



THE JOINT GOU-DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS TECHNICAL REVIEW (JTR) MEETING, FOR THE WATER AND ENVIRONMENT SECTOR, 10-12th APRIL 2018 in MASAKA DISTRICT.



Assessing the progress made with regards to implementation of the key actions and/or undertakings which were agreed during the 2017 JSR and recommend actions arising from the field visits.

According to the terms of reference for the Joint GOU-Development partners Technical Review (JTR), the **Ministry of Water and Environment** is organizing the GoU/Development Partners' Technical Review (JTR) of the Water & Environment Sector to be held from **10 to 12th April 2018 in Masaka** district.

The **Joint Technical Review (JTR)** is a forum for ***a mid-term assessment or review of the progress of implementation of the actions/undertakings which were agreed on in the JSR.*** It is held approximately six months after the JSR (usually in March/April). The JTR is normally held upcountry in a selected region/town. The JTR participation is essentially the same as that for the JSR i.e. selected officials from central government ministries, departments and agencies, development partners, Civil Society, and District Officials) and other sector stakeholders

The **main objective** of the JTR is to assess the progress made with regards to the status of implementation of the Joint Sector Review 2017 undertakings. This year's theme is: ***'Exploring Financing Opportunities for Investment in the Water and Environment Sector.'***

Specific objectives:

- 1) Review progress in implementation of the 2017 JSR key actions and /or undertakings;
- 2) Identify good practices from the field visits, and/or recommend actions for improvement of the sector's performance, especially with respect to delivery of services under the sector;
- 3) To share any emerging policy and/or strategic issues/ challenges affecting the sector's performance (since the JSR) and make appropriate recommendations.

The **JTR team will comprise** of senior officials from Central Government, sector Development Partners and NGOs supporting the Water and Environment sector programs and activities. They will also discuss with the selected local governments and other implementing agencies' critical issues affecting the Water and Environment sector. **Environmental Alert (Box2)** an NGO, will participate and represent **ENR-CSO network(Box1)** in all the scheduled activities in order to register progress and challenges on the ground in regards to the sector with the aim of working together with other sector players to discuss and bring better recommendations to grow the sector.

The agenda for the formal meeting will include formal presentations and discussions of the findings from the field visits, and the progress of implementation of the 2017 JSR undertakings. Draft Agreed Minutes of the proceedings will be prepared and a Water and Environment Sector Working Group meeting will be convened within a week after the JTR to finalize and approve the minutes.

Presentations will be made in power point highlighting the following

- i. Progress reports for the 2017 JSR undertakings, prepared by the Cross-cutting, thematic and divisional groups (including the undertakings which were carried forward).
- ii. Field visit reports

Output

- i. Signed Agreed JTR 2018 Minutes by the Permanent Secretary-MWE (on behalf of the GoU) and the Lead Development Partners for the Water and Sanitation Subsector (Austria) and Environment and Natural Resources Subsector (UNDP) on behalf of the rest of the sector DPs.

Documentation:

- a. Agreed Minutes of the 2017 Joint Sector Review;
- b. PowerPoint Presentation on the status of implementation of the last year's undertakings;
- c. Power Point Presentation of the field visits reports;
- d. Annotated itinerary for the 3 field visits (groups).

Below are some of the Undertakings for FY 2017/18 whose implementation and progress is being assessed.

Undertakings for FY 2017/18.

Undertakings 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the previous year were partially achieved and retained to be completed in FY2017/18, sometimes with some modifications and additional related actions. Previous year's undertaking 6 on development of a system and procedures for assessment of utilization of water for production storage reverts to the Water for Production Department for ongoing action and is not taken forward as an undertaking into FY 2017/18. Previous year's undertakings 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 were substantially achieved. Nine completely new undertakings were identified, of which one will be addressed within the Environment and Natural Resources and Climate Change Subsector Working Group thematic working group, and the other eight in the Water and Sanitation Subsector Working Group. The following undertakings were thus adopted for the 2017 JSR:

A. Environment and Natural Resources

- a) **Undertaking 1:** Continue with the implementation of the ongoing undertaking of mainstreaming ENR and Climate Change into agriculture, infrastructure, lands, energy and water sectors in order to achieve reduced contributions to degradation by these 5 sectors by the end of FY 2017/18.
- b) **Undertaking 2:** Commence implementation of new Sector Performance Measurement Framework in the ENR Sub-Sector by the end of FY 2017/18.

B. Water Resources Management

- a) **Undertaking 3:** Integrate climate change adaptation and source protection measures in the water and environment sector work plan and budget for implementation in the financial year 2018/19.
- b) **Undertaking 4:** Operationalize the proposed coordination, implementation and funding mechanism for catchment based IWRM in at least eight catchment in the four zones by the end of FY2017/18.
- c) **Undertaking 5:** Finalize and pilot the national framework for drinking water quality management and regulation in the four WMZ by the end of financial year 2017/18.

