

#### THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA



# REPORT OF THE HIGH LEVEL EVENT ON UGANDA'S CLIMATE PLANS AND AMBITIONS

26 June 2018, Kampala Serena Hotel

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## 1.0 Back ground

The Government of Uganda ratified the Paris Agreement in mid-2016, having developed and communicated a climate action plan also known as the Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) in 2015 prior to the United Nations Climate Change Conference, also referred to as COP21 in Paris. Consequently, after the universal adoption of the Paris Agreement, the INDC was communicated as the country's first Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) after signing the ratification instrument. On joining the Paris Agreement, Uganda urged developed countries to offer technical and financial support to African countries as envisaged in the Agreement.

## **2.0 Introduction**

In accordance with paragraph 22 of decision 1/CP.21 related to entry into force of the Paris Agreement, Uganda communicated her first NDC after ratification of the Paris Agreement. Recognizing the need for support for implementation of her NDC priority actions, Uganda joined the NDC Partnership in 2016.

The NDC Partnership is a coalition of developed and developing countries and international institutions working together to ensure that the financial and technical support needed to achieve ambitious climate and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is fast and effective as possible. The NDC Partnership is co-chaired by the governments of Germany and Morocco and guided by a Steering Committee and facilitated by a support unit hosted by World Resources Institute (WRI) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat.

The Government of Uganda made a formal request for support on coordination and implementation of the NDCs to the NDC Partnership support unit. The request highlighted 11 priority areas of support, majorly in form of technical assistance. Additionally, the Government of Uganda designated Climate Change Department of Ministry of Water and Environment (CCD), Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MoFPED), and the National Planning Authority (NPA) as focal points to the NDC Partnership.

On 31 and 1 February 2018, Uganda became the first country in Africa to develop a result based draft NDC Partnership Plan elaborating the 11 request areas into **5 outcomes**, **49 outputs and 140 key performance indicators** through a multi-stakeholder engagement process. The Uganda NDC Partnership Plan builds and aligns on existing institutional arrangements and policy frameworks such as Second National Development Plan (NDP II) 2015/16 - 2019/2020; National Climate Change Policy, 2015 and its Costed Implementation Strategy; Green Growth Development Strategy (2017/18 – 2030/31) and its implementation road map, Climate Change Bill (2017) and other national sectoral policies.

So as to move from planning to implementation of the Partnership Plan, the NDC Partnership focal points intended to lay ground work to attract public and private financial support and technical assistance to implement the Partnership plan.

To this effect, the NDC Partnership focal points in Uganda in collaboration with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ) and NDC Partnership support unit organized a high-level event on Uganda's Climate Plans and Ambitions on the 26 June 2018 at Kampala Serena Hotel.

## 2.1 Purpose of the event

The purpose of the event was to invigorate political momentum and commitment whilst rallying support for climate action and delivering the partnership plan.

## 2.2 Specifically, the event aimed,

- i. to present and raise awareness of the partnership plan as a tool to achieve Uganda's NDC goal;
- ii. to highlight steps for partnership plan implementation and tracking progress by government and development partners;
- iii. to catalyze multi-partner efforts to tackle shared climate related goals;
- iv. to officially sign off the Uganda's Partnership Plan.

## **3.0 Proceedings**

The event commenced at 9:42am attracting **118 participants** representing high-level representatives of Development Partners, Government, academia, private sector, civil society, media and other stakeholders. The event was Co-chaired by Minister of Water and Environment, Hon. Sam Cheptoris and H.E. Dr. Albrecht Conze, the Ambassador, German Embassy Kampala.

# 3.1 Welcome remarks by Mr. Chebet Maikut, Commissioner, Climate Change Department

Welcome remarks were made by one of the NDC Partnership focal point, Mr. Chebet Maikut, the Commissioner, Climate Change Department, Ministry of Water and Environment. He welcomed participants to the event, underscored the short period of time the country took to become the first African nation to have a partnership plan, aimed at creating enabling conditions to carry forward Uganda's contribution to global climate goals.

He further informed the event that the Uganda NDC Partnership Plan sought to:

- a. create or strengthen, inter alia, national and subnational capacities of Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), non-state actors to effectively integrate NDC-SDGs commitments;
- b. strengthen policy and institutional framework for the effective governance of climate change in Uganda;

- c. increase financing for climate change and accelerate project financing for NDC implementation;
- d. institutionalize effective Measurement Reporting and Verification (MRV) systems for monitoring GHG emissions and gender responsive adaptation actions.

He also informed the event of a technical workshop on NDC Partnership plan that was held on 25 June 2018 at Best Western Premier Garden Hotel in Entebbe, which provided a platform for stakeholders including Ministries, Departments and Agencies, civil society, academia and private sector to network for coordinated implementation of the Uganda NDC Partnership Plan and understand their respective roles with regard to implementing the partnership plan.

He concluded by reminding the participants that the high level event aimed to witness the sign off of the Partnership Plan, a symbolic gesture of Partners who had expressed support to the Partnership plan.

## 3.2 Remarks by Dr. Pablo Vieira, Global Director, NDC Partnership Support Unit

Dr. Pablo Vieira, the Global Director of the NDC Partnership support unit congratulated the Government of Uganda and the focal points for the progress in formulating the Uganda NDC Partnership Plan, first of kind in Africa. He welcomed and appreciated the collective effort that has seen 15 partners matching to 39 of the 49 actions/outputs in the Partnership Plan, in just 6 short months.

He noted that Uganda was already sending signals of increased ambition. He invited more partners to support the Partnership plan, noting that climate change is a reality that required urgent action. He further informed that was excited to highlight early results on the implementation of Uganda NDC Partnership Plan at COP 24 in Poland later this year. He also noted that Uganda's process will be a learning model for other countries across regions.

## 3.3 Statement by Ms. Rosa Malango, UN Resident Coordinator/ UNDP Resident Representative

In her remarks, Ms. Malango noted that Uganda remains vulnerable to increasing climate variability risks. She informed the event that the NDC Partnership plan that was launched reinforced Busan Declaration on aid effectiveness and Talanoa platform adopted at COP23 under the leadership of Fiji, and provided an opportunity for all stakeholders to make individual commitments towards Uganda's climate ambition.

She also informed that UNDP had prioritized climate change response and disaster risk reduction within its country programme 2016-2020 in recognition of the intertwined relationship between taking action on climate change and achieving many of the national and global sustainable development goals.

She communicated UNDP additional support towards realizing the Partnership Plan targets which included, inter alia, establishment of: a USD 15 million Euro revolving fund

financed by the NAMA facility through GIZ and a dedicated NDC support programme. She also communicated UNDP support of **USD 32,819,639** for the period 2018-2020 through a number of on-going initiatives and others under developments.

## 3.4 Remarks by H.E. Dr. Albrecht Conze, Ambassador, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany

The ambassador informed the event that Germany and Morocco were the two facilitators serving as the Co-chairs of the NDC Partnership worldwide. He congratulated Uganda government for being the first to put together the Partnership plan and pointed out that, it is important to remain the first even in the implementation. He acknowledged that the event was a reminder to all those that were involved in the process of formulating the Uganda NDC Partnership Plan to remain closely together in combating climate change. He emphasized that the Germany government and in particular the implementing agent – GIZ was eager to continue with the support in implementing the NDC due to the fact that climate change is an essential part of the sustainable development goals which constitutes the overall reference. He concluded by urging different development partners to ensure to live up to their responsibilities in delivering the plan.

