



10th Annual Joint Review of the Water and Environment Sector 2018

ENR-CSO Network C/o Environmental Alert

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Outline of the ENR CSO Presentation

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26 ENR CSOs contributed to the FY 2018 /19 Report

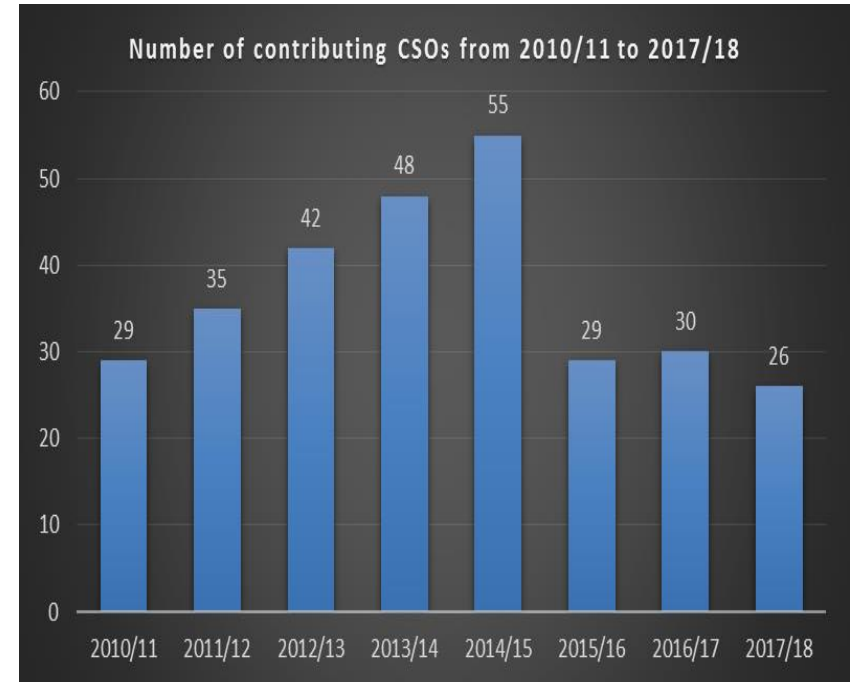
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Performance: Key Highlights

- **FY 2017 /18 : 26 ENR-CSOs (i.e. 67% of the membership)** submitted individual reports - basis for this consolidated annual ENR-CSOs annual performance report
- **Note: Decline in CSO access to financial resources (by approximately 50%)** : From USD 4,559,079 in FY 2016/2017 to USD 2,755,750 in FY 2017/2018 (ca. USD 1,803,000 drop)

Reasons:

- a) Other CSOs i.e. 33% were not able to submit their report within the set timeframe;
- a) Some CSOs lack alternative incomes to supplement support from the development partners.



Source: Consolidated ENR-CSO annual performance report, 2017/18.

Performance: Key Highlights

- ❑ At 55%, forestry related activities continue to dominate ENR CSOs investment (from 48% in FY 2016/17)
- ❑ Environment sector at 26% (from 18% in FY 2016/17)
- ❑ Weather, climate and climate change at 7% (from 12% in FY 2016/17)
- ❑ Governance at 6% (12% in FY 2016/17)
- ❑ Wetlands management received the lowest portion at 3% (from 5% in FY 2016/17)

