

# UGANDA WATER AND ENVIRONMENT WEEK (UWEWK) 2020

## CONCEPT NOTE FOR ORGANISING AND HOLDING OF ONLINE SESSIONS OF THE UGANDA WATER AND ENVIRONMENT WEEK 2020: 13 to 18 SEPTEMBER 2020

### 1.0 Introduction

Uganda Water and Environment Week (UWEWK) is a weeklong event that is organized annually by Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE) through the Water Resources Institute (WRI). Since its inception in 2018, the event seeks to contribute towards the attainment of Sustainable Socio-economic Transformation in achieving Ugandan National Development Plan and Vision 2040. It provides an interface between sector actors and other stakeholders for knowledge exchange, dialoguing, learning for improvement of Uganda's water and environment resources.

UWEWK2020, was scheduled to take place from **Monday 23rd March to Friday 27th March 2020** at the Water Resources Institute in Entebbe but was postponed due COVID-19. The aim of UWEWK 2020 was to explore "The role of water and environment resources in the achievement of the third National Development Plan (NDP III) goal and targets. Additionally, it was to assess the centrality of water and environment resources in increasing sustainable household incomes and improved quality of life of the population and achievement of "***Sustainable Industrialization for Inclusive-growth, Employment and Wealth Creation***".

The event was organised under the theme: "**water and environment resources for inclusive-growth, employment and wealth creation**". Three sub-themes were proposed to further elaborate on water and environment issues and challenges. These include:

- a) **Water and Environment Security for Inclusive-growth** - This sub-theme is to explore the impacts of degradation of water, environment and natural resources on achievement of NDPIII targets and what needs to be done to ensure water and environmental security for inclusive growth. It intends to discuss the governance challenges associated with environment and natural resources management and transboundary water cooperation and present possible solutions to promote sound water, environment and natural resources management and prevent transboundary conflicts. This sub-theme will also look into ensuring coordinated and sustainable national infrastructure projects considering that Uganda's economy relies almost entirely on the stock of water, environmental and natural resources to produce goods and deliver services. It will address the new approaches to achieving Water-Food-Energy nexus as well as approaches for addressing water scarcity and through non-conventional water and environment resources management approaches.
- b) **Water and Environment for Employment and Wealth Creation** - This sub-theme is to discuss how societies should govern and develop their water and environment resources for employment and wealth creation and improving people's livelihood. Accessibility to safe and clean water is, for many people, a matter of daily survival, or can help to break the vicious circle of poverty. Similarly, the effectiveness of wastewater treatment, sanitation improvement and disposal can have far reaching effects on survival and meaningful productivity. Improving natural resources governance and development is therefore essential to alleviating global poverty. The sub-theme will also give focus to innovative solutions for more efficient and productive development and management of

water, environment and natural resources; case studies of integrated water development and management schemes that account for the water demand and supply as well as land and the environment. It will also explore opportunities for increasing incomes and employment through sustainable use and value addition to water, environment and natural resources.

- c) **Climate change and achievement of NDP III goals** - This sub-theme is to explore the impacts of climate change, both positive and negative, on the social and economic sectors of Uganda, and explore existing and potential innovative climate change mitigation and adaptation options that are key in supporting the achievement of various NDP3 goals and targets and specifically employment and wealth creation, and general economic growth.

### Overall Goal

The overall goal of UWEWK 2020 is, improved understanding of the importance of sustainable management and development of water and environment resources in Sustainable Industrialization for Inclusive-growth, Employment and Wealth Creation.

### Objectives

The objectives of UWEWK 2020 are to:

- a. Highlight how water and environment contribution to Sustainable Industrialization for Inclusive-growth, Employment and Wealth Creation
- b. Focus on the inseparable link between security of water, energy, food and ecosystems which is critical to underpin Inclusive-growth, Employment and Wealth Creation and hence achievement of the third National Development Plan (NDP3).
- c. Deliberate on the role of effective water and environment management and governance in ensuring coordinated and sustainable national infrastructure projects;

## 2.0 From face to face to an online UWEWK 2020

Considering that it might not be possible to hold a face to face UWEWK 2020 event due to COVID 19 it has been proposed that the event be held online as follows:

- a) **A three hour live televised event that includes a formal opening ceremony, key note address and dialogue:** The opening ceremony will be held in the Auditorium of the Ministry of Water and Environment and will involve a few speeches that will be delivered within 30 minutes by high level officials from MWE, other partners and a guest of honor. The Guest of Honour is proposed to be **HE The President of Uganda, Yoweri Kaguta Museveni** who will address the meeting online. A few people are expected to attend the opening ceremony physically while observing Standard Operating Procedures issued by Ministry of Health. The opening ceremony will be followed by a key note presentation that will be punctuated with a video and a dialogue. It is proposed that this first event be held on the afternoon of **Sunday September 13, 2020 from 2 to 5pm** and be telecast on both Uganda Broadcasting Corporation (UBC) and NBS televisions. The key note presentation and a dialogue will focus on the overall theme for the UWEWK 2020 ***“the centrality of water and environment resources in Sustainable Industrialization for Inclusive-growth,***

***Employment and Wealth Creation.***”. The key note address will be “**virtual**” and will highlight the contribution and potential of water and environment resources in increasing household incomes, improved quality of life of the population and achievement of “**Sustainable Industrialization for Inclusive-growth, Employment and Wealth Creation**” in Uganda.

