



## **ENR-CSOs Position on Sector Performance for FY 2015 -2016**

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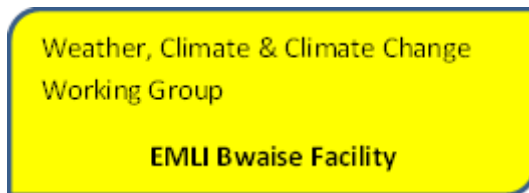
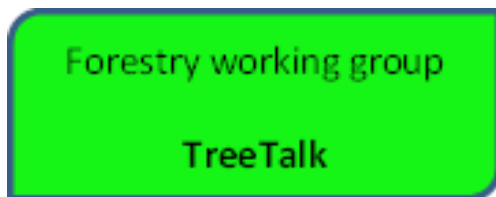
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# Who we are.....

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- A network of non-state actors operating in the ENR sub-sector established in **2009** to encourage broad based engagement.
- Governed by a **9** member steering committee
- Organized under 5 working groups



- Secretariat: **Environmental Alert (EA)**

# **We congratulate MWE for....**

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- Considerable progress on the ENR sub-sector 3 undertakings agreed to by the sector at the Joint Sector Review 2015.
- Securing Cabinet approval for the procedures for cancelation of land titles illegally issued in wetlands after 1995
- Efforts for rebrand the ENR sub-sector
- Adopting, Signing and Ratifying the **Paris Agreement**
- Concluding the Review of the National Environment Management Policy and the National Environment Act
- Production of the National Wetlands Atlas for Uganda
- Progress on the ban on Kaveera.
- Finalizing the forestry regulation

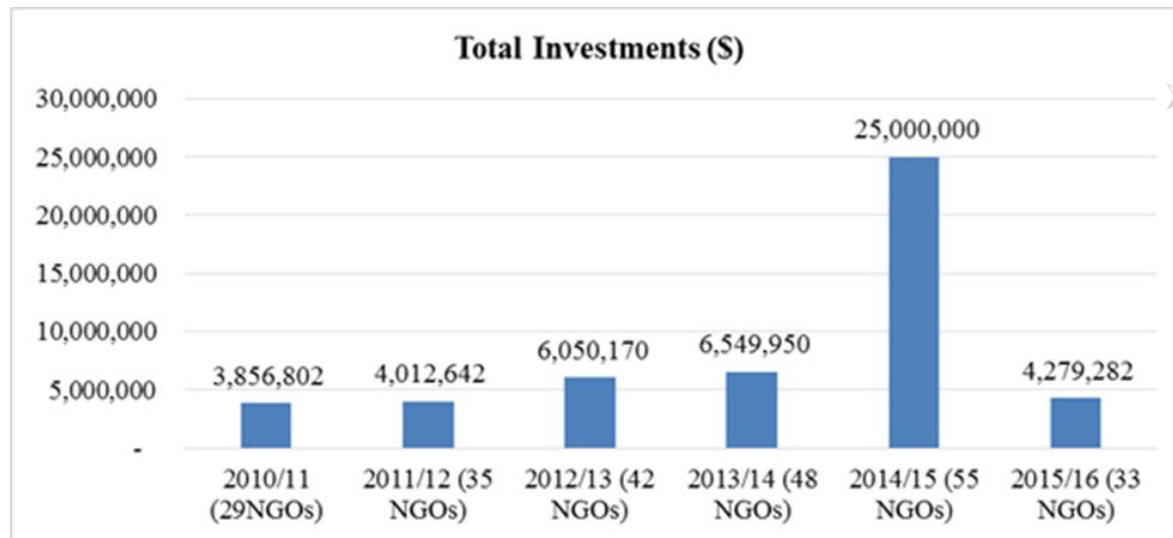
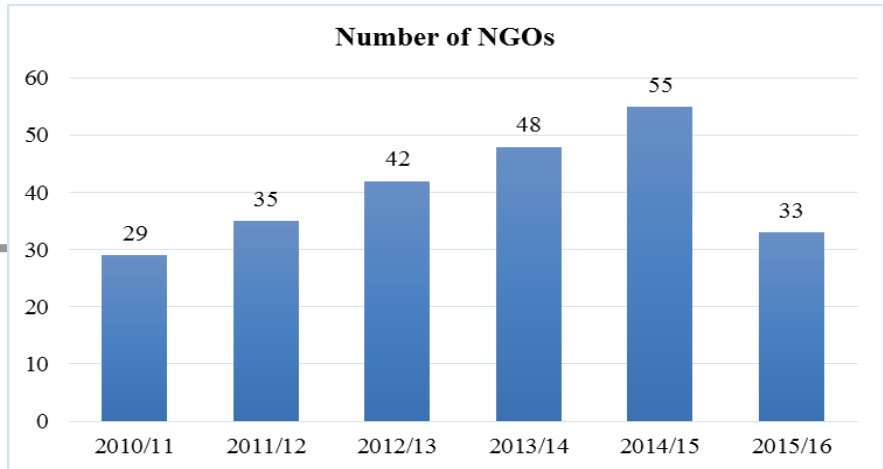
## **We note however that**

