

UNCCD COP 14 DISSEMINATION AND LAND DEGRADATION NEUTRALITY (LDN) DIALOGUE

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GENERAL REPORT ON THE 14TH COP OF THE UNCCD

**SEPT. 2ND -13TH, 2019 AT INDIAN EXPO
CENTRE, GREATER NOIDA, NEW DELHI
INDIA**

Uganda's delegation

1. Hon. Vincent Bamulangaki Ssempijja- Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries- MAAIF

2. Hon. Beatrice Anywar- Vice Chairperson of the Climate Change Committee, Parliament
3. Hon. Milly Mugeni- Member, Climate Change Committee, Parliament

Uganda's delegation Cont'd

4. Hon. Fred Baseke- Member, Climate Change Committee, Parliament
5. Dr. Juliet Sentumbwe- Ag. Director Animal Resources, MAAIF
6. Mr. Freddie Kabango- Asst. Comm. Soil & Water Conservation, MAAIF
7. Mr. Stephen Muwaya- UNCCD Focal Point, MAAIF

Uganda's delegation Cont'd

8. Dr. Wilberforce Kisamba Mugerwa - Chairperson
Micro Finance Centre
9. Mr. Robert Opio- Ministry of Lands, Housing &
Urban Development (MLHUD)
10. Ms. Mukite Rosemary Mukhana- MLHUD
11. Ms. Fridah Mutuzo- MLHUD
12. Mr. Isaac Kinalwa- MLHUD

Uganda's delegation Cont'd

13. Mr. John Tumuhimbise- Ministry of Energy & Mineral Development (MEMD)
14. Mr. Henry Bbosa- Ministry of Water & Environment (MWE)

15. Mr. Mpuga Rukidi- Office of Clerk to Parliament
16. Prof. Moses Isabirye- Busitema University
17. Mrs Christine Kisamba- Makerere University
18. Mrs Sarah Kisolo- Civil Society

OPENNING OF THE CONFERENCE

- COP 13 President was Mr. Zhang Jianlong, Minister of State Forestry and Grassland Administration, China
- Mr. Prakash Javadekar, Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, India, is now the COP 14 President
- UNCCD Executive Secretary is Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw. He emphasized Mahatma Gandhi's legacy of removing obstacles and spreading well-being of peoples by translating knowledge into policies

TECHNICAL SEGMENT

1. The Committee of the whole (COW)
2. The Committee on the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC)

3. The Committee on Science and Technology (CST)

Contact groups were then established under each of the above three Committees to negotiate key decision

Contact groups

CRIC Contact Group negotiated on relationship with the Global Environment Facility (GEF), work program of the UNCCD Secretariat, Reporting process by parties

Synergies with other conventions (three Rio Conventions; UNCCD, The UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)).

Contact groups cont'd

The CST Contact Group negotiated on drought indicators, work program of the Science Policy Interphase, the UNCCD Knowledge Hub, clarifying indicators for Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN

PARALLEL MINISTERIAL ROUND TABLE

Roundtable 1: Land, climate and renewable energy.
Hon. Beatrice Anywar, Members of Parliament and Deputy Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on Climate Change represented Uganda. Highlights were on co-benefits from implementing the UNCCD e.g., linkages between afforestation, LDN, biodiversity conservation, and climate change mitigation and adaptation

PARALLEL MINISTERIAL ROUND TABLE

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Roundtable 2: Rural and urban communities – “failing or flourishing together”

The Hon Vincent Ssempijja, Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries of Uganda represented Uganda at the Ministerial Round Table and made a statement

PARALLEL MINISTERIAL ROUND

TABLE cont'd

Roundtable 3: Fostering a global movement for ecosystem restoration. Hon. Kisamba Mugerwa, the Chairperson Microfinance Support Centre represented Uganda. Highlights were on factors promoting and scaling up ecosystem restoration initiatives; putting in place enabling policies that mobilize entire societies to address Desertification Land Degradation & Drought; institutional innovation; fostering South-South cooperation; and ensuring gender equality and women's empowerment.

SPECIAL SEGMENT 2

Interactive dialogue 1: A values-based approach to land stewardship. Hon. Milly Mugeni - Member of Parliament submitted a statement on behalf of Uganda. Highlights were on “values revolution” through collective human action and a shift in consumption and production patterns, mapping out a wise direction for the world to attain sustainable management of resources, and more concrete actions to be taken to address the depletion of resources

SPECIAL SEGMENT 2 cont'd

Interactive dialogue 2: Healthy land–healthy people.

Hon. Fred Baseke -Member of Parliament submitted a statement on behalf of Uganda. Highlights were on land as an important, critical resource for human wellbeing that is under severe pressure, with around 2.2 billion people affected by land degradation worldwide. Lack of knowledge on gender-differentiated health impacts results

SPECIAL SEGMENT 2 cont'd

Interactive dialogue 3: Boosting sustainable value chains for land-based business. Hon. Beatrice Anywar - Member of Parliament submitted a statement on behalf of Uganda.

Highlights were on investing in dryland areas to boost local livelihoods; ensuring equitable access to land, knowledge, and funding, especially for women; and promoting international cooperation, alternatives to chemical fertilizers, insurance for agriculture soil health, water-efficient irrigation systems and investments for sustainable energy at the local level.

Conclusion

1. Side Meetings by Uganda delegates with country representatives all over the world-opportunities
2. Identifying key priority areas for Uganda
3. Follow up actions

Representatives from Uganda



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High level representation by Hon. Minister and MPs

