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Hon. Sam Cheptoris 5th R-L Joins a Group Photo at the Closing Ceremony of UWEWK2026

Leveraging the Power and Capacity of Women, Youth and Children in Delivery of Water and Environment Services

Delivering her keynote address, Ms. Jacinta Nekesa, Executive Director of Environmental Alert Uganda, provided a comprehensive and data-driven perspective.

She noted that Uganda's population, approaching 46 million, is composed of more than half women and a significant proportion of youth, presenting a substantial yet underleveraged human resource.

While youth literacy rates are relatively high at 81.6 percent, she pointed out a concerning disconnect, with many young people remaining unemployed or disengaged from education and training.

Ms. Nekesa attributed this gap to persistent structural and systemic barriers that limit effective participation.



A view of participants during a session on Leveraging the Power and Capacity of Women, Youth and Children in Delivery of Water and Environment Services

She highlighted the lack of cohesive platforms to unify women and youth around water and environmental issues, as well as the tendency to confine their involvement to consultation rather than active co-creation of solutions.

Despite these challenges, she emphasized that Uganda has a critical opportunity to harness its demographic dividend. She identified practical pathways for engagement, including expanding green job opportunities in water system maintenance, sanitation marketing, waste management, and eco-tourism. She also pointed to the broader potential of the green economy, citing initiatives such as tree planting, forest restoration, and climate-smart agriculture as viable entry points for women and youth.

She stressed the importance of innovation and skills development, particularly through universities and technical institutions, noting emerging

successes such as youth-led plastic recycling initiatives and smart irrigation technologies.

Drawing from the work of Environmental Alert Uganda, Ms. Nekesa highlighted successful approaches including virtual exchanges linking Ugandan youth with global peers, to foster collaboration and enhance knowledge sharing across communities.

In conclusion, Ms. Nekesa underscored that inclusive engagement leads to improved governance, stronger accountability, enhanced climate resilience, and greater economic empowerment.

She called on stakeholders to move beyond tokenistic approaches and embrace intentional partnerships, with increased support for women-led and youth-led organizations as key drivers of Uganda's sustainable development agenda.

In ongoing efforts to improve the delivery of water and environmental services in Uganda, experts have renewed calls for more inclusive participation as a cornerstone of sustainable development.

They emphasized that the contributions of women, youth, and children remain significantly underutilized, despite these groups being central to community-level implementation and long-term environmental outcomes.

The experts stressed the need to move beyond marginal involvement and ensure

meaningful inclusion in decision-making spaces.

This discussion took place during a session held at the Ministry of Water and Environment Auditorium as part of the ninth Uganda Water and Environment Week (UWEWK 2026).

The event brought together over 150 participants including policymakers, development partners, environmental experts, academia, and civil society actors.

The session was chaired and moderated by Ms. Jane Nabunnya, Country Director of

IRC WASH Uganda, who guided deliberations focused on strengthening inclusive engagement.

Nabunnya underscored the urgency of shifting from symbolic representation to genuine participation of women, youth, and children in water, sanitation, and environmental governance. A video presentation reinforced these points, demonstrating how these groups are vital to advancing community interventions, yet they are often excluded from influencing decisions that directly affect them.

Panel Discussion

Lydia Nabiryo, Assistant Commissioner of Equity and Rights, underscored the importance of mainstreaming marginalized groups by recognizing their central role in water use and environmental stewardship.

She emphasized targeted capacity building and the deliberate engagement of youth in green jobs as active contributors.

Addressing persistent barriers, she pointed to patriarchal norms, restrictive gender roles, and systemic exclusion from decision-making. She advocated for community engagement with cultural

leaders, alongside education, economic empowerment, and the promotion of visible female role models to challenge stereotypes and drive change.

Dickens Ochero, of Youth Go Green, highlighted the disconnect between vocational training and real-world opportunities.

While attracting young people is relatively easy, he noted that retention remains a challenge due to training models that are overly theoretical and misaligned with practical realities.

He called for a restructuring of training programs to ensure they are hands-on and directly linked to opportunities that youth can sustainably manage.