## 3.5 Remarks by Dr. Wilberforce Kisamba-Mugerwa, Chairperson, National Planning Authority

In his remarks, Dr. Kisamba-Mugerwa, noted that climate change response was as a key development priority given its devastating effects and informed that the second National Development Plan (NDPII) aspired for a climate resilient economy along a low carbon development path.

He cited the 2016/17 Uganda National HouseHold Survey Report that identified frequent and prolonged droughts which undermined agriculture production as one of the factors responsible for the reversal performance on the income poverty (from 19.7% in 2013/14 to 27% in 2016/17).

He further informed that NDP was National Planning Authority (NPA) key entry point for implementation of the NDC, thence, part of the NDC Partnership focal institutions that drafted the Partnership Plan. In addition, he informed that NPA's jurisdiction include Outcome 4 of the Partnership Plan which focused on strengthened capacity of government officials, civil society, private sector and academia to effectively integrate NDC-SDGs commitments with a gender lens into existing and future programmes.

He, however, noted with concern, the delays in some of the processes in the NDC Partnership, notably, the issue of Technical Advisor, who was expected to be stationed at NPA by June, pointing out the ambiguity for NPA to hold back processes to be undertaken by the Technical Assistant in the scheduled time.

He also noted with concern **most of the financial resources committed to the Uganda NDC Partnership Plan was already signed for by Government.** He however, urged partners to beef up the support with new financial as opposed to recycling existing financial commitments.

He concluded by calling upon the Ministry of Water and Environment and Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development to continue rallying behind the plan and establish a clear road map on the intended method of work geared towards fast tracking and periodic monitoring of the implementation of the NDC plan.

## 3.6 Remarks by Hon. Biyika Lawrence Songa, Chairperson, Parliamentary Forum on Climate Change (PFCC)

Hon. Songa noted that climate change was a serious issue which needed immediate attention. He highlighted on three areas; firstly, Domestication, where NDC involves many countries and therefore NDC should be implemented locally.

Secondly, resilience, encouraging Government of Uganda to plan to work towards resilient infrastructure, agriculture, individuals, exploring the potential of climate smart agriculture to increase food security, income security, nutrition and development without degrading the environment. Thirdly, involvement of all stakeholders so that they can be able to put money in private sectors like what other development partners were doing.

He concluded by informing the event that the PFCC was committed to continue supporting dialogues with different stakeholders, to see that priority sectors are budgeted for and funds allocated, strengthen capacity of local leaders and budget allocations to the sectors.

## 4.0 Statement by Hon. Sam Cheptoris, Minister of Water and Environment

The Minister graced the high level event and chatted ways to ensure Uganda's climate plans and ambitions are implemented. He shared progress on climate action over the years and noted that the NDC Partnership Plan was fostering the re-alignment of on-going support from partners.

He welcomed with appreciation the partner who had so far associated with Uganda NDC Partnership Plan namely;

- Environmental Management for Livelihood Improvement Bwaise Facility (EMLI)
- Conservation International
- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Uganda Country Office
- National Adaptation Plan Global Network (NAP-GN)
- The World Resources Institute (WRI)
- The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany
- The Embassy of Sweden
- The Austrian Embassy
- The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
- Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)

- World Bank Group
- African Development Bank
- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Regional Collaboration Center, Kampala
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- The Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Uganda

He invited the first deputy prime minister to officiate the high level event. *Details of the Statement by Minister are annexed to the report.* 

## 5.0 Official opening of the High level event



Hon. Gen. Moses Ali, making his statement during the high level event on Uganda's climate plans and ambitions

After playing the East African Community anthem and the national anthem, the representative of the Prime Minister, Hon. Gen. Moses Ali, the first deputy Prime Minister, appreciated the Ministry of water and Environment, Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development, and the National Planning Authority for taking forward the climate Agenda. Also thanked the NDC partnership and GIZ for supporting the convening of the event.

He put into perspective, the far-ranging and profound the implications of climate change in Uganda, citing 2010 landslide disaster in Bulambuli district which claimed the lives of over 150 people and displaced over 5,000.

He also observed drought conditions in 2010 and 2011 caused an estimated loss and damage value of **USD 1.2 billion**, equivalent to 7.5 percent of Uganda's 2010 gross domestic product, reported by the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR).

He acknowledged that it is governments' responsibility to take key decisions and measures to ensure disaster preparedness and management in the context of addressing climate change.

He invited participants to move the talk on climate action and declared the high level event open.

## 6.0 Announcements of partners pledges to Uganda NDC Partnership Plan.

The following partners made statements during the event. *Details of the statements by Partners are annexed to the report.* 

## Order of making statements.

1. **Dr. Justine Namaalwa Jjumba**, Chairperson-Advisory Board, Environmental Management for Livelihood Improvement Bwaise Facility

2. Ms. Mathilde Bouyé, Associate, World Resources Institute

3. Ms. Tabby Njung'e, Technical Operations Manager, Conservation International

4. Ms. Sophie Kutegeka, Country Representative, International Union for Conservation of Nature represented by **Ms. Cotilda Nakyeyune**, Senior Programme officer,

5. Mr. Peter Okubal, Country Representative, Global Green Growth Institute

6. Dr. Somorin Olufunso, Regional Principal Officer, African Development Bank

7. **Dr. Willy Kakuru**, National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Coordinator, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO),

8. Mr. Kunal Sharma, Team Leader, UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Center – Kampala

9. Ms. Christina E. Malmberg Calvo, Country Manager, World Bank Group represented by **Mr. Herbert Oule**, Senior Environmental Specialist

10. Dr. Eckart Bode, Portifolio Manager, GIZ

11. Ms. Rosa Malango, United Nations Resident Coordinator

12. Mr. Gunter Engelits, Head of Office, Austrian Development Cooperation represented by  $\ensuremath{\text{Ms.}}$ 

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13. H.E. Henk Jan Bakker, Ambassador, Kingdom of the Netherlands, Kampala represented by

Dr. Elizabeth Carabine, Regional Senior Expert, Climate Change

14. H.E. Attilio Pacifici, Ambassador, European Union Delegation to Uganda represented by

Ms. Jalia Kobusinge, Operations Adviser – Sustainable Development Sector

15. Ms. Juliet Abaliwano, Programme Officer, French Development Agency

16. H.E. Per Lindgärde, Ambassador, Embassy of Sweden, Kampala

## 7.0 Next steps

The Commissioner, Climate Change Department on behalf of the NDC Partnership focal points highlighted the next steps as follows:

- i. Continue updating the plan
- ii. Cost the plan
- iii. Follow up and coordinate partners responding to similar outputs
- iv. Elaborate modalities of work prior to implementation of the plan
- v. Match sectors/lead government institutions with respective partners to implement outputs listed in the plan
- vi. Undertake an assessment on progress of implementation of the plan by October
- vii. Document lessons learned and success stories
- viii. Share experience at COP24, Poland

He informed that the event that the Uganda NDC Partnership Plan is a living document to be continuously updated as more partners commit to it.

