

**NATURAL RESOURCES PRESENTATION AT THE DISTRICT BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING FOR 2017 2018**

Natural resources are composed of three sectors ie:-

Environment-Environment and wetlands

Forestry

Lands (and physical planning)

**MANDATE OF THE DIRECTORATE**

The mandate of the directorate is to ensure sustainable natural resource management in the district.

The directorate is composed of the following sub-sectors:

- Environment and Wetlands
- District Forest Services
- Lands Management

**LANDS SUB-SECTOR**

The lands sub-sector is charged with the following:

1. Advising the district and the Lower Local Councils on matters pertaining to land in the district
2. Issuing of land titles
3. Lands rights education
4. Ensure infrastructure projects and work-plans conform to and comply with land use regulations
5. Ascertaining the legal status on any land acquired for potential developments

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6. Determining and ensuring collection of revenue from land transaction

7. Ensuring adherence to land acquisition rules and regulation by all land developers

### **Major developments in the sub-sector**

Sembabule business in land matters has now been separated from other districts

Revenue base from land dues has been secured to district accounts

Lands Staff are now helping us to acquire information regarding public land in Sembabule

### **ENVIRONMENT SUB-SECTOR**

The Environment sub-sector is charged with the following:

1. To ensure that all people living in the district have their fundamental right to an environment adequate for their health and wellbeing
2. To promote the use and conservation of the environment and natural resources of the district and Uganda in general equitably and for the benefit of the present and future generations
3. To ensure that environmental awareness is integrated at all levels as part of education
4. To publish relevant data on environmental quality and resource use
5. To enforce compliance to environmental protection standards and to monitor changes in environmental quality

### **FORESTRY SUB-SECTOR**

The Forestry sub-sector is charged with the following:

1. Direct management of Local Forest Reserves, Extension Services, and regulation of forest activities on private and customary land, and privately owned natural forests and woodlands
2. Promoting tree planting and protection of woodland and vulnerable areas and watershed
3. Advising Council on matters relating to forestry in the district
4. Promote forestry awareness in the district
5. Collect revenue from license and taxes on forestry activities in the district

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6. Causing to be prosecuted, any person willfully destroying any forest resources in contravention of national forestry and tree planting Act 2003
7. Enforcing Forestry laws and monitor changes in forest quality

### **ACHEIVEMENTS OF 2015/16 FY (ENVIRONMENT)**

- ✚ Community sensitization on wise use of wetlands was done.
- ✚ Compliance monitoring and enforcement of wetland laws and regulations was done.
- ✚ Restoration of degraded areas in Ntuusi and Lugusuulu was done.
- ✚ Screening and environmental certification.
- ✚ Sharing information on rainfall performance and climate change.

### **CHALLENGES**

Lack of transport limited funding

Limited funding from the centre- The district gets environment status in the Districts handle wetland related issues. Other environment issues outside wetlands are not catered for. (8.9, M, but now reduced to 6.5M).

### **• ACHEIVEMENTS OF 2015/16 FY (FORESTRY)**

- 50 FIEFOC Farmers (28 Men and 22 Women) trained in plantation and tree management (silvicultural) practices mainly thinning and pruning in Lwebitakuli, Ntuusi, Mijwala and Lugusuulu sub-counties.
  - 35 Forest patrols and inspections carried out in Lugusuulu, Ntuusi, Lwemiyaga and Mijwala sub counties to enforce forestry
  - 4 HA Planted trees around Kakinga Dam.
  - Assisted farmers to establish their own plantations.(3HA)
  - Training and sensitization on forestry related issues done.
  - 50,000 Raised seedlings in the District tree nursery for communities to plant.
  - 12Monitoring of harvesting and utilization of forestry resources

### **CHALLENGES**



1. Lack of transport
2. Limited funding

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3. Under Staffing

### **Current status of Natural resources environment**

-  There is a lot of degradation of the fragile ecosystems like wetlands and forest reserves.
-  The District is always hit by drought and other climate change effects