Winfred Masiko, the National Program Coordinator Uganda Women Entrepreneurship Programme,



Panelists during a session on Leveraging the Power and Capacity of Women, Youth and Children in Delivery of Water and Environment Services

Ministry of Labour and Gender Development, noted that women tend to thrive in organized groups under gender-responsive approaches, while youth groups often struggle with cohesion.

He stressed the importance of inclusive governance frameworks with clear indicators and the use of gender-disaggregated data to inform program design.

Dr. Aramanzan Madanda, Senior Gender Technical Advisor, Care International, emphasized the need for deliberate and structured mobilization strategies, noting that women and youth constitute the majority of the population.

He advocated for engaging them within existing structures such as community groups and schools, while calling for increased government support, capacity building, and the establishment of youth-focused agencies to enhance participation and resource control.

Martin Ameu, Deputy FAO Representative in Uganda, highlighted the scale of opportunity, noting the country's large youth population and the need to expand successful models through policy support, partnerships, and financing.

He emphasized strengthening coordination platforms and scaling proven initiatives to generate broader impact.

Dr. Judith Maryna Storie, Senior Advisor at the African Union's Continental Africa Water Investment Programme, stressed that meaningful participation begins at the household level and must be linked to practical skills, leadership development, and decision-making authority.

Across the discussions, a clear consensus emerged: inclusion must begin at the planning stage, be grounded in practical approaches, and be supported by strong data, coordination, and a shift toward recognizing inclusion as both a systemic and power-driven process.

Status of SDG 6 in Uganda

This session focused on Uganda's progress toward Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG), as policymakers and development actors held a candid conversation on water and sanitation.

The gathering, convened under the stewardship of the Ministry of Water and Environment and led by Dr. Callist Tindimugaya, Commissioner, Water Resources Planning and Regulation, who underscored the symbolic weight of the moment, noting that "this year has been ranked as the year of water and sanitation on the continent," positioning SDG 6 not just as a sectoral goal, but as a defining development priority.

Providing broader context, Mr. Pascal Byarugaba of the SDG Secretariat traced the global and national architecture underpinning the goals, reminding participants that the SDGs serve as a shared framework guiding over 120 member states.

His presentation reinforced the foundational role of water and environment in national transformation, describing them as "the cornerstone of general development in promoting peace and security."

He drew attention to the interconnectedness of SDG 6 with other goals, particularly energy, emphasizing their combined contribution to economic growth and stability.

The dialogue also illuminated Uganda's institutional coordination around SDG delivery. From Parliament



A presentation of SDG Progress

to the political core team and the SDG Secretariat, a multi-layered framework has been established to oversee implementation, supported by policy coordination committees and regular performance audits. This structure, participants heard, is intended to ensure accountability while aligning sectoral actions with national development priorities.

However, one participant challenged the trajectory of progress, cautioning that "Uganda will not achieve the SDGs if the key concerns of locals and the government are not put in consideration."

The remark struck at the heart of inclusivity, echoing the global principle of leaving no one behind while calling for a more grounded, locally responsive approach to implementation.

Emerging from the session was a sobering but constructive assessment of performance.

Uganda's SDG landscape reflects a mixed picture: only one goal is currently on track, while the majority are showing moderate improvement.

The participants highlighted the urgency of accelerating interventions, particularly in critical sectors such as water and sanitation.

The importance of partnerships was also repeatedly emphasized, with SDG 17 framed as the glue binding the entire agenda together.

Collaboration across government, development partners, and communities was emphasized as an essential to unlocking progress across all goals.

With Uganda's SDG framework aligned to the ambitions of the National Development Plan IV and its tenfold growth strategy, the path forward demands coordinated action, sustained investment, and inclusive engagement.

Women, Youth & Children Driving Environmental Change

Using Nature Credits to Address and Scale Solutions for Nature-Related Risks.

M/s Nalwanga Dianah of Environmental Conservation Trust of Uganda highlighted how nature credits (carbon and biodiversity) are enabling community-led ecosystem restoration while improving rural livelihoods. The model links verified environmental outcomes to performance-based payments, driving forest restoration, reduced pressure on protected areas, and strengthened local governance, with a strong emphasis on high-integrity, equitable nature markets for scaling impact.