## 8.0 Closing of the high level event



Hon. Bahati signing the Uganda NDC Partnership Plan

Hon. Bahati, State Minister for Planning, Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development made closing remarks. He noted the economic impacts of climate change in the four sectors of agriculture, water, infrastructure and energy sectors. Further noted that climate change was a critical development challenge and could undermine the achievement of the SDGs if not properly addressed.

He informed that cabinet had approved a loan of **USD 300 million** from African Development Bank to support irrigation in the agriculture sector. He also informed that sufficient climate finance remained a key ingredient in the effort to transition towards lowering greenhouse gas emissions and climate resilient development.

He further informed that Government would continue engaging the Partners **in actualizing the commitments** made at the event.

The Minister reminded Development Partners to use Government of Uganda's existing country Financial Management and Budget systems and the Accounting officers and or their representatives, to adhere to the provisions of Section 44 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2015, in relation to authority to receive grants.

The Minister also reminded the event to follow the **Public Investment Management System** (**PIMS**) framework when preparing projects.

He declared the high level event on Uganda's Climate Plans and Ambitions closed at 2:00pm.

## 9.0 Annexes

## 9.1 Annex 1: Concept note







## High-level Event on Uganda's Climate Plans and Ambitions 26 June 2018

#### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

In accordance with paragraph 22 of decision 1/CP.21 related to entry into force of the Paris Agreement, Uganda communicated her first nationally determined contributions (NDC), after ratification of the Paris Agreement. Recognizing the need for support for implementation of her NDC priority actions, Uganda joined the NDC Partnership in 2016, a coalition of countries and institutions working together to mobilize support and achieve ambitious climate goals while enhancing sustainable development. Consequently, the country made a formal request for support across 11 priority areas.

Through early 2018, Uganda and the Partnership elaborated the 11 support needs into a results-based framework of 5 outcomes with 49 outputs aimed at creating the enabling conditions that carry forward Uganda's contribution to global climate goals, also referred to as the Partnership Plan. The Plan seek to create or strengthen, inter alia, national and subnational capacities, climate governance mechanisms, access to finance, Measurement Reporting and Verification (MRV) systems for monitoring progress, gender responsive action, and alignment between sustainable development and climate action.

So as to foster coordination of the Partnership Plan, Uganda has designated the Climate Change Department of Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE/CCD), Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MoFPED), and the National Planning Authority (NPA) as focal points to the NDC Partnership. In support of the focal points, the NDC Partnership has provided technical assistance by embedding an In-country facilitator in the MWE/CCD, responsible for updating the draft Partnership Plan, coordinating partners to respond to government needs, and tracking progress of the Plan's implementation over time.

#### **2.0 RATIONALE**

Now, that Uganda is moving from planning to implementation of the Partnership Plan in June 2018, there is need for laying the ground work to foster the desired action through attracting public and private financial and technical assistance to implement the 49 outputs of Partnership Plan. The Plan is envisaged to be implemented by various Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), private sector, civil

society and other stakeholders. As such, responsible implementing partners should be fully aware of, appreciate and understand their respective responsibilities in the Plan.

Therefore, the NDC Partnership focal points in Uganda in collaboration with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ) and NDC Partnership Support Unit intend to organize a high-level event on Uganda's Climate Plans and Ambitions.

#### **3.0 OBJECTIVE**

The main objective of the event is to invigorate political momentum and commitment whilst rallying support for climate action and delivering the partnership plan.

#### Specific objectives

- 1. To present and raise awareness of the partnership plan as a tool to achieve Uganda's NDC goal;
- 2. To catalyse multi-partner efforts to tackle shared climate related goals;
- 3. To officially sign off the Uganda's Partnership Plan.

#### **4.0 EVENT FORMAT**

The event shall be a one day co-Chaired by Minister of Water and Environment and Ambassador of Germany. The event will bring together roughly 150 participants including high-level representatives of Development Partners, MDAs, academia, private sector, civil society, media and other stakeholders.

The event will focus on realizing the final partnership plan by Government of Uganda and will culminate into a signing off ceremony. The second phase will commence with remarks by high-level speakers representing policy makers and legislators, which may include the Prime Minister, the Speaker of Parliament, and heads of development partners.

Prior to the signing ceremony of the Plan, Partners that have already responded to the Plan will be invited to participate in a 'photo op' at the beginning of the high-level event and those committing significant resources will be invited to reflect on their support contribution, during a session to be officiated by the high-level representative from government. A dummy partnership plan will be signed off and exhibited followed by actual signing off of three hard copies of the Plan to be placed in the 3 focal point.

## 9.2 Annex 2: Programme for the high level event





#### HIGH LEVEL EVENT ON UGANDA'S CLIMATE PLANS AND AMBITIONS

Time	Activity	Moderator
8:00-8:50	Arrival and Registration of High-Level Delegates	
8:50-9:00	Opening Prayer	
9:00-10:00	<ul> <li>Welcome Remarks from:</li> <li>Mr. Chebet Maikut, Commissioner, Climate Change Department (CCD), Ministry of Water and the Environment (MWE)</li> <li>Remarks from: <ul> <li>Dr. Pablo Vieira, Global Director, NDC Partnership Support Unit</li> <li>H.E. Dr. Albrecht Conze, The Ambassador, German Embassy Kampala</li> <li>Dr. Wilberforce Kisamba-Mugerwa, Chairperson, National Planning Authority</li> <li>Hon. Biyika Lawrence Songa, Chairperson, Parliamentary Forum on Climate Change</li> </ul> </li> <li>Statement from: <ul> <li>Hon. Sam Cheptoris, Minister of Water and Environment</li> <li>Official Opening Remarks by Hon. Gen. Moses Ali, First Deputy Prime Minister of Uganda</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Commissioner, CCD-MWE
10:30-12:00	Co-chairs: Minister for Water and Environment and Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany Announcements: Partner pledges to Uganda's Partnership Plan	

13:00-14:00	Lunch and Departure	
12:45-13:00	Closing Statement by <b>Hon. David Bahati</b> , State Minister for Planning, Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development	
12:30-12:45	Next steps	Commissione CCD-MWE
12:00-12:30	Signing Ceremony and Photo session	
	Others partners to be added after receipt of confirmation	
	15. H.E. Per Lindgärde, Ambassador, Embassy of Sweden, Kampala	
	14. <b>H.E. Attilio Pacifici</b> , Ambassador, European Union Delegation to Uganda	
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## 9.5 Annex 4: Statements by High level representatives

#### Statement by Hon. Sam Cheptoris, Minister of Water and Environment

Kampala, 26 June 2018

- The First Deputy Prime Minister,
- Honourable Ministers and Members of Parliament,
- Your Excellencies, Ambassadors and Heads of Diplomatic Missions
- Ladies and Gentlemen,

I bring compliments from the Ministry of Water and Environment. My Ministry is charged with the overall responsibility of the development, managing, and regulating water and environment resources in Uganda. I join you today to reflect and chat ways to ensure Uganda's climate plans and ambitions are implemented.

As you may know, Uganda has played a key role in ensuring global action on climate change. During the tenure of Uganda's presidency of the sixty-ninth session of the United Nations General Assembly, Uganda convened a high-level climate change event on 29 June 2015, which rallied political momentum to adopt the Paris Agreement.