The following are the proposals for the key note speaker and panellists:

**Key Note Presentation:** "Water and Environment Resources for inclusive-growth, employment and wealth creation"

**Key Note Speaker:** **Dr Fred Muhumuza**, Makerere University

**Panellists:** **Ms. Elsie G. Attafuah**, UNDP Resident Representative for Uganda; **Prof. Pamela Mbabazi**- Chair, NPA; **Hon. Kefa Kiwanuka**-Chair, Natural Resources Committee of Parliament; **Alfred Okot Okidi**- Permanent Secretary, MWE; **Elly Karuhanga**, Chairman, Private Sector Foundation; **Godber Tumushabe** - Associate Director, Great Lakes Institute for Strategic Studies

**Moderator:** Maurice Mugisha, UBC

- b) **Three Thematic dialogues aligned to each of the sub-themes of UWEWK 2020.** It is proposed to hold these through zoom during the weekdays. These dialogues will be preceded by a key note presentation on each of the sub-themes of UWEWK 2020 as follows:
- i. **Water and Environment Security for Inclusive-growth** – The dialogue will be guided by a keynote presentation on the impacts of degradation of water, environment and natural resources; and transboundary water cooperation issues on achievement of NDPIII targets and what needs to be done to ensure water and environmental security for inclusive growth. This will be followed by a guided a panel and plenary discussions. It will be held on **Monday September 14, 2020 from 10am to 12pm.**

The following are the proposals for the key note speaker and panellists:

**Key Note Presentation:** Water and Environment Security for inclusive-growth

**Key Note Speaker:** **Ronald Kaggwa**, Manager- National Planning Authority

**Panel Discussion:** **Mr Querido Antonio Louis Ferreira**, FAO Country Representative; **Mathias Katamba** - Managing Director, DFCU Bank; **Jane Nabunnya Mulumba**- Country Director, IRC; **Collins Oloya**, Director, DEA; **Prof Okot Okumu**, School of Environment and Natural Resources, Makerere University

**Moderator:** **Mr Sonko Kiwanuka**- Director, WSS Services

- ii. **Water and Environment for Employment and Wealth Creation** - This dialogue will be guided by a key note and panel presentation on the innovative solutions for efficient and productive development and management of water, environment and natural resources; and explore opportunities for increasing incomes and employment through sustainable use and value addition to water, environment and natural resources. This will be followed by a guided

a panel and plenary discussions. This dialogue will be held on **Tuesday September 15, 2020 from 10pm to 12pm.**

The following are the proposals for the key note speaker and panellists:

**Key Note Presentation:** **Water and Environment for Employment and Wealth Creation**  
**Key Note Speaker:** **Prof. Alex Ariho**, African Agribusiness Incubators Network  
**Panel Discussion:** **James Ebitu** - Permanent Secretary, Gender; **Gen. Salim Saleh**, Head of Operation Wealth Creation; **Eng Joseph Eyatu**; Director, DWD, **Dr Tom Okurut** - Executive Director, NEMA; **Cate Nimanya**, Country Director, Water for People

**Moderator:** **Sophie Kutegeka**, Country Director, IUCN

**iii. Climate change and achievement of NDP 3 goals** - This dialogue will be guided by a key note and panel presentation on the impacts of climate change on Uganda's social and economic sectors, highlighting the innovative options to mitigate them in support of achieving NDP 3 goals and targets. This will be followed by a guided a panel and plenary discussions. This dialogue will be held on **Wednesday September 16, 2020 from 10am to 12pm.**

The following are the proposals for the key note speaker and panellists:

**Key Note Presentation:** Climate change and NDP III  
**Key Note Speaker:** **Dr Willy Kakuru**- Consultant, FAO  
**Panel Discussion:** **Hon Lawrence Songa**, Chairperson-Parliamentary Committee on climate change; **Dr Florence Adongo**- Director, DWRM; **Edith Kateme Kasajja**, Member of Climate Change Negotiating Team for Uganda; **Edwin Muhumuza** - Founder and CEO Youth Go Green; **Marion Iceduna**, Program Manager, CARE

**Moderator:** Rosemirta Birungi, Program Manager, AFID.

**iv. Water Security Action and Investment conference:** The conference is organized jointly with GIZ to present the results of the Kampala Water Security Action and Investment Plan. It is proposed to hold it on zoom on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020 from **10am to 12pm.**

**v. UWEWK wrap and Closing ceremony** - This session will be held on **Friday September 18, 2020 on UBC and NBS television from 2 to 4pm.**

The session will summarise key issues that came out of the 5 dialogues, the key messages as well as plans for implementing the recommended actions. The session will formally close UWEWK 2020 and launch preparations for UWEWK2021. This event will be used also to launch key sector policy and strategy documents.