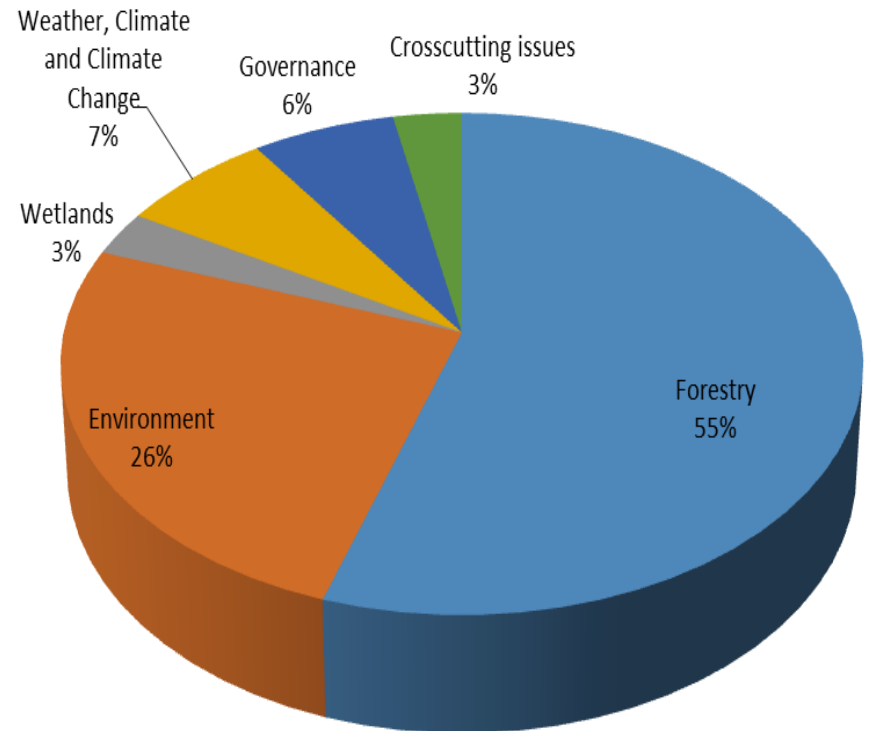


Figure 3: Percentage investment in each of the thematic area.

Overall Key achievements by ENR CSOs

- 1) **Endorsement of a 5 year MoU between MWE & the ENR CSOs Network** ---- formalises the working relation with MWE and strengthens engagement which have previously been through informal arrangements
- 2) **Approval and launch of the National Forest Stewardship Standards (NFSS)** by the Forest Stewardship Council and the Minister for Water and Environment. FSC National Forest Stewardship Standard is the **1st in Africa and 8th globally.**
 - 1) - enforcement could lead to sust. forest management through forest certification.
- 3) **CSOs supported review of the Agoro-Agu Sector CFRs Forest Management Plan (65,548 Ha) in Lamwo, Kitgum, Pader and Agago** using a Landscape Management Planning Approach - to support NFA & UWA to prepare mgmt. plans for the Agoro- Agu sector & Mt. Elgon N/Park using a land use dialogue approach.
- 4) **Support to OPM, UNHCR – set up of offset mechanisms to counter refugee impact on tree cover and environment restoration in settlements (Kyangwali, Palabek, Rhino camp, Kyaka, Bidi bidi, etc)**
- 5) Supported and contributed to assessment of **CFM guidelines for gender sensitivity** ----- NFA confirmed decision to review the CFM Guidelines

Some key achievements by ENR CSOs

6. ENR-CSOs supported and contributed to policy reviews by providing alternative policy recommendations a.o:

- **Joint CSOs Memo on the draft National Environmental Bill, 2017** submitted to the Parliamentary Committee on Natural resources by the Civil Society Coalition on Oil & gas (CISCO) and the ENR-CSO Network
- **submitted proposals for the on going review of the Renewable Energy Policy**
- In collaboration with Wetlands Management Department, ENR-CSOs **co-organized national stakeholders Policy dialogue as part of the wetlands policy review process**
- **Mobilised actors to generate views on the draft Climate Change bill in collaboration with the CC Dept.**
- **Good Governance Working Group of MWE – input to finalise strategy & Action plan for improved Gov. & service delivery in the Ministry**

7. With Partners have conducted several studies (resulting in **up to 20 publications**) e.g. through the Uganda Forest Working Group commissioned a study on, *'Institutional Assessment of timber trade in Uganda,'*

Specifics:

Performance: Forestry thematic area [Golden/ Platinum Indicators: % of Uganda's land covered by forest | % survival of tree seedlings]

- a. ENR CSOs supported the establishment of **7 tree nurseries** & participated in the planting + distribution of **> 1.8 million** assorted tree seedlings (**Kyankwazi, Masindi, Mityana, Nakasongola, Hoima, Bududa, Manafwa, Kapchorwa and Lamwo Districts**)
 - **Benefits to diff. stakeholders incl.** forest dependent communities, Collaborative Forest Management groups, Private Forest Owners, farmer associations/ organizations, women groups, small holder farmers, refugee settlements and local communities. **At a conservative spacing of 3*3 metres, these are estimated to have covered ca.1,624 Ha**
- b. Continued promoting **Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR)** in the Shea Butter belt (**Lira, Otuke, Alebtong, Amuria and Agago**). **In this region over 34 sq. kilometres are maintained under the FMN arrangement.**
- c. **Uganda Tree Growers Association** – training **40 members** (**Luweero, Nakasongola, Nakaseke, Wobulenzi**)

Performance: Wetlands thematic area [Golden/ Platinum Indicator(s): % of Uganda's wetlands used under management plans]

- a) Supported communities to **demarcate over 68 km of river banks & 10 of wetlands** in Mutu parish (Agago district) and Akileng parish (Amuria district) - restoring functionality of the river banks and wetlands
- b) Produced **public info & education materials**; supported **awareness campaigns** for resource user communities in **over 15 wetlands**

Performance: Energy thematic area

- a) **Review & gap analysis of RE policy**, media engagement on positive reporting and sustainable charcoal journalism
- b) With MEMD – **capacity building of 40 Env. Reporters on sustainable charcoal journalism** (charcoal value chain) ---- towards improved charcoal mgmt. technologies