This event noted that mobilizing political momentum for ambitious actions on mitigation, adaptation and means of implementation depended on the collective will and action of the international community.

Uganda recognizes the importance of fulfilling the commitments under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, particularly the Principle of "common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capacities" and the Paris Agreement. Consequently, in accordance with paragraph 22 of decision 1/CP.21 related to entry into force of the Paris Agreement, Uganda communicated her first Nationally Determined Contributions.

Uganda's NDC prioritizes adaptation, with key focus in agriculture and livestock, forestry, infrastructure , water, energy, health, disaster risk management and sustainable land management.

And, per its mitigation ambition, Uganda has set a goal to reduce of 22 percent of the national greenhouse gas emissions in 2030 compared to business-as-usual. This will be through mitigation policy measures targeted in energy supply and land use, includingafforestation, reforestation, restoration and wetlands management. These mitigation measures include: construction of electricity infrastructure and development of enabling environments for forest and wetlands management. Through these actions, by 2030, we aim to: increasing renewable electricity generation capacity by fourfold; increasing forest cover to 21 percent from 14 percent in 2013; and, increasing wetland coverage to 12 percent from 10.9 percent in 2014.

Additionally, Uganda prioritized the following additional mitigation ambition: sustainable energy solutions in public buildings (Energy efficiency in hospitals and Integrated energy solutions for schools in off grid areas); Promotion and wider solar uptake of: solar energy systems and energy efficient

cooking stoves; Development and enforcement of building codes for energy efficient construction and renovation; Development and implementation of a long-term transport policy accounting for climate change mitigation concerns; fuel efficiency initiatives and Climate smart agriculture techniques for cropping, a few to mention.

However, the full implementation of these actions and measures is conditional on the support of international community coming from both climate finance instruments and international market mechanisms, in addition to the partners who are here today.

We hope that through this high-level event, we will have invigorated greater momentum and support, through all the necessary actors who will bring to bear our NDC. This includes the international development community, the private sector, local civil society organizations; the great men and women of Uganda; and of course, the Government of Uganda.

The Government of Uganda is committed to addressing climate change, and we actively allocate from the national budget to ensure steady progress on implementing the NDC.

I am proud to share our progress on climate action over the years. To date, we have:

- a) Raised awareness on the NDC. The Climate Change Department with partners has undertaken significant number of awareness raising events about the NDC. Over 50,000 copies of the NDC have been printed and disseminated through public events.
- b) Developed a National Climate Change Communication Strategy and National Climate Change Indicators. The strategy will promote public awareness, understanding and feedback on climate change issues and the indicators will support the tracking of national climate actions
- c) Developed a National Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory System. The Ministry's technical capacity has been boosted to track and report its emissions although efforts are still required to equip key sectors of economy such as energy, agriculture, transport with similar inventory systems
- d) Launched the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Process Roadmap. Steps are being taken to elaborate the process for coordinating work on adaptation at the national level.
- e) Elaboration of Forest Investment Plan (FIP) and the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR). Already, investment priorities have been identified through the following projects: (i) Enhancing Climate- Resilient Agricultural Production, Food Security and Nutrition (ii) Strengthening Climate Resilience of Communities and Infrastructure in Major 8 Urban Centers, (iii) Strengthening Climate Information Systems and Services(Hydro -Met Services), (iv) Enhancing Institutional Capacity in Climate Change Coordination and Mainstreaming, (v) Enhancing land scape / Catchments management. I take this opportunity to inform the Ministry has developed the National REDD+ Strategy (2017-2042) costed at USD 570 million which defines policy measures and actions that address the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, while meeting the demands for wood, energy and other forest products through 8 strategic options.
- f) Development of legal framework on climate change. The Ministry has undertaken national consultations on the bill and will soon be debated by Cabinet and tabled before Parliament.

- g) Undertook Readiness Assessment for NDC Implementation. The Ministry through the Climate Change Department in collaboration with partners undertook a gap analysis of NDC implementation across NDC implementation modules – Governance, Mitigation, Adaptation, Finance and Measuring, Reporting and Verification (MRV). This helped the Ministry to prioritized actions for the NDC implementation plan.
- h) Formulated the Uganda NDC Partnership Plan. I am pleased to inform you that, as of this event, Uganda has developed a Partnership Plan, the first of a kind in Africa. In a special way, I appreciate the NDC Partnership for working with us to develop a plan to catalyse NDC implementation and mobilize support to achieve our ambitious NDC target of reducing national greenhouse gas emissions by 22% by 2030 compared to business-as-usual.

The Uganda NDC Partnership Plan highlights 5 outcomes, 49 outputs and 140 key performance indicators that have been developed through a multi-stakeholder engagement process.

Indeed, now I can see that partnerships for climate action help transform societies. Ever since Uganda joined the NDC Partnership in 2016, in a bid to mobilize the required support for implementation of NDC priority actions and measures, we are making progress.

We are confident that the NDC Partnership Plan is fostering the re-alignment of on-going support from partners.

Today, I am honored to welcome with appreciation the following partners, who have so far aligned with Uganda Partnership Plan,

- 1. Environmental Management for Livelihood Improvement Bwaise Facility (EMLI)
- 2. Conservation International
- 3. International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Uganda Country Office
- 4. National Adaptation Plan Global Network (NAP-GN)
- 5. The World Resources Institute (WRI)
- 6. The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany
- 7. The Embassy of Sweden
- 8. The Austrian Embassy
- 9. The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
- 10. Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)
- 11. The World Bank Group
- 12. The African Development Bank
- 13. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Regional Collaboration Center, Kampala
- 14. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- 15. The Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Uganda

I am convinced that from today, Uganda's Partnership Plan will move to full implementation.

I remain committed to work with you to ensure that Uganda's Partnership Plan catalyze NDC implementation in Uganda.

Thank you for your attention.

Closing Statement by Hon. David Bahati, Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development



# Remarks to the high level event on Uganda's Climate Plans and Ambitions.

## Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

Kampala, 26 June 2018

Honourable Ministers and Members of Parliament, Your Excellencies, Ambassadors and Heads of Diplomatic Missions The Global Director, NDC Partnership Support Unit Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good afternoon.

This high level event on Uganda's Climate Plans and Ambitions is taking place at a critical juncture for Uganda. It is barely one week since Budget Speech for Financial Year 2018/19 was presented.

As you may know, there is linkage between the impacts of climate change and future growth prospects of Uganda.

The 2015 Economic Assessment of the Impacts of Climate Change in Uganda report revealed climate change damage in the four sectors of agriculture, water, infrastructure and energy sectors collectively at **2-4 percent** of GDP between 2010 and 2050. The report further highlighted if no action is taken to address climate change over the period of 40 years from 2010-2050, the estimated costs are between **USD 273 - 437 billion**.

The National Climate Change Policy and its costed implementation strategy estimated that Uganda will require **USD 3.9 billion** over the period of 15 years or an equivalent of

**USD 258 million** per annum to address climate change concerns in addition to the existing interventions.

Government of Uganda will continue to pursue fiscal and monetary policies that maintain macroeconomic stability and support the Uganda Green growth Development Strategy. I can confirm that we are executing this through the budgetary allocations.

The Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development is finalizing the Uganda Climate Finance Strategy which aims to establish and operationalize a comprehensive framework for the mobilization, governance and delivery of financing for an effective climate change response. This strategy will help in mobilizing the required financial resources to address climate change.

We know that climate change is a critical development challenge and could undermine the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) if not properly addressed. Therefore, sufficient climate finance remains a key ingredient in the efforts to transition towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development.

However there remains a huge financing gap for national climate action. My hope is that the NDC Partnership will continue supporting us to enable these sectors to effectively mainstream and integrate climate change issues into planning process so that we can have accelerated implementation of the climate change policy priorities.

Through the Paris Agreement, Uganda also hopes to receive financial support from Developed country Parties to pursue the existing obligations under the United Nations Framework Convention in Climate Change (UNFCCC).

The Government of Uganda requested the NDC Partnership for support towards the implementation of NDC in September 2017. I am glad to note that the request has culminated into Uganda NDC Partnership Plan which some partners are committed to supporting with both financial and technical assistance.

As I finalize, Government will continue engaging the Partners in actualizing the commitments that have been made today. Development Partners are reminded to use Government of Uganda's existing country Financial Management and Budget systems and I also take this opportunity to remind the Accounting officers and or their representatives here, to adhere to the **provisions of Section 44 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2015**, in relation to authority to receive grants. Also reminded to follow the **Public Investment Management System (PIMS)** framework when preparing projects. This will greatly support our efforts to ably track climate finance levels and the performance of the received support.

Ladies and gentlemen, this is a beginning of the process to support Government in the implementation of NDCs. We therefore welcome new commitments in form of financial support which is needed to support adaptation and mitigation.

We are grateful for the support and pledges that you have made today and hope for continued cooperation in the pursuit of the objectives set out in our NDC Partnership Plan.

We do expect new commitments to help address the financing gap.

I therefore declare the high level event on Uganda's Climate Plans and Ambitions closed.

Thank you. For God and My Country.

## 9.6 Annex 5: Partners Speeches

#### Environmental Management for Livelihood Improvement Bwaise Facility (EMLI)



## <u>STATEMENT BY CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF ADVISORS, DR. JUSTINE NAMAALWA</u> JJUMBA

The First Deputy Prime Minister The Honorable Ministers, Excellencies, Ambassadors and Heads of Diplomatic Missions The Representatives from Ministries, Departments and Agencies Academia; Private sector; Civil society; Ladies and Gentlemen,

#### Good morning

I am honoured and privileged to be part of this remarkable event aimed to invigorate political momentum and commitment for supporting climate action and delivering the Uganda NDC Partnership Plan.

Allow me first inform you of Environmental Management for Livelihood Improvement Bwaise Facility (EMLI). We are a national membership environmental non-governmental and non-profit making organization registered with the NGO Bureau under the NGO Act, 2016. We work serve to improve the standards of living of the **most vulnerable people** in Uganda by ensuring sustainable livelihood.

Through, our Climate Change Programme, one of the 5 core programmes at EMLI, we recognize that climate change is and has continued to be the greatest challenge affecting humanity, ecosystem, sustainability and livelihoods, not only in Uganda but the World all over. We therefore work with partners to reduce vulnerability and build resilience to impacts of climate change; reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance access to climate finance.

On enhancing access to climate finance, EMLI is an accredited observer organisation, admitted to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate change (UNFCCC); Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the first local NGO to have observer status with the Green Climate Fund (GCF). This has enabled EMLI to lobby developed countries honor commitments to provide new and additional financial resources to meet the full incremental cost of adaptation, with emphasis on public and grant-based financial resources for adaptation.

In so ensuring coordinated climate action, EMLI annually communicates to the Ministry of Water and Environment through an open and transparent process of its indicative budget for national climate action per year.

In 2018, I am pleased to communicate to this high level event that EMLI with support from World Wide Fund for Nature-Uganda Country Office (WWF) intends to respond to **output 4.1 of** the Uganda NDC Partnership Plan i.e. Communication, knowledge management and Outreach strategies on Climate, NDC Actions, Adaptation, Green Growth and SDGs commitments, so as to strengthen capacity of government officials, civil society, private sector and academia to effectively integrate NDC-SDGS commitment with a gender lens into existing and future programs.

Through the Africa Adaptation initiative project supported by the WWF-UCO, EMLI will support the development of training manual on climate change adaptation and facilitate the development of a discussion paper on domestic adaptation. Additionally, EMLI will support 2 training workshops for actors on understanding climate change adaptation.

Through our usual engagements with Parliament, EMLI intends to support a strategic engagement for legislators and policy makers on linking NDC, NAPs and Climate Change Bill.

Implementing the NDC is a one safe ticket to improving the lives of the most vulnerable in Uganda. The NDC Partnership Plan is one such pathway to implement the NDC. Government, Partners and non state actors should jointly work together to ensure the NDC Partnership Plan does not gather dust!

Thank you so much for listening.

#### World Resources Institute (WRI)

Your Excellencies, dear partners, ladies and gentlemen,

The World Resources Institute is very pleased to contribute to the implementation of the NDC Partnership of the Government of Uganda. WRI will engage with two projects supported by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and Irish Aid: the NDC-SDG project that provides countries with analyses and technical assistance to develop an integrated approach to the NDC and SDG implementation through policy and project planning, budgeting, monitoring and reporting; the Climate Resilience Practice Initiative that focuses on mainstreaming consideration of climate risks and climate adaptation in planning and budgeting.

WRI will work on five main activities in the coming months:

- First, WRI will help the National Planning Commission, the Ministry of Water and Environment and the National Treasury to update their planning guidance and tools so that they spur sector ministries and local governments to address the NDC and the SDGs in an integrated way in their policies and projects. In the coming weeks, WRI team will work specifically on reviewing the certification system of NPA to verify compliance of sector policies with the NDC and SDGs, and the project assessment criteria of the National Treasury. WRI will also explore with the Government the production of sector specific guidance to advance the NDC and the SDGs.
- 2. Second, WRI will provide support for the mid-review of the NDP II so that this exercise takes stock of the implementation of climate change and SDG-aligned national targets, and identifies gaps and challenges to be addressed in the NDP III. The team will review and input the Terms of References for the mid-term review, and the report on climate change.
- Third, WRI will review the indicators of the performance framework of NDP II to assess their alignment with climate change indicators used for tracking progress toward the NDC and indicators relevant for the SDGs, and explore with the Government how to develop a more integrated set of indicators to facilitate reporting processes under the implementation of the NDP III;
- 4. Fourth, WRI will provide support to the formulation of NDP III to help embed the NDC and actions relevant for the SDGs into the sector contributions to the plan in an integrated and synergetic way;
- 5. Firth, WRI will help build capacities of local governments' planners to identify and track climate finance through local budgeting processes. This work will build on the World Bank led project on climate change tagging that is currently underway.

WRI is very much looking forward to working with the Government of Uganda and all its partners, and, starting today, to identifying synergies among development partners' contributions to the NDCP plan so that we can all deliver efficiently.