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### **NATURAL RESOURCES**

#### **1. ENVIRONMENT**

Objective	Strategies	Activates for 2017/2018	Budget (proposed source of funding)2017/2018
Objective 1 - Restore degraded ecosystems (wetlands, forests, range lands and catchments) to appropriate levels.	<i>Strategy 1:</i> Restore the forest cover to 1990 levels.	Community sensitization -Availing tree seedlings at affordable prices	LG
		Community sensitization -Identification of the day for tree planting in the District -Linking up with. Civil society organizations and the private sector for support	LG and CSO
		Provision of advisories as well as linking communities to service providers	
	<i>Strategy 2:</i> Restore the wetlands,	Provision of advisories, linking communities to service providers	LG

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	rangelands and monitor restoration of all ecosystems.	Plan for patrols and monitoring visits	LG
	<i>Strategy 3:</i> Support environmental improvement initiatives.	-Strict monitoring. -Ensuring compliance with environment laws and regulations	LG
		-Mobilize public institutions for tree planting -Avail planting materials - Identify and popularize the tree planting day	LG, NEMA, NFA, OWC
Objective 2 - Ensure sustainable management of environmental resources and minimize degradation	<i>Strategy 1:</i> Integrate environmental concerns in all development initiatives.	Ensure that all development projects address environment issues, by critically analyzing the project profile in the development plan, both at the District and Sub-county level -Ensure that all other development partners mainstream environment in development	LG
	<i>Strategy 3:</i> Develop national, regional and international partnerships and networks to enhance trans-boundary environmental management.	Reporting any identified trans boundary issue identified	LG
	<i>Strategy 4:</i> Enhance institutional	Bridging the gap between the relevant institutions	

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	collaboration between key actors for example UNBS, URA and NEMA to assist in regulating counterfeits and other non-environmental friendly products.		
	<i>Strategy 5:</i> Increase public awareness and environmental education.	Mobilize and sanitize all key stakeholders to enable them share the information and disseminate it to the other community members	LG
		Plan for community sensitization -Lobby for support for environmentally friendly initiatives. -Plan for school environment education. -Liaise with other partners to handle unfunded environment related issues	LG, NGOs
	<i>Strategy 6:</i> Promote compliance with environmental laws and regulations.	-Ensure compliance with environment laws and regulations through compliance monitoring. -Environment certification of all projects	LG
		Plan for inspections, and liaising with licensing organizations like NEMA	LG
		Ensure that the laws are respected	LG
		Advocate for the environment police per district	LG, NEMA
		Lobby for training of these officers	LG, NEMA

### **2. CLIMATE CHANGE**

Objective 2 - Ensure climate proof development planning.	<i>Strategy 1:</i> Re-define climate change as a development issue.	Sensitization on climate change. -Continue with data collection on weather and market information -Ensure mainstreaming of climate change in	LG, MWE, CHAI
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		development	
Objective 3 – Promote Low carbon economic development path.	<i>Strategy 1:</i> Provide and promote incentives for clean development.	-Create awareness on global warming and the causes at all levels. -Promote planting o broad leaved trees -Link up with private sector to effectively participate in clean energy development initiatives.	LG, NEMA,MWE, LVEMP

### **3 METEORO LOGY SECTOR**

	<i>Strategy 1:</i> Enhance the human resource capacity to strengthen observational and analytical capabilities.	Plan for training of the existing staff to enable provision of accurate meteorological services to various users. -Plan for funds to enable the staff to do the work	MWE, CHAI, LG NGOs
	<i>Strategy 2:</i> Create awareness and promote use of meteorological services.	Mainstream meteorological services	MWE, LG

### **4 WETLAND MANAGEMENT**

Objective 1 - Enhance the sustainable use of wetlands in order to achieve the optimum, ecological value and socio-economic benefits for development.	<i>Strategy 1:</i> Conserve the biodiversity value of wetlands.	Follow up the wetland inventory report and update the wetland inventory	LG,MWE,NEMA
		Constitute a multispectral monitoring team	LG
		Transect walks along critical wetlands in the District to identify issues with communitie	LG