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- Timber supplies are projected to reduce in 10 years' time unless massive tree cutting is curtailed.
- Forest cover loss stands at an ***alarming rate of 200,000 ha per annum, thus at this rate without ambitious targets for tree planting – the current forest cover will be no more in 18 years i.e. by 2034***
- As a country we have marked loss of 30% of the wetlands.
- Degradation/deforestation remain key challenges in the wake of climate change
- Weather and Climate –related disasters and risk continue to impact communities due to climate variability and change.

# Our Contribution

This FY **33 ENR-CSOs** Contributed to the annual ENR-CSOs performance report;



We declare a decline in CSO contribution from USD **25,000,000 in FY 2014/2015** to USD **4,279,282 in FY 2015/2016**.

# Contribution towards attainment of Golden / Platinum Indicator(s)

## *Indicators under forestry*

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- % Uganda's land area covered by forest
  - % natural forest under strict nature reserve
  - % survival of tree seedlings past year 3
  - % rural households that travel more than 1 km to collect firewood
  - % forest reserves under management
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- **830,895 of assorted tree seedlings** (in Tororo, Mpigi, Mbarara, Sheema, Kasese, Hoima, Masindi, Lamwo, Kitgum) including fruit trees, agroforestry tree species and commercial plantation species. These seedlings are estimated to cover **748 Ha**.
  - **15 small scale community tree nurseries** with capacity to produce an **estimated 110,000 seedlings per annum**
  - Forest Management Plans for **7 Communal Land Associations and 50 Private Forest Owners**.
  - **10 kilometres of forest boundaries** have been opened
  - **1,321.85ha of farmland for 1,533 farmers** under improved land management through Trees for Global Benefits carbon program.

# Contribution towards attainment of Golden / Platinum Indicator(s)

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## *Indicators under wetlands*

- % of Uganda's land area covered by wetlands
  - % of Uganda's wetlands used under management plans
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## *Participated in wetland restoration in:*

- Nyakambu Wetland system -- restoring **118 ha of wetlands.**
- Kashasha Kibingo Rushangi Wetland system --restoring **about 150 ha.**
- Katara Kanyabukanja wetland system --restoring **about 200 ha.**

# Contribution towards attainment of Golden / Platinum Indicator(s)

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## *Indicators under environment*

- % of developers complying with certificate of approval conditions (with reference to Environment Impact Assessment procedures).
- % of solid waste disposed of safely in the 9 municipalities

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Awareness creation on biomass energy use and conservation to address the household cooking energy needs among urban communities.

- Thus, ***109 households in the slums of Kampala were trained on making and using of fuel briquettes from biodegradable waste.***
- In addition ***60 households*** were trained ***on how to make and use fireless cookers*** ***295 households were trained in solid waste management with an emphasis of recycling waste to make crafts.***



## *Under weather, climate and climate change*

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- Environmental Conservation Trust (ECOTRUST), **reached a mark of 1,321.85ha** of farmland for 1,533 farmers yielding an equivalent to 1 million tons of carbon worth USD 6 million.
- Nature Palace Foundation (NPF) distributed **200 tonnes of briquettes** together with 2,455 improved energy-saving stoves and modified 8,000 fixed improved energy-saving stoves.
- ENR CSOs produced a combined **print of 4,000 copies of policy briefs, publication of the National Adaptation Plan of Action**. These are continuously informing DLGs on integrating climate change in District Development Plans.
- EMLI & CAN-U took lead in **organising pre and post post-COP 21** workshops and discussed the implications of the 2015 Climate agreement and contents of the Paris Agreement.