Performance: Extractive industry thematic area

- a. **Mapping and support to meaningful engagement of stakeholders** in the oil and gas sector / mineral exploration
- b. **Comprehensive studies on status and extent in use of heavy metals** such as mercury by artisanal and small scale gold miners (Mubende, Busia and Karamoja)

Weather, climate and climate change thematic area

- a. Draft **Climate Change Bill** input
- b. Cont'd work with the National REDD+ secretariat – **National REDD+ program & Forest Investment Plan** & frameworks in its support
- c. Promoting **agronomic farming practices, energy saving options** amongst indigenous and forest dependent communities to adapt and mitigate climate change.

Key challenges observed

Forestry thematic area

- a. **Weak enforcement of laws, regulations and the Presidential directive on Illegal logging** in northern Uganda - *Azelia africana*, *Vitellaria paradoxa*, *Khaya spp*
- b. **Proposed NFA, FSSD merger – challenges of mgmt. & monitoring forest resources** given the current level of illegalities; **District Forest Services?**
- c. MWE concentration on **commercial tree growing - exotic tree spp for ca. 80%** of Farm Income Project, Sawlog production. MWE is mandated to roll out Forest Landscape Restoration initiatives....incl. maintenance of genetic pool of indigenous tree spp

Wetlands thematic area

- a. **Inadequate coordination** among institutions – conflicting / mandates / projects / programmes that escalate encroachment – illegal titling
- b. Wetland restoration < rate of degradation by factor of 70
- c. Outstanding – **no legal framework**manipulation by dishonest developers and illegal users



ENR CSOs Chairperson on an illegal logging tracking mission (together with NFA staff) in Palabek Ogili, Lamwo District.

Source: ENR-CSOs Annual Performance Report, 2018.

Environment Thematic Group

- a. **Undertaking No.1** requires **multi-stakeholder engagement & collaboration** – **no dedicated staff to coherently follow up on implementation** of actions (Not in silos) e.g. high impacts sectors; **impl. requires finalization of CC, Env, Wetland bills** (delayed)
- b. Influx of refugees
- c. **Release of the 3% Water subsector budget to ENR subsector** – not yet done, incl. guidelines for its use & reporting
- d. **Cancellation of land titles** in forest reserves, wetlands.....as undertaking remains undone again

Weather, climate and climate change thematic area

- a. **Undertaking No.1** is a **multi-sector undertaking** – requires a legal framework to make it mandatory for all lead MDAs & LGs to implement climate change policy priorities & strategies and report on responses to climate change **beyond current 'goodwill'**
- b. Uganda has no National Implementation Entities – NO direct access to GCF and AF funds
- c. Fate of UNMA?: bringing it back to the MWE; has no board that hampers decision making



Key Recommendations

Environment

- a. **URGENT:** MWE should expand shortlist of **high Impact sectors to include oil & gas and security sectors** as targets for mainstreaming ENR & climate change
- b. MWE, Wetlands Dept., FSSD should **engage Min. of Lands Housing and Urban Dev. as part of the ongoing Land Inquiry Commission to cancel the said land titles** in wetlands, forest reserves... and publish a list in the gazette
- c. MWE and depts. scale up implementation the ENR gender strategy and regularly report on progress

Forestry

- a. MWE and CSOs works closely with OPM / UNHCR to fast track dev.& impl. of Refugee Response Plan and strategies – **guidelines with clauses to deter transportation of illegal forest produce by accredited transport companies**

Wetlands

- a. **Mandates of diff. ENR institutions be harmonised & clearly spelt out:** part of the on going legal reforms (Environment, Climate Change, wetland management bills; review of the National Forestry & Tree-planting Act.
- b. Review process for EIAs – **expanded to cater for guidance from disciplines / subsectors** that are heavily impacted on (wetlands mgmt., water resources mgmt., forestry etc)

Weather, Climate and Climate Change

- a. In forthcoming JSR, reconsider status of the Weather, Climate and Climate Change subsector given this will benefit from specific discussions; can also take up issues that have accumulated since the establishment of the CCD and operationalization of UNMA

Potential issues for suggested undertaking

Implementation of the Presidential / Government ban on illegal logging, harvesting of endangered tree spp i.e. *Afzelia Africana* and the sheanut tree.

- requires a strategy with clear timeframe and adequate resource allocation for implementation & enforcement; involving key stakeholders at all levels.

ENR CSO Pledge for the coming FY 2018/19:

- **Engage MWE on a quarterly basis now that we have an enabling collaborative framework in place as we strive to jointly address the above mentioned concerns and challenges**



Thanks!