Green growth skills for university students to exploit opportunities in the circular economy.

M/s Arinaitwe Patricia's presentation focused on addressing the green skills gap among university students, noting that while many are aware of green economy concepts, most lack practical waste management skills. Through research and pilot training across institutions, the study showed that hands-on, practice-oriented learning—especially through university eco-clubs—can enhance youth employability and entrepreneurship, with recommendations to integrate green skills into national programs and link training to real-world application.

Black Soldier Fly for Affordable Livestock Feed

Mr. Ahaisibwe David project demonstrated how piggery waste can be converted into low-cost protein feed using Black Soldier Fly (BSF) larvae. Since protein is a major cost in livestock production, this method offers a 40–50% cheaper alternative to fishmeal. Over 70% of piggery waste is recycled into valuable products—protein-rich larvae and organic

fertilizer—reducing pollution and improving nutrient use. Farmers can replace up to 30% of conventional protein feeds without affecting productivity.

The approach supports climate-smart agriculture, cost reduction, and youth engagement, with strong potential for scaling among smallholder farmers.

Empowering Youth-Led Rainwater Harvesting for Resilient Communities

Mr. Muhangi Martin & Yvonne Lugali initiative tackles water scarcity in Kamwenge District by training youth to build and maintain rainwater harvesting systems for vulnerable households lacking piped water. A total of 42 water jars were constructed, while youth and women groups gained practical skills and

employment opportunities. The project strengthens community capacity to manage water resources sustainably. By involving youth, the initiative promotes long-term resilience, local ownership, and sustainable water access.

More presentations made included: Leveraging Women's Capacity in Waste-to-Energy Briquette Production, Inclusive Climate-Resilient Water & Environment Services, Strengthening Women and Girls' Leadership for Inclusive and Gender-Responsive Water and Environment Governance in Uganda, natural capital financing and macroprudential stability, Institutionalizing Catchment-Based Water Governance in Uganda, Youth as Stakeholders in Inclusive and Climate-Resilient Water and Environmental Governance

Women and Youth Innovations Supporting Water and Environment Services



Participants in a session of practical, community-driven innovations

The session brought together 32 participants who explored the transformative role of women and youth in advancing water and environmental services.

The session highlighted practical, community-driven innovations while addressing key social and environmental challenges affecting sustainability efforts.

While making her presentation, Mrs. Christine Akumu Okot, Principal Gender Officer Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development (MGLSD), emphasized the critical role of children, women, and youth in environmental conservation.

She noted that when children, are engaged in school-based water and environmental activities, they become powerful advocates who influence both their peers and adults.

She stressed the importance of continuous education programs that build lifelong environmental stewardship.

Mrs. Akumu underscored the need to empower youth through skills training and mentorship, and to expand leadership opportunities for women.

She highlighted that partnerships among government institutions and organizations such as CARE International are essential in scaling these initiatives and ensuring long-term sustainability.

The session also discussed initiatives that aim to reduce resistance to women's empowerment while strengthening leadership.



Mr. Ahaisibwe David Demonstrates How Piggery Waste Can Be Transformed into Low-Cost, Protein-Rich Feed Using Black Soldier Fly (BSF) Larvae

Participants coincide, that engaging men and boys is critical to fostering acceptance and support within households.

Another key issue raised was the challenge of shifting mindsets, particularly among family members who may not immediately see the collective benefits of such programs.

They also highlighted the effectiveness of peer learning through real-life stories in influencing behavioral change and strengthening family cohesion.

Monica Taibu (FMNR Restoration) presented an innovative approach to waste management, encouraging youth mobilization to collect plastic waste from waterways and convert it into eco-friendly products.

She pointed out that such initiatives not only reduce water pollution but also create income-generating opportunities.

But, Chanceline Faida, a Youth Climate Champion,

raised a critical concern regarding this approach, cautioning that improper handling of plastic waste could create breeding grounds for mosquitoes, increasing malaria risks.

The session emphasized the importance of community awareness on waste management, public health, and behavior change.

Participants highlighted the need for integrated watershed management, advocating for tree planting along water sources to ensure water availability during dry seasons.