## ***Governance, advocacy and lobbying***

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- Research on **benefit sharing and access to justice** in the Forestry Sector
- **Greening Uganda's 2016 general elections**: Key Issues for Political Parties and Political Leaders to Address in their Manifestoes
- The Role of Local Leaders in Promoting Good Forestry Governance in Uganda
- **Getting More out of the Oil and Gas Sector**: Lessons from Angola and Chad.
- The status oil waste consolidation facilities and **restored oil drilling sites**
- **Enhancing Forest Tenure and Governance** in Uganda; the turning point – thinking beyond the forest cover and canopy.
- **Citizen journalism** – linking media houses with community based forest monitors and community policing.
- Policy and information needs for **Chinese investment in Agriculture, forestry, construction industry and roads** and the need for environmental cleaning.

# Challenges in the Forestry

Challenges	Recommendations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forest tenure issues, illegal logging, charcoal and unclear boundaries of CFRs</li> <li>• Involvement of forest resources managers/officers in illegal activities.</li> <li>• Land uptake by the Southern Bypass, oil pipeline and the Standard Gauge Railway that are designed to go through CFRs (Kajansi and Mabira CFR and others).</li> <li>• Claims by Bunyoro Kingdom over forest reserves located within Bunyoro Kingdom.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The FSSD, DFS and NFA - demarcation of forest boundaries to reduce level of illegalities.</li> <li>• IGG investigates allegations of mismanagement in the forest sector.</li> <li>• MWE, MoFPED and Ministry of Lands undertake economic valuation of ecosystem values in the areas to be taken up for development.</li> <li>• MWE/NFA/CSOs raise awareness within Bunyoro about the role of FRs since there is a lot of misinformation</li> </ul>

# Challenges in Wetlands

Challenges	Recommendations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complicated land tenure system where some people still claim to own land in wetlands</li><li>• Increased agricultural encroachment on wetlands</li><li>• High investment influx by foreigners on these areas still considered as marginal land</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GoU finds lasting solution to land titles located in wetlands;</li><li>• MWE/CSOs to lobby for cancellations.</li><li>• EIA should be strongly emphasized before carrying out activities in wetlands.</li><li>• MWE undertakes economic valuation of natural resources in hotspots for development and CSOs engage the communities to understand the commensurate importance.</li></ul>

# Challenges in Environment

<b>Challenges</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lack of public information on oil and gas development in the country</li><li>• Few districts in Uganda, have operational District Environment Action Plans (DEAPs)</li><li>• Increased levels of development and investment that have a toll on the non-green environment</li><li>• Low level of government investment in the sector which compromises the state mandate to manage the environment sustainably.</li><li>• Increasing levels of environmental abuse</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NEMA/DoP/CSOs scale up information flow to the public as oil development becomes a reality.</li><li>• NEMA/DLGs update DEAPs and revitalize DECAs and find resources for implementation of priorities issues</li><li>• The UIA reviews investment licenses for foreign investors to reflect environment and social mitigation measures.</li><li>• GoU develops an investment guideline to guide developers on environment and natural resources concerns.</li><li>• Review the operations of Env't police protection force to check on its irregularities</li></ul>

# Challenges under Weather and Climate & Climate Change

Challenges	Recommendations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increased incidences of weather and climate related disasters and risks e.g. harsh weather conditions, long dry spells and torrential rains</li><li>• Limited capacity and inadequate access to information and data on weather &amp; climate</li><li>• Lack of capacity, equipment and tools for early warning systems of potential weather related to catastrophes.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implement the national climate change Policy (2015) &amp; fast-track the formulation of the Climate Change Bill</li><li>• UNMA/CSOs localize timely weather &amp; climate and increases the use of mass and social media for weather forecasts.</li><li>• Increase the development expenditure of UNMA to acquire equipment for prediction, monitoring and reporting.</li></ul>

# **ENR CSOs pledge**

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- Support towards implementation of ENR Undertakings through strengthening mobilization and advocacy.
- Provide empirical evidence through research to support the case for ENR management.
- Promote innovations for the wise use of the environment and natural resources.
- Promote environmental platforms and debates on topical ENR and related development issues.
- Documentation of lessons and best practices for sharing with other actors.

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**Thank you for listening!!**

**Asante sana!!**