#### **Conservation International (CI)**

Honorable chairs and fellow delegates, all protocols observed,

Conservation International is honored to be part of this official launch of Uganda's NDC Partnership plan geared towards meeting its commitments under the Paris Agreement, Uganda's NDCs, stimulating economic growth and increasing resilience of its' people to climate change impacts.

Both mitigation and adaptation will require changes across all sectors of our economy and society. Among the range of solutions required, nature offers significant value for both mitigation and adaptation purposes. Natural ecosystems such as tropical forests sequester carbon from the atmosphere, offering more than 30% of the mitigation solution. Therefore, we will not be able to confront the climate change challenge without nature. However, these nature-based solutions receive less than 2% of global mitigation and adaptation investments. Reducing the adverse impacts of a changing climate, securing ecological vitality, and supporting human well-being will require that they are implemented to their full potential. Robust science and metrics to measure and document progress or lack thereof and improve transparency will similarly be essential.

Related to this, Conservation international, Africa Innovations Institute (AfrII) and the Ministry of Water and Environment (MoWE) has received funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) in support of the Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) project "Strengthening the Capacity of Institutions in Uganda to comply with the Transparency Requirements of the Paris Agreement" in Uganda. The project will be executed through the Ministry of Water and Environment, Africa Innovations Institute and the Vital Signs Program. The main objective of this project is to support institutions in Uganda to respond to the Transparency Requirements of the Paris Agreement through establishing & strengthening the institutional arrangements for robust GHG emission inventory and MRV System; building the capacity of key stakeholders to collect, process and feed gender disaggregated data into the GHG emissions inventory and MRV system and; testing and piloting the GHG emission inventory and MRV system.

In addition, Conservation International has over the last several months commissioned a study to understand the level of domestication and integration of natural capital in policy and practice for achievement of Uganda's NDC and SDGS. The report which will be ready by July 2018 will include recommendations on how nature should be considered and integrated into the current development, climate plans and laws. Related to this and contingent on national support, collaborations and additional funding CI will explore potential to establish a national carbon tax in Uganda that links funding to preserving climate essential ecosystems.

Once again, Thank you your attention and we look forward to future collaborations with partners represented here as part of the implementation of the NDC Partnership plan.

## International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Uganda Country Officer

My Name is Cotilda Nakyeyune, from the International Union for Conservation of Nature. I am standing in for the Country Representative Ms. Sophie Kutegeka.

IUCN is a Union of Conservation organizations, State and Non State actors, who are committed to building a just World that values and conserves nature. Our approach of delivery has always been to align our programs and projects to Government priorities. We have worked closely with the Climate Change Department to support a number of initiatives. Therefore we have identified a four projects through which we shall make a contribution. These include;

- a) Shared Resources Joint solutions, a project which has a focus on securing International public goods – water, food and Climate resilience, funded by the Netherlands Committee of IUCN
- b) Scaling up Mt. Ecosystem based adaptation funded by the *International Climate Initiative (IKI)* of the *Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear safety (BMU)*
- c) Stabilizing Land use project funded, a project which focuses on restoration of IUCN protected areas categories V and VI, funded by BMU-IKI
- d) Ecosystem based Approaches to Adaptation; Strengthening Evidence and informing policy funded by *IKI* through the *International Institute for Environment and Development - IIED*

Contribution will be made to the following outputs; 1.1, 1.3, 1.6, 1.10, 2.9, 2.10, 3.3, 4.5 and 4.7. We are also committed to aligning future opportunities and programs to the NDC partnership plan.



## GGGI UGANDA STATEMENT ON THE OCCASION OF THE LAUNCH UGANDA'S NDC PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENT PLAN ON 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018 AT SERENA HOTEL, KAMPALA Peter Okubal, Country Representative

Rt Hon. First Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Water and Environment, Chairperson, NPA, H.E. Germany Ambassador to Uganda, Chairperson of the Parliamentary Forum on Climate Change, Global Director, NDC Partnership, Commissioner, Climate Change Department, MWE and Fellow Participants

It is my pleasure and honour to join the GoU, Development partners, private sector, civil society and media in this High-Level Event when we commit to support the GoU Climate Change Action.

The Global Green Growth Institute supports its member and partner countries with the development and implementation of their NDC commitments under the Paris Agreement. GGGI in Uganda is happy to note that it has been part and parcel of the development of the NDCP National Engagement Action Plan, that we shall be launching today.

On behalf of GGGI, I would therefore like to commit both ongoing and new support to the implementation of the Action Plan. GGGI's commitment is broadly in 5 areas;

- 1. Accelerating Financing for NDC Implementation. GGGI commits to support the government of Uganda both in the long run and short run to mobilise broadly finance for the implementation of the Uganda Green Growth Development Strategy through a number of strategies including to support establishment of a National Financing Vehicle to leverage both public and private finance (local and international). In the short run, GGGI is supporting the government of the Uganda with accreditation to the Green Climate Fund and in the development of a pipeline of projects for the GCF. Particularly the UDB, KCCA and NEMA have been recommended or nominated for accreditation and Pipeline project development. GGGI is working with the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development and National Planning Authority to Mainstream Green Growth which includes largely the NDCs into the National Development Plan III, whose process has just been triggered.
- 2. Capacity building and Knowledge Sharing: GGGI's vast experience in over 26 countries of its operations is committed to continue to build GoU's capacity in Green Growth, Green Finance and in NDC implementation. This will be done through training, exposure and sharing of lessons and knowledge.
- 3. **Measurement, Reporting and Verification**: GGGI is committed to support and coordinate the development of a robust effective and institutionalised MRV system to comply with UNFCCC and

Paris Agreement requirements. In short therefore, GGGI commits to support the delivery of outcome 3 of the NDCP Engagement plan in partnership with GoU and other stakeholders. This will be through on-going TA assistance to the Climate Change Department in form of human resources and technical capacity building. GGGI has placed a long-term staff to support with the process in CCD.

- 4. Support to Sectoral Interventions: As its contribution to the implementation of the NDCs and now NDC Action Plan, GGGI has prioritised the following sectors for long term support.
  - a. Expansion of off grid access to energy. GGGI commits to contribute to expansion of National electricity access through increased investment in affordable and sustainable renewable energy and enhancing energy efficiency. As trail blaze GGGI has secured \$1million to Catalyze the Solar Home Systems (SHS) market to benefit low-income, urban households in Mbarara and Gulu. These three phased projects involve 6 months of diagnostics (Market assessment, Gender Analysis and Geo Spatial Analysis); 3 months of Intervention Design and 17 months of expanding SHS uptake in these two cities. The long-term vision of the project is to replicate and take it to scale across the major cities in Uganda. This work also feeds into the broader GGGI Uganda, green cities development agenda.
  - b. Integrated Solid Waste Management: As part of the implementation of the National Urban Policy; National Urban Solid Waste Management Policy and the Green Cities Development RoadMap. GGGI is partnering with the KCCA to explore various models to waste management in Kampala. This is expected to scale out to other secondary cities. GGGI has just concluded two studies 1) Options Analysis Study 2) Waste Value Chain Analysis. These studies (to be validated in July), provide a solid foundation to which GGGI will be supporting the development of the Waste to Resource Model that aims at Volarization of waste. The project aims to promote waste diversion and recycling in Uganda's cities. This project shall result in diversion of 30% of waste going to landfill, create 60 additional enterprises in recycling business, 5000 green jobs, raise the amount of waste in the waste stream by up to 70% from current level of 50%, reduce public expenditure on waste management by 20% and increased access to sustainable waste management in 6 secondary cities. This will also be situated in the wider context of GGGI long term work with the GoU in green city development.
  - c. Faecal Sludge Management: Relatedly GGGI is also working on a project on domestic fecal sludge management and sustainable wastewater solutions in GKMA to increase access to improved sanitation by 2% within the GKMA and valorize faecal sludge by 5 product offerings (biogas, sludge cake, pellets, soil conditioners and fertilisers). This is in early stages of discussions with NWSC and MWE.
  - **d.** Sustainable Energy-Water Solutions for Medium to Large Scale Irrigation in Uganda: GGGI has received \$ 300,000 from the government of Hungary to assess the feasibility of using renewable energy sources in medium to large scale irrigation of commercial farming based on sustainable water management principles, and to develop bankable project designs of