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		Community sensitization, backstopping of EFPP and training of leaders on wetland management	LG
	<i>Strategy 2:</i> Enhance the ecological value of wetlands.	Organize stakeholder meeting for a needs assessment in relation to the ecological conditions and disseminate findings	LG
		Assist communities in coming up with management plans for wetland in their areas of jurisdiction	LG,NEMA, MWE
		Wetland demarcation for critical wetlands	LG, LVEMP, MWE
	<i>Strategy 3:</i> Ensure sustainable use of wetlands for economic purposes.	Taking stock of the available resources, both tangible and non-tangible and putting all of the in monetary terms (carrying out social economic and ecological analysis)	MWE
		Identification of potential areas for tourism, and ensuring close linkage with other sectors like water, Agriculture through quarterly meeting	LG, Ministry of trade and industry
		Review Parish wetland management plans and ensure implementation of action points	LG
	<i>Strategy 4:</i> Institute and operationalize appropriate policy, legal and institutional frameworks.	-Recruitment of DNRO, DFO,EO, Cartographer and Forest Guard	LG
		-Procurement of survey tools	
		Plan for inter-departmental meeting between water and natural resources	LG
		Categorize wetlands, identify resources that need to be conserved, and determine areas to be zoned	NEMA, MWE, LG
		Advocate for Provision of alternative livelihoods	LG, NGOAS, NEMA



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		Link up with already established market centres for products from NR	LG, Ministry of trade and industry
		Mobilize funds to plant broad leaved trees in the buffer zones	LG,NEMA, MWE
		Share information with relevant institutions like NEMA, SEDFA and the relevant Ministries	LG
	<i>Strategy 5:</i> Restore degraded wetlands and ensure sustainable management.	Promote natural regeneration and practice enrichment planting in the degraded areas of wetlands	LG
		Plan for inter-wetland systems and participatory wetland management planning	LG,MWE, NEMA
		Plan for participatory community management planning	LG,MWE, NEMA
		Sensitize leaders about ramsar convention, wetland reserves and the sites in the District. -Demarcate te sites	LG, Ministry of trade and industry
	<i>Strategy 6:</i> Promote trans-boundary co-operation for sustainable management of wetlands.	Advocate for regular trans boundary meetings. -Popularize Conventions, Protocols, Treaties, Agreements	LG and relevant Ministries

**5 FORESTRY SECTOR**

Objective 1 - Restore Forest Cover from 91 hectares <sub>37</sub> to 129 hectares by 2017	<i>Strategy 1:</i> Re-forestation and afforestation of 23 hectares in1 forest reserves and 15 ha in Dam , road reserves and public places.	-Create awareness -District initiates planting of trees in all public places -Empower communities to plant trees even in their private lands	LG, NFA, MWE
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	<i>Strategy 2:</i> Promote greening along and around public infrastructure and establishments.	Planting of trees at all institutions, along road reserves and public lands owned by districts, town councils, schools and sub-counties.	LG, NFA, MWE
	<i>Strategy 3:</i> Promote commercial tree-planting on private land.	People be encouraged to lease permit in Kazooba CFR for commercial tree planting	LG, NFA, MWE
	<i>Strategy 4:</i> Increase involvement of the population in tree planting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Community sanitization on tree planting</li> <li>- Train individuals, communities and institutions on tree nursery establishment</li> <li>- Encourage NGOs,CBOS ,CSOs also to engage themselves and individuals in tree planting to address climate change issues.</li> <li>-Continue with the District tree nursery</li> <li>-Advocate for establishment of tree nurseries at S/C</li> <li>-Promote forestation on bare hills</li> </ul>	LG, NFA, MWE,NGOs
	<i>Strategy 6:</i> Strengthen the capacity of relevant sector institutions to effectively enforce forest and environmental laws and regulations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Carry out patrols and link up with environment police</li> <li>-Lead Agencies ie NEMA,FSSD,NFA, to empower district on policy Issues.</li> </ul>	LG, NFA, MWE, NEMA,FSSD,NFA,
Objective 2 - Restore degraded natural forests in forest reserves and private forests.	<i>Strategy 2:</i> Protect the Government permanent forest estate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Patrols to be done</li> <li>- Demarcation of forest reserve boundaries</li> <li>-Plant the bare forest estates</li> </ul>	LG, NFA, MWE, NEMA,FSSD,

