

**20TH MEETING OF THE OSIEA REGIONAL BOARD – DAR ES SALAAM,
TANZANIA**

19th and 20th March, 2016

GRANTS APPROVAL

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I. GENERAL COMMENTS

- (a). The projects are relatively good and a number of them completely new.
- (b). Solid reasons given for adoption of projects.
- (c). The Budgets are uniform and very well done.

II. GRANTS APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS

I have gone through the 8 grant applications and below are my comments:

S/N	APPLICANT	PROGRAMME	COMMENTS
1.	1DigitTV Ltd	OSIEA Uganda Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. This is a good project addressing a sensitive but yet important issue – Land grab in Acholiland, Uganda.2. Being a UK based, the Applicant get problems with the permits to film.3. Given the type of work and context, the Budget is OK.4. Approve the Application.
2.	Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA)	OSIEA Food Security Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. A sound project on Food Security with very few people doing a lot of work on advocacy.2. The Budget is not bad and the whole project is not a large affair.3. Approve the Application.

3.	Centre for Constitutional Governance	OSIEA Uganda Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Given what transpired recently during the Uganda general elections in February 2016, this project is more than timely. Re-examining the Ugandan democracy is important. 2. The Budget is OK 3. Approve the Application.
4.	Centre for Public Interest Law (CEPIL)	OSIEA Uganda Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. With the political battle likely to shift to the courts of law in Uganda after the general elections, an independent judiciary is required. 2. This project however has long-term benefits as political problems are not ending tomorrow. 3. The project budget is modest and elaborate. 4. Approve the Application.
5.	Greenwatch Uganda	OSIEA Uganda Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. With East Africans so used to using plastic bags for shopping etc. – this project is a good wake-up call to protect the environment. 2. The Budget is OK 3. Approve the Application.
6.	The Gurtong Peace Trust (Gurtong)	OSIEA South Sudan Programme	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This is an old applicant addressing the same issue of promotion of cultural diversity and peace through cultural activities. 2. Given the current situation in South Sudan, this project is worth supporting. 3. The Budget is problematic. Although OSIEA’S contribution of is relatively low – still I am uncomfortable. 4. Approve the Application subject to considering scaling down OSIEA’s contribution in the Salaries.

7.	iDev Tanzania Ltd	OSIEA Tanzania Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. This project is not an original idea.2. Satire is attractive when you have a non-performing leadership.3. The Budget is not modest.4. On the approval of this project I am in the hands of the Board.
8.	Policy Forum	OSIEA Tanzania Programme	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. This is a good and relevant project.2. The local government leadership in resource-rich South part of Tanzania will benefit from this intervention.3. The Budget small and OK.4. Approve the Application.

I hope and believe that the above will contribute to the general enterprise of the Team.

Submitted with best regards



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Chair of the Board

16th March, 2016