commercial farming in Uganda. The expected outcome of the Project will be Business plans of medium to large scale irrigation of commercial farming based on renewable energy solutions and sustainable water management principles for at least 2 most promising project sites out of the 10 project sites assessed and developed into projects. An investment of \$30m is expected to be realised for these. Additionally, GGGI will work to promote bankability of developed project designs to increase its potential to attract private financing and also replicability of the project will be considered important to assess the potential to scale up to other areas in Uganda.

e. Climate resilient agricultural supply chains and Resilient Natural Infrastructure is another project that GGGI is in discussion with GoU. This project aims at identifying Market opportunities, needs of farmers in the use of digital platforms and promote appropriate technologies to support climate-resilient market-driven agricultural supply chains which will result in increased production and productivity of agricultural value chains.

These are so far GGGI commitments to the implementation of the NDCP engagement plans which is in line with GGGI Uganda Country Planning framework that envisions to support the GoU in achieving its targets related to renewable energy, integrated waste and water management, climate-resilient agriculture and sustainable irrigation, and secondary city planning and development, through technical assistance, capacity building and resource mobilization support.

#### About the Global Green Growth Institute

The Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) is an intergovernmental organization championing green growth and climate resilience. With its headquarters in Seoul the Organisation is dedicated to supporting governments transition towards a model of economic growth that is environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive. GGGI has operations in 26 countries around the world, Uganda being one of them.

#### Thank you for listening.

#### African Development Bank (AfDB)

Kampala, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018

#### **AfDB Speech**

#### Delivered by **Dr. Olufunso Somorin**, Regional Principal Officer, East African Region, Kenya

#### Introduction

The African Development Bank is pleased to be part of this important high-level event. We congratulate the Government of Uganda on this progress so far. This progress has become a model for many other countries in the region.

The Bank's engagement is within the framework of the Africa NDC Hub, established by the Bank, working with a number of partner institutions, serves as a resource pool for countries and to coordinate sectoral activities as they fulfill their obligations under the Paris Agreement. The Hub focuses on three support areas: (i) fostering long-term climate action; (ii) mobilizing means for implementation; and (iii) coordination, advocacy and partnerships.

The Bank's support to the Uganda NDC Implementation Plan is clustered around 3 main areas:

- Finance:
  - a) Firstly, a USD 2 million for developing bankable climate resilient investment projects for leveraging the Green Climate Fund of more than USD 80million idenfied under the Uganda Strategic Program for Climate Resilience.
  - b) Secondly, a USD 4.2 million renewable energy program under the Scaling Up Renewable Energy Program to support diversification of electricity generation through climate resilient renewables, and ultimately increasing energy access in Uganda.
  - c) Thirdly, a USD 10 million to ICPAC/IGAD Regional Climate Centre to revamp and improve the hydromet systems of Uganda and other countries in the Eastern African region.
  - d) Finally, the Bank will support mobilization of additional resources from the private sector.

#### • Policy Coordination:

- a) Mainstreaming of SDGs, NDCs and gender issues into all sectoral and national development plans.
- b) Integration of national climate change and gender-related indicators into all development plans
- Capacity building and Knowledge Management:
  - a) Strengthening capacity of parliamentarians, local councils, civil society and private sector.
  - b) Supporting the capacity of relevant stakeholders within the government agencies on climate change and green growth.
  - c) Supporting the MRV systems for both adaptation and mitigation measures.

The Bank remains committed to working with other partners, levering on different comparative advantages, to support Uganda's Implementation Plan.

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

The First Deputy Prime Minister,

Honourable Ministers and Members of Parliament,

The Permanent Secretaries Present

*Your Excellencies, Ambassadors and Heads of Diplomatic Missions and Development Partners* 

## Ladies and Gentlemen.

I bring to you greetings from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and welcome you to this important high level event on Uganda's Climate Plans and Ambitions.

It is a big honour for FAO to be part of this important event to undertake to save planet earth from the wrath of climate change. FAO is very grateful for the positive steps taken by Uganda.

The focus of FAO in the coming years is around five strategic objectives: **ending hunger, promoting sustainability, reducing rural poverty, improving markets, and building resilience**. These are key strategic interventions that significantly contribute to the transformational development Uganda yearns for. However, if not well thought through these targets can easily be hindered by Climate Change and that is why FAO is working with different partners to address impacts of Climate Change. In this regard the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) wishes to reiterate its willingness to come and work together with the different policy makers and implementers at all levels in addressing climate change challenges **through commitment to the NDC Partnership**.

I would also like to inform you that FAO has over the years implemented several projects in collaboration with different Government Ministries to address climate change impacts and build resilience, which contribute to the NDC Partnership; including:

- Support to the mainstreaming of climate change into the second National Development Plan (NDP II 2016-2020).
- Support to the development of Uganda's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), which were submitted at COP21 in Paris, France in 2015.
- Facilitating a review of sectoral policies in the agriculture, water and environment sectors to identify how they can be used to strengthen climate change actions.

- Implementation of the Global Climate Change Alliance (GCCA) in 6 districts in central cattle corridor which has changed livelihoods of more than 20,000 household through provision of valley tanks, community irrigation systems, household water harvesting tanks, tree planting, promoting drought tolerant pastures and crops; among others.
- FAO and UNDP have provided technical assistance to the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) and the Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE) to implement a project for supporting National Adaptation Planning for the Agriculture sector (NAP-Ag), where priority adaptation actions to address climate change in the medium and long-term perspective have been identified. A National Adaptation Plan for the Agriculture sector (NAP-Ag) has been formulated; and is in final stages of being launched for onward implementation.

In addition, FAO has built human and physical capacity of Government Departments to implement climate change actions, including the construction of the CCD Headquarters, which hosts the National Climate Change Resource Centre; and supporting capacity building for staff.

# Ladies and gentlemen,

FAO remains committed to work with all relevant partners to ensure that Uganda's Partnership Plan catalyzes NDC implementation in Uganda; through support to the following outputs:

- a) Output 1.2;
- b) Output 1.8;
- c) Output 1.9;
- d) Output 4.3; and
- e) Output 5.3

FAO is very privileged for the excellent relationship it has enjoyed with different stakeholders in Uganda and is committed to continued support.