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Objective 3 - Reduce pressure on forest cover as a source of wood fuel and construction material.	<i>Strategy 1:</i> Promote the use of efficient energy saving sources.	Promote use of fuel saving technologies and other alternative energy sources like Bio-gas, Solar and energy saving stoves	LG, NFA, MWE, NEMA,FSSD,NGOs
	<i>Strategy 6:</i> Regulate forestry activity on private land in line with the land use policy.	-DFO liaise with private land owners -Sensitize communities -Promote land use plan	LG, Ministry of lands and urban development
Objective 4 - Promote forestry-based industries and trade.	<i>Strategy 1:</i> Promote forest habitat-based livelihoods and products (for example Apiculture and natural medicines).	Promote Apiculture in Bigo-byamugenyi Natural habitant	LG. Ministry of tourism
	<i>Strategy 2:</i> Promote Eco-tourism.	Identify potential sites to be developed for ecotourism	LG, Ministry of tourism
	<i>Strategy 4:</i> Strengthen networks for participation of local private sector in the global carbon credit market.	Massive sensitization about carbon trade	LG, NFA, MWE, NEMA,FSSD,NGOs

### **6 LAND MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION**

Objective 1 - Create an inclusive and	<i>Strategy 1:</i> Formulate the National Land Policy.	i) Disseminate and implement the National Land Policy.	LG
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pro-poor policy and legal framework for the land sector.			
	<i>Strategy 6:</i> Roll out the systematic adjudication, demarcation, survey and certification/registration of land program.	Survey all land around public facilities like wetlands, valley tanks and dams plus Local and Community forest reserves and other fragile ecosystems	LG, MWE
Objective 3 - Increase the stock and quality of human resources.	<i>Strategy 1:</i> Strengthen technical services of various institutions responsible for delivery of land services.	-Training of area land committee and the District land board -Recruitment of cartographer, and the physical planner	LG
Objective 4 - Increase the level of awareness on land issues.	<i>Strategy 1:</i> Create awareness on land issues.	promote awareness on land issues	LG
Objective 5 - Develop the requisite infrastructure for effective and efficient delivery of land services.		Procure Tools and equipment for the District staff surveyor	LG

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Objective 6 - Increase availability, accessibility, affordability, and use of land information for planning and implementing development programs.	<i>Strategy 1:</i> Improve land data and information management.	compile data about land in Sembabule District and make it available to key stakeholders for proper planning	
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### **7 PHYSICAL PLANNING**

Objective 1 - Increase the level of compliance to physical development plans by both private investors and Government projects (such as roads, dams, water supply schemes, irrigation schemes, housing, education and health infrastructure among others)	<i>Strategy 1:</i> Implement the new physical planning law.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Popularize the physical planning act</li> <li>- disseminate comprehensive physical planning and regulations, guidelines and standards</li> <li>-. Institute approval mechanism for public physical infrastructure projects</li> <li>- Carry out regular supervision, monitoring and inspection to ensure compliance with physical planning standards.</li> <li>- Produce a bi-annual State of Physical Planning Report.</li> </ul>	LG, Ministry of lands and urban development
Objective 2 - Put in place a national spatial development backbone to	<i>Strategy 1:</i> Formulate and implement national and regional physical development plans.	Participate in regional physical planning process	LG

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support orderly and sustainable urbanization, industrialization, services and infrastructural development.			
Objective 6 - Facilitate optimal utilization of land resources especially in areas with the highest economic potentials.	<i>Strategy 1:</i> Prepare physical development plans for areas with the highest economic potentials.	Physical plans for upcoming trading centres to be developed	LG

**8 URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

Objective 3 - Improve urban environment and heritage.	<i>Strategy 1:</i> Prepare urban beautification and landscaping plans.	Beautification and greening of the two town councils and trading centres	LG and other development partners
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The back bone of this District is Agriculture, which is supported by sustainable utilization of Natural Resources and therefore a need to give this department priority.

Thank you so much.