**Presentation:** UWEWK 2020 summary and key messages by UWEWK 2020 Organisers

**Panel Discussion:** **Dr Joseph Muvawala** -Executive Director, NPA; **Patrick Kahangire**, Retired Director of Water Development and Presidential Adviser on Water issues; **Maris Wanyera**, Director- Cash and Debt Policy, Ministry of Finance; **Dr Silver Mugisha**- Managing Director, NWSC; **Jane Mselle Sembuche** - Country Director, WaterAid; **Dr Arthur Bainomugisha** - Executive Director, ACODE

**Closing ceremony:** Minister of Water and Environment  
Guest of Honour

**Moderator:** Mildred Tuhaise, NBS

**c) Parallels sessions on each of the sub-themes of UWEWK 2020.** It is proposed to have parallel sessions where the different paper presenters will be given an opportunity to present online through zoom. These sessions are proposed to run within the same week over a 5 day period from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Each zoom session will last 2 hours per day and will cover 6 paper presentations including discussions. It is proposed to have one parallel sessions per day and this will result in 30 paper presentations delivered over the 5 day period. Similar arrangements will be done for the short courses and the side events as will be discussed with interested participants and session convenors. Parallel sessions, short courses and the side events on the same subject areas will be scheduled to run in the morning and afternoon so as to provide participants an opportunity to attend both events if they so wish.

### **3.0 Purpose and focus of the online meetings**

The main purpose of the online event is “to provide a neutral platform and facilitate an interface among key stakeholders within and outside the mainstream sector (such as the private sector, academic institutions, religious and cultural institutions, retired professionals, civil society etc.) to deliberate and exchange ideas that will enhance sustainable development. Viewers/ listeners will be exposed to the key issues affecting the water and environment sector; vital questions on key issues affected the sector will be addressed, while innovative solutions that could address Uganda’s sustainable development challenges will be profiled.

### **4.0 The online events process**

The online sessions will be linked to the overall theme and sub-themes of the Uganda Water Environment Week 2020 which is about demonstrating “*the centrality of water and environment resources in Sustainable Industrialization for Inclusive-growth, Employment and Wealth Creation.*” Evidence from research, practice and anecdotal experiences will be used to scrutinise and present possible alternative solutions to the current water and environment resources challenges.

The dialogues and parallel sessions shall be moderated by seasoned professionals with extensive experience and knowledge in managing divergent discussions and creation of

consensus. Various key note speakers and panellists have been identified and selected from the following categories of stakeholders:

- National Economic policy experts
- Water and Environment Experts
- Investment Experts
- Academia
- Politicians
- Media

Parallel sessions, short courses and the side events will be organized collaboratively with relevant stakeholders and partners working in those specific areas.

The online session process shall include the following

- Each dialogue session will have a coordinator, note taker, moderator, key note speaker and 5 expert panelists
- Each dialogue will be preceded by a key note address delivered by an identified expert on the major theme and each of the sub-themes. The key note presentation will be punctuated by a short video to help viewers to appreciate the actions happening on the ground
- General remarks will be provided by the moderator to introduce the dialogue and panellists
- The moderator will introduce and present key questions to the panelist
- Each panelist will take a turn to provide their views on the general topic about (3-5 minutes)
- The moderator will ask clarifying questions to the panelists if necessary
- The moderator will open discussion to the plenary, and panellists will respond to plenary questions
- A conclusion and way forward will be drawn on the discussion theme
  
- Each parallel session and the side event will have 2 co-convenors, chair and rapporteur to guide the sessions.
  
- Each short course will have 1 or 2 facilitators, chair and rapporteur to guide the training

It is planned to have UWEWK daily newsletter to document what transpired during each day of the online event as a way of keeping the memory of the event alive.

## 5.0 Time allocation

Each dialogue session will be preceded by a **5 to 8-minute** key note address that will be punctuated by a short video to help viewers to appreciate the actions happening on the ground. Each panelist will be allocated **5 minutes** to provide his or her perspectives on the theme and additional **2 minutes** to clarify and respond to any concerns from the viewers/listeners. The Moderator is expected to utilise not more than 3 minutes within which to give a preamble of the session and to introduce the key note speaker and panelists. Each

Panelist will be allowed 1 minute to give final concluding remarks. Apart from the opening session which last 3 hours the other dialogue sessions will last maximum of 2 hours each.

Each parallel session, short course and the side event will last 2 hours including discussions.