



# **The Forest Partnership and Partnership for Forest Development Project (P4F)**

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# Presentation Outline

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# The Forest Partnership

European Green Deal – focused and strategic action to international response to forest on environmental issues.

MoU for a Forest Partnership was signed on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at COP27 (ASham el Sheikh)

This was to ensure that Uganda's forests continue to meet their social, economic and environmental benefits

The overall aim is to enhance the role of Ugandan forests in sustainable and inclusive national development, and address challenges related to deforestation, climate change and biodiversity loss.

Specifically contributing to;

- Increasing the area of protected, restored or sustainably managed forests
- Increasing the number of forest related decent jobs
- Reducing of the annual rate of deforestation of natural forests
- Looking for ways to facilitate trade

# The Forest Partnership

Partners are called to;

1. Engage in strategic and policy dialogue
2. Ensure inclusivity- Relevant ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs) in forest mgt, land use planning, economic development
3. Engage all relevant stakeholders
4. Develop capacities of all players
5. Stimulate private sector initiatives
6. Exchange of approaches at the international level
7. Communicate in full transparency

# The Forest Partnership

## Key workstreams under the forest Partnership

- 1. *Improved governance and sustainable use and management of forests*** (institutional capacity, improve business environment, reduce environmental crime)
- 2. *Forest and tree based value chains*** – covering wood and non-wood forest products and enhance the economic importance of these value chains)
- 3. *Address deforestation and forest degradation*** (increase forest cover, halt deforestation and promote deforestation-free agriculture e.g. in coffee and cocoa value chains, national inventory for forests and agriculture and other land uses)
- 4. *Conservation and Restoration of Natural Forest and ecosystem corridors*** (CFM, strengthening local capacities and supporting boundary marking)

# The Forest Partnership

## The Forest Partnership roadmap

- Operational arm- Stipulates concrete actions, milestones and associated responsibilities to allow for full exploration of investment opportunities in the course of implementation.
- Implementation Arrangements- Stipulates the composition and role of the Technical and Political Working Groups
- Targets of the Partnership by 2030
  1. Increase the area of protected, restored or sustainably managed forests:
    - Sustainably managed forests: 1.56 million ha
    - Protected & Conserved forests: 0.76 million ha
    - Planted forests: 0.4 million ha
    - Restored forests: 0.4 million ha
  2. Increase the number of forest-related decent jobs: 150,000
  3. Reduce the annual rate of deforestation of natural forests: 20,000 ha/y deforestation

# Forest Partnership program

This is aligned to the proposed work streams. Four partners agreed to collaborate on delivery of various actions

Total Program cost: **47Million Euros**

Implementing partners

- **Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS):** Workstream 2 (Forest and tree based value chains)
- **UNODC:** Workstream 1 (Improved governance and sustainable use and management of forests) - Tracking crime along the forestry value chains.
- **FAO:** Workstream 2 (Forest and tree based value chains) - Enhance inclusive investments in sustainable wood based value chains.
- **MWE/FSSD:** All the 4 workstreams Support inclusive, efficient and effective governance of forest resources. Coordinate the forest partnership , program and project.
- **Danish Embassy:**

# Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)

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- Project in 15 districts
- Project components
- Deliverables

# Food Agricultural Organisation-FAO

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## Partnership for Forest Development Project (P4F)

**Location of the Action:** Eastern Uganda (Busoga, Bugisu and Teso Sub-regions- 5 districts per region)

**Project Duration:** 5 years (2025-2030)

**Project Cost:** EUR 5,800,000

# Overall Objective

The overall objective of this action is to enhance the contribution of Uganda's forests and forest resources to national economic development and to global efforts in addressing biodiversity loss and climate change.

## Specific Objectives

01

Enhance forest and ecosystem resilience by restoring degraded forests and reducing deforestation and degradation.

02

Increase employment, income, and fiscal revenue through responsible forest planning and utilization.

03

Strengthen institutional capacity in forestry governance, protection, and management.

# Expects results – Impacts, Outcomes and Outputs

## Impact

To increase the contribution of Uganda's forests and forest resources to the national economy in line with sustainable development principles

## Outcomes

- I. Enhanced resilience of forests and ecosystems in targeted protected areas
- II. Increased employment and rural income in areas benefited by sustainable forest planning and utilization
- III. Improved institutional and operational mechanisms that guide forestry governance, protection and management
- IV. Enhanced Effectiveness in sector coordination and monitoring of the Project, Forestry Programme and Forest Partnership

# Project Outputs

- i. Output 1.1: Improved technical and technological tools to protect ecosystems and restore degraded areas of targeted forest reserves.
- ii. Output 1.2: Increased institutional capacities in spatial delimitation of forest boundaries, strategic forest planning and sustainable governance of targeted forest reserves.
- iii. Output 2.1: Improved knowledge and technical skills of actors on sustainable development of wood and non-wood value chains
- iv. Output 3.1: Reinforced institutional and community structures that facilitate the preservation, monitoring and governance of forest reserves and ecosystems at the local level
- v. Output: 3.2: Increased availability of up-to-date forest spatial data, information and technological resources and support the promotion of Standard Forest Practices required for the sustainable management of ecosystems
- vi. Output 3.3: increased opportunities for dialogue on the development of the national legislative framework and its alignment with international conventions and standards
- vii. Output 4.1: Project, Forestry Programme and Forest Partnership implementation structures established and operationalized
- viii. Output 4.2. Project, Forestry Programme and Forest Partnership implementation effectively monitored and evaluated.

# Implementation Arrangements

- The Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE) oversight and coordination of the program.
- The Programme Steering Committee (PSC), including representatives from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS), etc.
- The Forest Sector Support Department (FSSD)- lead technical entity (**Program Coordination Unit -PCU**).
  - NPC-AC Forest Policy and Planning Development
  - Technical advisor and other project staff will be recruited
  - FSSD project implementation team
- Other implementing partners include; Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities, Ministry of Trade, Industry, and Cooperatives , National Forestry Authority (NFA) and District Local Governments



# Progress so far the project and partnership

- 2 Technical meetings convened under the Forest Partnership
- 1 Political Working Group convened
- Finalizing the G.o.U counterpart funding is ongoing
- Procurement plan approved and procurement for vehicles and furniture underway.
- Concept note for the baseline under review.
- Budget review has been done to align with the funds released

*Thank you*

