

# The role of civil society in policy development

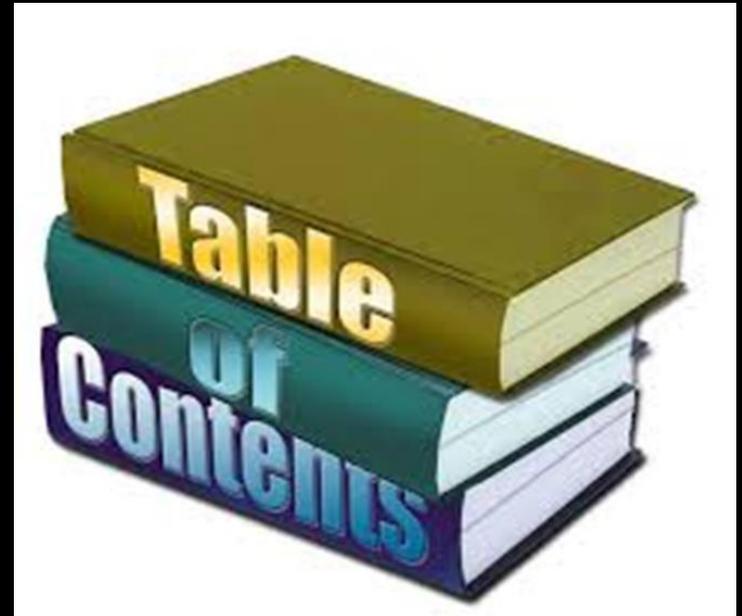
The case of Uganda Alcohol Policy Alliance (UAPA)

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# UAPA

- **Organisation**
- **Role of civil society**
- **Challenges**



# VISION

A nation  
free  
from  
alcohol  
related  
harm



# Mission

To engage individuals and civil society organizations in policy formulation and regulation to prevent alcohol related harm in Uganda.



# Strategic Areas

- **ADVOCACY** for public health evidence-based alcohol policies
- **NETWORKING** platform for dialogue and information sharing
- **CAPACITY BUILDING** of stakeholders in the promotion and delivery of policies and practices for prevention of alcohol related harm.

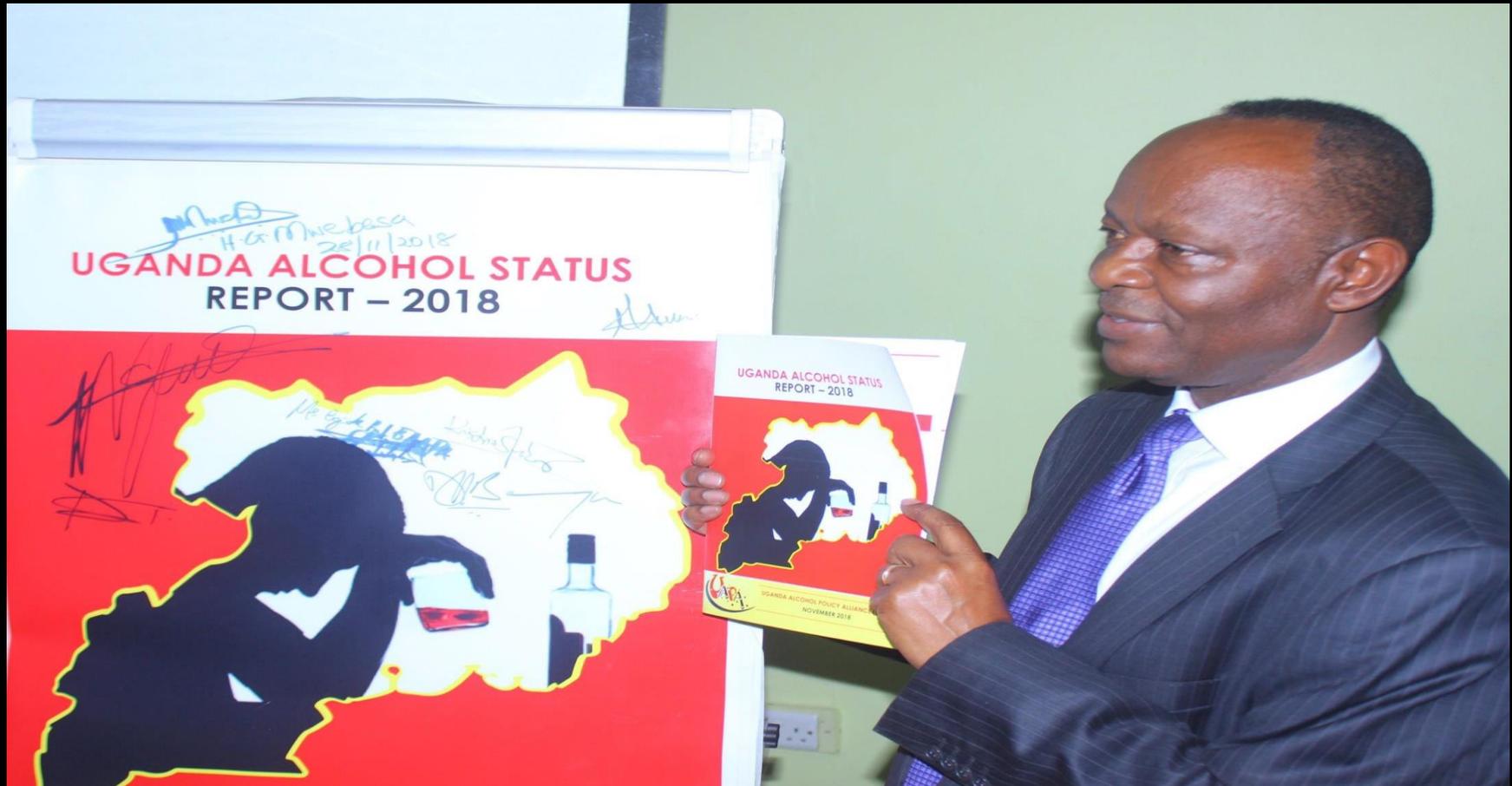
# Introduction of Civil society

- Civil society advocates for pertinent issues that affect the public
- CSOs engage in activities that contribute to debate and influence the development of public policy
- They provide a voice for their stakeholders who may not have the opportunities to engage in policy development and cause social change at the national level.

# Learning from the advocacy efforts

- Be ready with ideas: seize opportunities
- Seek champions
- Broaden media engagements
- Making the economic case: costs and benefits
- Evidence based research

# Evidence based Alcohol Information



# Local Conferences



# Stakeholder Engagements



# Advocacy Engagement with MPs and MOH



*Development and sharing of policy briefs*

*Press releases*



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# Banning of alcohol satchets



# INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS & CONFERENCES

- Bi Annual Global Alcohol Policy Conferences
- KBS International conference on alcohol
- UN thematic meet on prevention and treatment



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Compiled 3 National Alcohol Status Reports
- Pioneered the 2 National Alcohol Policy meetings
- Lobbied for outlawing of alcohol sachets
- Supported formulation of National Alcohol Control Policy



# Challenges

- Resources: Limited funding
- The alcohol Industry
- Misinterpretation of our mission



- IOGT-NTO Movement
- Ministry of Health
- Advocates
- Uganda Parliamentary Forum on Mental Health (UPFMH)