They also stressed the importance of amplifying community voices in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

They further identified key challenges including mindset change, inclusivity, and scaling innovations. The session concluded that sustainable environmental action depends on inclusive participation, strong partnerships, and locally driven, practical solutions that empower communities to become resilient and self-reliant.

Youth Debates Competitions; National Awarding of Champions at Uwek 2026:

The debate attracted participation from institutions including Nyakasura Secondary School, Mbarara High School, Kyambogo University, and Gulu University, reflecting a strong national representation of youth engagement in the sector.



Winners of the session both debate and public speech

The session opened with remarks from Mr. Edwin Muhumuza, Chairperson of the Youth Committee, who underscored the debates as more than a competition, but a platform for generating practical solutions since their inception in 2018. Dr. Babu Muhammed of the National Water and Sewerage Corporation welcomed participants, emphasizing that young people are not just future leaders but active partners today. Delivering the keynote message, Eng. Dominic Mucunguzi from the Ministry of Water and Environment challenged students to leverage debate skills in shaping sustainable solutions, noting the sector's growing need for articulate and innovative young professionals.

The debate rounds showcased exceptional critical thinking

across both secondary and university categories. Topics ranged from youth inclusion in climate negotiations to tradable water abstraction permits, floodplain relocation, and real-time smart water monitoring systems. Students demonstrated strong analytical skills, balancing technical knowledge with social considerations such as equity, community adaptation, and sustainability. The final rounds were particularly competitive, with secondary students debating nature-based solutions versus engineered infrastructure, while university participants tackled the establishment of an independent national water and climate authority.

Beyond team debates, the public speaking segment added depth to the session, with powerful individual presentations. One standout speech, "We Signed the

Goals but Forgot the People," challenged participants to reflect on the gap between global environmental commitments and local realities. This segment reinforced the importance of amplifying youth perspectives, critical reflection, and the ability to communicate complex environmental issues effectively to diverse audiences.

The session concluded with key takeaways highlighting youth inclusion, innovation, and the importance of sustained engagement through regional platforms and career guidance initiatives. Mbarara High School and Kyambogo University emerged as winners in the debate categories, while Bishop Cipriano Secondary School and Makerere University took top honors in public speaking.

Strengthening Environmental Communication: Media as a game changer to WASH issues:

The Media Feedback Session marked a significant milestone as the first dedicated platform bringing together Journalists, Communication Officers, Government Officials, and academia to reflect on environmental communication in Uganda. Hosted at the Ministry of Water and Environment, the session was chaired by the Undersecretary and moderated by Dr. Brain Guma, the dialogue underscored the growing recognition of media as a critical partner in advancing the water and environment agenda.

Delivering the opening remarks, Ms. Catherine Nassuna, Undersecretary at the Ministry of Water and Environment, emphasized the indispensable role of the media in bridging the gap between government and citizens. She highlighted that without accurate and responsible reporting; public awareness of government interventions remains



Some of the participants engaging in a discussion during the session

limited. Acknowledging existing communication gaps, she called for more intentional, factual, and constructive storytelling that promotes national development while safeguarding the country's image. Her remarks set the tone for a candid and solutions-oriented engagement.

The panel discussion featured insights from key speakers including Mr. Alex Atuheire of the Uganda Editors' Guild, Ms. Martha Namara, Mr. Noel Muhangi, Mr. Julian Mwine, Mr. Sebatwa Ismael, and Dr. Arinetwe Rugyendo. Discussions focused on strengthening media capacity, improving partnerships, and ensuring inclusive communication. Mr. Atuheire stressed the need for sustained training and co-creation of content, while Ms. Namara highlighted grassroots approaches such as community barazas, local radio, and school engagement to reach

marginalized populations. Mr. Muhangi introduced the concept of collaborative storytelling, emphasizing localized content and the importance of positioning Uganda's environmental narrative on global platforms.

A key highlight of the session was the emphasis on practical strategies to improve communication outcomes. Participants recommended regular training for journalists on environmental reporting, increased use of digital platforms such as TikTok and X, translation of key messages into local languages, and the adoption of creative communication approaches including drama and visual storytelling. The discussion also pointed to the need for stronger institutional coordination among agencies like the National Forest Authority and NEMA, as well as increased budget allocation to

communication efforts to ensure sustained media engagement.

