utilise and manage historic assets.
- Build public appreciation of the value of historic places and places of natural beauty.
- Build an effective and recognised Ugandan institution for the preservation and promotion of historic and natural sites.

The Heritage Conservation Trust of Uganda is a membership-based initiative. Membership is open to all who wish to participate in the safeguarding of our historic heritage by raising awareness, providing technical and financial support, and sharing knowledge about historic sites. Apart from the general public, this includes historic property owners, architects, historians, heritage conservationists, planners and journalists. Uganda's Heritage Trust is supported by the generous financial and technical assistance of INTO and Bread for the World.

INTERVENTIONS:

The Trust has so far embarked on the following initiatives:



Documentation & communication

The Trust has accelerated efforts to profile and document historic sites in the country. With the creation of 10 new cities in 2020, in addition to Kampala, the Trust intends to produce maps of historic buildings in all the new cities. With the support of the European Union and the Embassy of Ireland, we have so far produced maps of historic buildings in Kampala,