



Ministry of Water and Environment

**Review of Performance of the
Environment and Natural Resources
Sub-sector**

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Director Environment Affairs

Performance: Key Highlights

This Performance Report covers activities of the Wetlands Management Department, Forestry Sector Support Department, Department of Environment Sector Support, Climate Change Department, Nyabyeya Forestry College and Projects under the Directorate of Environment Affairs (SPGS III and FIEFOC II).

Performance: Key Highlights

1. Policy and legal framework

- ❑ NEMP reviewed and harmonized and submitted to Cabinet Secretariat for vetting while NEA under review.
- ❑ Draft Climate Change bill prepared,
- ❑ Draft Wetlands bill under preparation
- ❑ State of Uganda's Forest Report 2016 and Forestry Regulations launched.
- ❑ Forest Investment Plan and Pilot Programme on Climate Resilience designed and approved.
- ❑ Guidelines for restoring wetlands developed awaiting publication and dissemination.

Performance: Key Highlights

1. Policy and legal framework cont'd

- ❑ A draft National REDD+ Strategy and Action Plan was finalized.
- ❑ Masindi District Council adopted a District ree planting policy 2017.
- ❑ National Wetlands Atlas launched
- ❑ Performance Contract with NFA prepared
- ❑ Coordination Desk for Multilateral Environment Agreements established

Performance: Key Highlights

2. Restoration and protection of degraded ecosystems

- 440.7km of wetland and forest boundary demarcated with pillars.
- 50.7km of River Nile bank and rivers within Mabira CFR protection zone demarcated.
- 2,002ha of degraded section of wetland and forest restored.
- 56 FMPs were developed and 50 Private Forests were registered, as well as declaring 6 Community Forests.
- 103 kms of roadsides were planted with trees of assorted species

Performance: Key Highlights

3. Plantation forest development

- ❑ 14,470 stakeholders trained in different forestry and energy saving technologies country wide
- ❑ 247 Nyabeya students qualified in the cert. and dip. programs
- ❑ 9.7millions seedlings raised and distributed to communities and planted in 17,501ha.
- ❑ 1,664 ha of LFRs were planted and maintained.
- ❑ 20 woodlots demonstrations established in strategic positions in various districts totaling to 26.3 Ha.
- ❑ 03 improved charcoal kilns and 01 fuel wood demonstration plantation in the cattle corridor districts.

Performance : Key highlights (Climate Change)

- The national **Green House Gas (GHG) inventory system** was launched
- Uganda's **Pilot Programme for Climate Resilience (PPCR)** and approved by CIF
- Baseline studies were conducted in 32 DLGs
- 17 LGs mainstreamed cc in w/plans & budgets
- The capacity of six national institutions built on the use of the overall National CC **PMF**
- Uganda delegation participated in the **CoP22**

Plans/Achievements (performance)

- A National **CC Forum** comprising MDAs and CSOs was launched in June 2017
- **Green Growth Development Strategy (GGDS)** for Uganda prepared
- **ESMP** for the Additional funds for the water and sanitation project was developed
- Baseline studies were done for 4 (NAPA) priority interventions: community tree growing, water and sanitation, drought adaptation and knowledge dissemination

Performance trends:

Platinum indicators	Baseline	2013/ 14	2014/ 15	2015/ 16	2016/ 17
<i>% national forest cover</i>	18	15	11	10 - 11	9.1
<i>% natural forest under strict nature reserve</i>	12	12	12	12	12
<i>% seedling survival for 3 years</i>	60	75	78	75	75.5
<i>% distance to collect firewood</i>	2km	?	?	0.7	?
<i>% forest reserves with management plans</i>	32	32	32	35	36
<i>% compliance with EIA certificate conditions</i>	60	70	66	70	70
<i>% safe waste disposal</i>	50	?	60	65 - 70	75
<i>% rainfall observation network</i>	60	?	?	?	64
<i>% national wetland coverage</i>	10.9	9.4	8.6	8.4	8.4
<i>% wetland area with management plans</i>	0.9	4.4	5.9	10.3	14.4

Performance trend(Indicators)

Indicator	Data Source	Calculation
% change in direct and indirect Greenhouse gas emissions	Ministry of Energy & MD Ministry of Works & Transport, Forestry sector, Ministry of Agriculture	IPCC Tier1 Database for GHG inventorying has inbuilt formulas that automatically calculate the emissions.
% change in budget expenditure for cc adaptation measures of ministries and local governments	Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development Ministry of Local Government	$\frac{\text{Adaptation expenditure of entity}}{\text{Total expenditure of entity}} \times 100$
% change in Uganda's climate change vulnerability index	Office the Prime Minister, UNMA, CCD, MDAs & LGs	Current year vulnerability index - Previous year vulnerability index

Progress on Undertaking 1: Mainstreaming Environment

- ✓ Prepared SWOT and Impact Response matrix for mainstreaming
- ✓ Developed ToRs and team for the sectoral consultations
- ✓ Develop a Road map for sectoral consultation for mainstreaming
- ✓ Communicated to sector on proposed consultations
- ❑ **Sectoral consultations continues to October, 2017**
- ❑ Preparing a **draft strategy for mainstreaming Feb, 2018**
- ❑ Preparing ENR mainstreaming tools and guidelines, **Feb, 2018**
- ❑ **Training and supporting sectors in the mainstreaming, June 2018**
- ❑ Develop **draft sectoral partnership protocols /MOUs on Env't sustainability mainstreaming June, 2018**
- ❑ **Draft Env't sustainability Proposals for amendment in the PFMA by end of June, 2018**

Challenges and Recommendations

1. Encroachment, occupation and issuance of titles: are affecting central and local forest reserves, wetlands, river banks and lakeshores

- Increase investment in re-opening, demarcating, maintaining and patrolling boundaries and restoration efforts
- Strengthen political and technical oversight of District Development Committees, District Environment Committees and District Land Boards
- Increase EPPU staffing from 200 to approved 600 force
- Increase support for developing alternative livelihood options for forest, wetland, lakeshore and river bank adjacent communities

Challenges and Recommendations

2. Illegal extraction of forest products on both private lands and in the reserves, wetland and river banks and Lake shore.

- Institute a bar coding and forge-proof licensing system for tracking of timber movement.
- Strengthen and coordinate responses by EPPU, KCCA, Local Governments and MWE to monitor and regulate use of protected areas/zones.

Challenges and Recommendations

3. Degradation from government programs: large scale government programs are significant sources of environmental degradation

- Fast track mainstreaming of ENR into government business
- Strengthen conditions of EIA approval including mitigations
- Implement offset policy including mitigation hierarchy

Challenges and Recommendations

4. Rates of loss v levels of restoration: Forest loss is 33 times levels of reforestation; wetland loss is 70 times levels of restoration

- Develop specific project to undertake massive restoration countrywide.
- Develop realistic annual targets for reforestation and wetland restoration based on actual budgets
- Review NDP II targets to bring them in line with actual performance.

Key opportunity

- ❖ Make use of the current high level political support and the Land Inquiry Commission to cancel titles issued in wetlands and forests
- ❖ Ensure NEMP and NEA review addresses all mandates overlaps and sufficient penalty to address non compliance.
- ❖ Promoting forest management through registration of community forests and private forests
- ❖ Partnerships with private sector – Rotary etc.
- ❖ Green Climate Fund and other Climate funds
- ❖ Operationalisation of the Tree Fund

Issues for sector dialogue

- Growing interest to degazetted forest reserves
- Financing local governments
- The need to strengthen the Environment Protection Force (*as provided for in the draft National Environment bill*)
- Balancing development and environment conservation

Thank you

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