In her closing remarks, Ms. Nassuna reiterated the urgent need to strengthen communication within the government and align education systems with market and community needs. She highlighted the importance of a competence-based curriculum that prepares learners for real-world challenges, particularly in the water and environment sector. While the session did not feature competitive awards, it delivered a strong collective commitment from both media and government actors to enhance collaboration, improve information dissemination, and elevate the role of communication in achieving sustainable water and environmental outcomes in Uganda

Discussions highlighted WRI's key achievements, including its mentorship programs, which have trained over 175 graduates, and its contribution to knowledge generation and awareness creation. Speakers underscored the importance of partnerships in sustaining impact, with contributors such as CAP-Net playing a notable role. However, panelists stressed the need to enhance program relevance by incorporating continuous feedback loops, aligning training with labor market demands, and expanding collaboration with private sector actors to improve employment pathways and innovation uptake.

A strong emphasis was placed on inclusivity and equity, particularly in empowering women, youth, children, and persons with disabilities to actively participate in water and environmental services. The discussion called for deliberate efforts to track participation and outcomes for marginalized groups, while also addressing structural barriers that limit their progression into leadership roles. Additionally,

participants advocated for integrating science, technology, and innovation more firmly into national systems, including strengthening linkages with institutions such as the Meteorological Training Institute and promoting intergenerational knowledge transfer.

Looking ahead, the panel outlined strategic priorities for the Institute, including developing market-ready research products, establishing a water data platform, and creating innovation hubs to attract private investment. There were also calls to expand financing mechanisms through blended and impact financing, strengthen quality assurance in training programs, and benchmark with regional and international institutions. In closing remarks, Engineer Johnson Maya commended WRI's contributions to capacity building and knowledge sharing, urging continued collaboration and resource mobilization to sustain and scale its impact across Uganda's water sector.

Ministry of Water and Environment Concludes the 9th Uwewk 2026:



Lillian Nabasiye Makes a Submission During a Panel Discussion

The Role of Water Resources Institute in Building Capacity Within the WASH Sector:

Dr. Callist Tindimugaya, Commissioner Water Resources Planning and Regulation introduced the session with welcoming remarks and thereafter, the panel discussion was established to explore the pivotal role of the Water Resources Institute (WRI) in advancing science, research, innovation, and capacity building within Uganda's water and environment sector. Since its establishment in 2018, the Institute has evolved into a dynamic platform supporting training, applied research, dialogue, and outreach. Panelists emphasized its growing recognition as a one-stop center for capacity development, fostering collaboration among government, academia, civil society, and the private sector to accelerate progress toward sustainable water management and SDG6 targets.



Hon. Sam Cheptoris delivers a speech at the Closing Ceremony of UWEWK2026

The Ninth Uganda Water and Environment Week 2026 concluded on 27th March 2026 with a speech delivered by Hon. Sam Cheptori, Minister of Water and Environment on behalf of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Hon. Matia Kasaija.

Focusing on the week's theme, "Water and Environment for an Inclusive and Prosperous Uganda," the address highlighted that achieving Uganda's Tenfold Growth Strategy expanding the economy from \$50 billion to \$500 billion by 2040 depends fundamentally on the sustainable management of natural resources. Environment degradation continues to impose significant economic costs, but the event provided a clearer vision for protecting water and environment resources, aligning economic development with sustainability.

The speech underscored the interconnection between Uganda's growth pillars Agro-industrialization, Tourism, Mineral-based development, and Science and Technology and the availability of water and healthy ecosystems. Reliable water supply is essential for agricultural productivity and irrigation, while tourism relies on the integrity of forests, wetlands, lakes, and rivers. Similarly, mineral

and industrial development depends on stable water inputs, making environment protection not just a conservation priority but a strategic economic imperative.

Key action areas highlighted included investment in water storage and delivery infrastructure, protection of critical ecosystems such as wetlands and forests, and leveraging youth-driven innovations, especially digital tools, for resource monitoring and management. The address also stressed inclusivity, citizen engagement, and multi-stakeholder partnerships to foster innovative solutions, combat climate change, and ensure equitable access to water and environment services across rural and urban communities.