C. Water Supply and Sanitation

- a) **Undertaking 6:** Establish data management systems for water production facilities to enhance utilization and sustainability by the end of FY 2017/18.
- b) **Undertaking 7:** Demonstrate performance improvement in water schemes directly managed by umbrella organizations by the end of FY 2017/18.
- c) **Undertaking 8:** Finalize and commence implementation of the one source per village/cell strategy (Central, NWSC, District Local Government) by the end of FY 2018/19.
- d) **Undertaking 9:** Reinstate a budget line for software activities under the district water and sanitation conditional grant by the end of FY 2018/19.
- e) **Undertaking 10:** Set up a project preparation and financing taskforce under each of the departments under DWD by the end of FY 2017/18.
- f) **Undertaking 11:** Develop water and sanitation planning, implementation and O&M framework for refugees and host communities by the end of FY 2017/18.

D. Policy and Institutional Issues

- a) **Undertaking 12:** Finalize the accreditation requirements for the Ministry of Water and Environment as the National Implementing Entity (NIE) for access to financing from the Adaptation Fund (AF) and the Green Climate Fund (GCF) by the end of FY 2017/18.
- b) **Undertaking 13:** Commence implementation of new Sector Performance Measurement Framework in the Water and Sanitation Sub-sector by the end of FY 2017/18.

The key planned activities include:

- i. Field visits on 10th April 2018 to check on progress of various sector programmes in Masaka and surrounding Local Governments and,
- ii. Formal meeting on 11 and 12th April 2018 at Hotel Brovard Ltd in Masaka District.

Important links

- a) Detailed Programme for JTR - <http://envalert.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Program-for-the-Joint-Technical-Review-April-2018.pdf>
- b) Agreed minutes for the JTR2017 - <http://www.mwe.go.ug/sites/default/files/library/Minutes%20of%209th%20JTR%202017.pdf>
- c) Agreed minutes for the Joint Sector Review (JSR)- <http://enr-cso.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/JSR-2017-Agreed-Minutes.pdf>
- d) Terms of reference for JTR - <http://www.mwe.go.ug/sites/default/files/library/Terms%20of%20Reference%20for%20JTR%202018.pdf>



Box 1. About the Environment and Natural Resources Civil Society Organizations Network

The **Environment and Natural Resources Civil Society Organizations (ENR-CSOs)** Network in Uganda was founded in **2009** as a loose network with a diverse membership of CSOs in environment and natural resources operating at national and sub-national levels. Since then the Secretariat of the ENR-CSO Network is hosted at Environmental Alert.

Vision

The **Vision of ENR-CSO Network** is, *'Uganda's natural environment providing goods and services, on sustainable basis, for national socio-economic development.'*

Mission

The **Mission of ENR-CSO Network** is to, *'Mobilize CSOs to effectively promote good governance, effective management and sustainable utilization of Uganda's natural resources.'*

The ENR-CSO Network *advocates for a conducive environment and natural resources (ENR) policies/programmes for sustainable livelihoods, environment and natural resources management.*

The network engages at the local, national, regional and international levels.

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Box 2. About Environmental Alert

Environmental Alert (EA) was founded in **1988 and this year (2018) marks 30 years** of contribution to improved livelihoods and development in Uganda through several interventions in sustainable agriculture, environment and natural resources management. EA is officially registered with the NGO Board as a Ugandan non-governmental organization, incorporated as a company limited by guarantee. EA is governed by an independent Board that is responsible for providing strategic oversight of the organization including ensuring its integrity as a voluntary service organization.

EA is a **1st prize winner of the Energy globe award for environmental sustainability-2005 under the category, earth.**

EA is a member of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and a Member of The IUCN National Committee for Uganda.

EA envisions, *'Resilient and dignified communities, managing their environment and natural resources sustainably.'*

EA's mission is to, *'Contribute to improved livelihoods of vulnerable communities by enhancing agricultural productivity and sustainable natural resources management'*

Program and institutional Components:

1. Environment and Natural resources management;
2. Food security and Nutrition;
3. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene;
4. Finance and Administration;
5. Resource mobilization and Investment.

Scale of Implementation:

EA operates in selected districts for generation of evidence to inform policy engagements on agriculture, environment and natural resources at National and International levels. Currently EA's operations are in 20 districts across the country. EA undertakes area wide targeted awareness on selected issues in agriculture, environment and natural resources engagements

EA is a Secretariat for following networks:

- a) The Network for Civil Society Organizations in Environment & Natural Resources Sector (ENR-CSO Network) - <http://enr-cso.org/>;
- b) Uganda Forestry Working Group - <http://ufwg.entalert.org/>;
- c) The Standards Development Group (for promotion of Sustainable Forest Management in Uganda); and
- d) Promoting Local Innovation in ecologically oriented agriculture and natural resources management (PROLINNOVA-Uganda Network) - <http://www.prolinnova.net/uganda>.