In conclusion, Hon. Sam Cheptoris, on behalf of the Minister of Finance, commended the Ministry of Water and Environment and partners for organizing a successful 9th Uganda Water and Environment Week. He called on all stakeholders to turn dialogue into tangible action, urging Ugandans to embrace their role as environment stewards. The event formally closed with a renewed national commitment to a green, inclusive, and prosperous Uganda.

and disaster preparedness in a country vulnerable to floods, droughts, and landslides.

Reaffirming commitment, the United Nations Development Programme outlined support for Uganda in areas such as climate information systems, watershed and forest restoration, gender-responsive governance, and circular economy initiatives. Mr. King concluded with a call for collective action, urging stakeholders to expand equitable water access, combat deforestation, and embrace sustainable practices, noting that Uganda has the partnerships and capacity needed to build a resilient and environmentally secure future.

Speech from Buganda Kingdom:



Owek. Mayanja Nkalubo delivering a speech during the closing Ceremony of UWEWK2026

Speech from Undp Deputy Resident Representative

At the closing of the Uganda Water and Environment Week 2026, the UNDP Deputy Resident Representative, Ian C. King, delivered a forward-looking address that connected Uganda's water and environment priorities to global agendas. The event, officiated on behalf of the Guest of Honour, Matia Kasaija, by Sam Cheptoris, coincided with key international observances including World Water Day and World Meteorological Day. Mr. King emphasized that this convergence highlights the urgency of addressing interconnected challenges such as climate change, water scarcity, biodiversity loss, and pollution.

He underscored water as a foundation for human development, linking it to health, resilience, and economic growth, while stressing the importance of gender equality in water governance. Referencing the World Water Day theme, he noted that women and girls are disproportionately affected by inadequate water access, making inclusive water management essential. He further highlighted the economic value of forests and the need for restoration, alongside the importance of climate information systems in strengthening early warning

The cultural dimension of environment stewardship took center stage at the Uganda Water and Environment Week 2026, as the Minister of Water and Environment from the Kingdom of Buganda delivered a powerful message linking tradition to sustainable development. Speaking on behalf of His Majesty the Kabaka, the Minister emphasized that this year's theme, "Water and Environment for an Inclusive and Prosperous Uganda," resonates deeply with Buganda's identity, where nature is not merely a resource but a foundation of culture, livelihoods, and community well-being.

Reflecting on Buganda's heritage, the Minister highlighted how cultural norms historically guided the protection of ecosystems from sacred forests and wetlands to the shores of Lake Victoria. These long-standing practices, he noted, fostered harmony between people and the environment and remain highly relevant in addressing modern challenges such as climate change, environment degradation, and rapid urbanization. He stressed the importance of preserving and integrating indigenous knowledge systems into contemporary environment management approaches.

The Minister also outlined the Kingdom's ongoing efforts to translate cultural values into action through its well-established community structures. Leveraging administrative systems from counties to villages, and initiatives such as Bulungibwansi, Ekibira Kya Kabaka, and Nalubaale ne Kiyira Bibeewo, Buganda continues to mobilize citizens to protect wetlands, promote sanitation, plant trees, and safeguard water sources. These initiatives are helping to drive inclusive access to clean water and a healthy environment at the grassroots level.

Looking ahead, the Minister announced Buganda Water Day, set for 31st March 2026 in Bujumba County, Ssesse Islands, as a key follow-up to the week's engagements. Centered on empowering women, youth, and children in water and environment service delivery, the event will highlight community-led solutions and strengthen partnerships across sectors. He concluded with a call for deeper collaboration among government, cultural institutions, academia, and the private sector, reaffirming Buganda's commitment to supporting national efforts in environment conservation and climate resilience.



Ian C. King delivers a speech at the closing ceremony of UWEWK2026

Commemoration of Sector Days' at the Close of Uwewk 2026:



Lakeside College Luzira Matches in Commemoration of Three Sector Events (Forestry, Water and Metreological)

The close of the week culminated into Stakeholders' commemoration of major international days, including the International Day of Forests. Dr. Patrick Byakagaba, a Senior Lecturer at Makerere University, emphasized that forests are among the most critical forms of national infrastructure. He highlighted their indispensable role in sustaining livelihoods, supporting hydropower generation, and maintaining rainfall patterns, noting that nearly everyone depends on forest products daily often without realizing it.

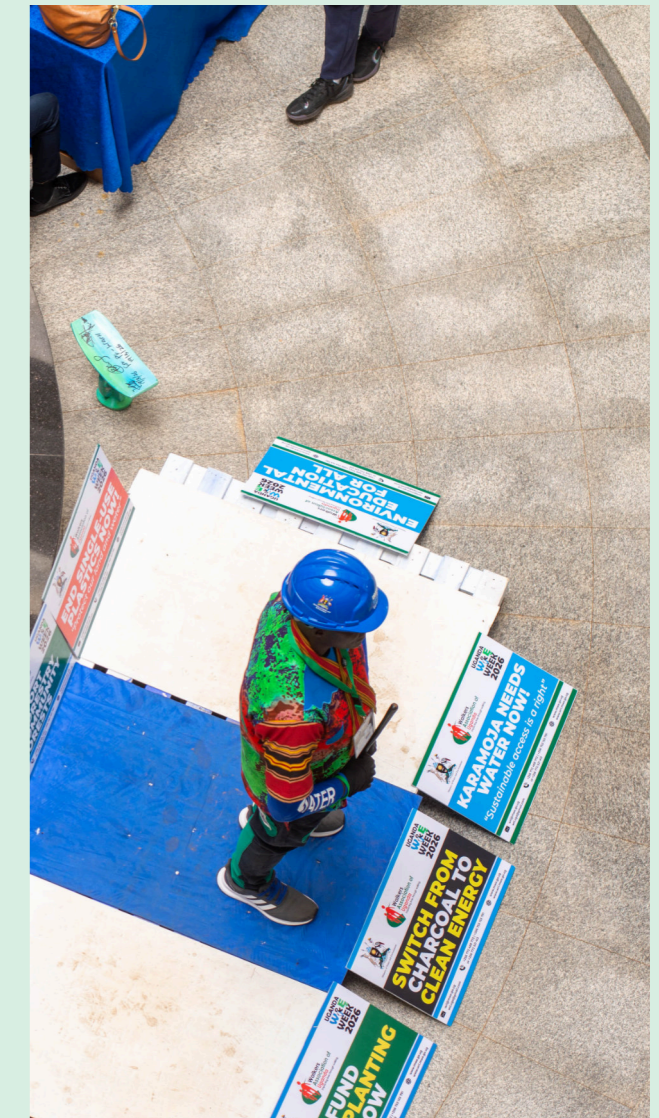
The commemoration continued with reflections on World Water Day, presented by Mr. Frank Kweronda, Acting Commissioner for Water Utility Regulation. Centering on the theme "Water and Gender," he underscored the link between water access and social equity, particularly for women and girls who bear the burden of water collection in many communities. He emphasized that improving access to safe Water and Sanitation is not only a development priority but also a matter of dignity, justice, and human rights, directly contributing to global goals on clean water and gender equality.

Attention then turned to World Meteorological Day, with remarks from Mr. Bob Alex Ogwang, Commissioner for Meteorological Affairs at the Ministry of Water and Environment. Speaking under the theme "Observing Today, Protecting Tomorrow," he highlighted the growing impacts of climate change, including rising temperatures and increasingly unpredictable weather patterns across Uganda. He stressed the importance of investing in early warning systems, expanding weather observation infrastructure, and strengthening institutional capacity to provide timely climate information for decision-making and disaster preparedness.

The session also featured the launch of critical sector documents aimed at strengthening climate resilience and sustainable resource management. Among these were the Sironko Sub-catchment Management Plan and nine Micro-Catchment Climate-Resilient Action Plans, developed through community-led processes and supported by partners including the Global Environment Facility and the African Development Bank.



Organisations undertake Exhibitions on WASH and Environment Innovations



Geoffrey Walker stands for 24 hours calling for better WASH services



Art for Inclusion -Curated Art Exhibition During the Sector Days. Exhibited Thematic Mural -Paintings and Canvasses for the Uganda Water and Environment Week March 2026

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