Thank you for your attention.

## UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Center - Kampala

Your excellencies, distinguished guests, ladies and gentleman,

It is my pleasure and honor to be with you here today. Due to some other engagements Ms. Patricia Espinosa could not attend this event and she is sending her warm regards to everyone. It's a great day for Uganda leading the way in implementing the Nationally Determined Contributions and launching the first NDC Partnership Plan in Africa. It is very important for countries to effectively implement the NDCs so that we can meet the 2 degree target of the Paris Agreement and stop the worst global warming effects on the planet.

I would like to highlight that through our Regional Collaboration Centre Kampala, we are efficiently coordinating with the NDC Partnership Support Unit based at the UNFCCC Secretariat in Bonn and the regional support unit here at our Centre. We are also engaging with the Climate Change Department (CCD) of Uganda on a regular basis and the UNFCCC is committed to facilitate the Parties to implement their NDCs. Therefore, I am happy to announce that UNFCCC will provide technical assistance to the following outputs defined in the Partnership Plan:

- National climate change financing mechanism established and/or strengthened to increase access to finance (from multiple sources) for public and private sectors
- Projects benefiting from existing or new carbon market mechanisms or approaches
- National Adaptation Plan process and implementation of NDC adaptation component supported
- National adaptation registry system established

We want to be effective in our support by building relationships and networks that can ensure the timely implementation of the NDCs. The role of the RCCs is to facilitate and I do hope to interact with many of you in the near future.

Thank you very much for your attention.

### World Bank Group

# WBG's Statement at the High-level event on Uganda's Climate Plans and Ambitions 26, June 2018, Kampala Serena Hotel.

1. The Right Hon. Prime Minister, Hon. Ministers present, Permanent Secretaries, the Ambassadors, All distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen (All Protocol Observed).

WBG is delighted to be associated with the Climate Change agenda in Uganda and to the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) Partnership. The WBG is an active member of the NDC Partnership and a member of its Steering Committee. The Bank supports NDC implementation through a variety of means, including through a dedicated Trust Fund, the NDC Support Facility.

2. The World Bank Group recognizes climate change as a developmental issue whose effects pose challenges in especially developing countries and threaten progress towards development goals. Thus, the Bank has made deliberate efforts to mainstream climate considerations in its operations. We finance 'climate proof' projects that consider existing or future climate risk; seek to design lower carbon projects and track climate co-benefits in our projects. (*Corporate commitments: Climate and disaster risk screening; greenhouse gas accounting; Climate co-benefits tracking*)

3. **The World Bank is committed to aligning its climate action to NDCs and country strategies.** For example, by 2017, the Africa Climate Business Plan of the World Bank had committed 22 BN of climate financing across multiple sectors. Of this 18 BN directly contributes towards the implementation of NDC targets and actions. We continue to work with countries to step up this engagement – through our Country Partnership Framework (CPF) and investment pipelines.

4. The Country Partnership Framework, (FY16-21) for Uganda sets out the objectives of Bank's support in the country. The fourth objective in the CPF aims at enhancing resilience of the poor and vulnerable. In the CPF, the Bank committed to support the development of a resilient landscape program including integrated water and forest resources management to mitigate the effects of climate change, expand the use of irrigation to alleviate the impact of dry years and to provide technical advice on mainstreaming and adaptation to climate change.

5. **Climate change will have significant and profound impacts on Uganda.** Analysis suggests that future climate change scenarios will increase severity of natural disasters and will have significant economic impacts. In the past recent years, prolonged droughts and resultant food scarcity throughout the country has highlighted the importance of building resilience to climate change. Without adaptation investment, climate change could cost Uganda a 2-4% annual reduction in GDP over the coming decades.

6. Uganda's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) document makes clear that by far the largest source of GHG emissions come from forest degradation and deforestation – accounting for an estimated 91% of GHG emissions. Uganda's forests also make a critical contribution to resilience, by protecting watersheds and providing essential natural resources for local communities. Forests and the biodiversity they support, are also the major driver of Uganda's tourism sector.

7. Unfortunately, Uganda's rate of forest loss - 2.6% per annum, is amongst the highest globally. The loss and degradation of forests, alongside land degradation, soil fertility loss, wetland reclamation and fisheries declines will reduce Uganda's resilience and its ability to adapt to climate change. Page 2 of 2 8. Over recent years, the World Bank has provided a range of support on issues relating to climate change. For example, the Bank has supported government in the preparation of the Uganda Strategic Climate Diagnostic in 2015 and we continue to support the development and implementation of climate resilient projects. Very recently, the WBG Board has approved two projects that have substantial climate co-benefits, that's (*i*) Uganda Support to Municipal infrastructure Development project- Additional Finance (USMIDP-AF) and (*ii*) Integrated Water Development Project.

9. The World Bank has also supported Government of Uganda to help prioritize the investments needed to build climate resilience and address the loss and degradation of its forests. This support has included the preparation of Uganda's Strategic Program for Climate Resilience (SPCR) and the Uganda Forest Investment Program (FIP) –with resources from Climate Investment Funds (CIF) and in collaboration with African Development Bank. The SPCR and FIP documents provide a clear set of investment priorities for addressing the priorities identified in the NDC.

10. Over the past 7 years, the World Bank has also been investing, through the Ministry of Water and Environment, in activities that will enable Government of Uganda to access future results-based payments for reducing emissions from forest loss and degradation (REDD+). The Bank is also responding to a request from government for assistance to help build the values of forests and other ecosystems into the national accounts through Natural Capital Accounting. The Bank is also undertaking an assessment of the impact of refugees in northern Uganda on forest resources, the results of which will be shared very soon.

11. The Bank welcomes Uganda's NDC Partnership Plan that seeks to achieve key outcomes and commitments set out in its NDC. We believe that the plan provides a sound basis for the country to further strengthen its country systems to mainstream climate change considerations and embolden its investment pipeline to scale up climate action on the ground.

12. In the context of the NDC Partnership Plan, the World Bank has indicated its support to the government of Uganda through:

Technical assistance to the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development to set up an integrated system of tagging and tracking climate budget expenditure. (*this support is on going*) \_ Output 2.2 of NDCP Plan

Technical assistance to government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) and local governments to enhance their capacity to mainstream climate change through systematic climate screening at the sector and project levels. **\_Output 1.6 of NDCP Plan** 

Support to government to take forward at least two key investments priorities identified in the Uganda's Strategic Program for Climate Resilience (SPCR) and the Uganda Forest Investment Program (FIP) investment plans – (i) A forest landscape project in the Albertine water management zone which aims at addressing rapid degradation of natural resources in the Albertine Rift to protect environmental services, support nature-based tourism development and enhance resilience to climate change; (ii) Strengthening of Climate services and climate information systems (Hydromet project) – Output 5.1 of NDCP Plan

To enable coordination and stimulation of a bankable climate pipeline of investments through support to the National Planning Authority. \_ Output 5.1 of NDCP Plan

## Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ)

GIZ is glad to announce that various projects and programs are already directly tailored to support outcomes listed in the partnership plan. In addition, several components of our existing portfolio will further continue to contribute to the implementation of the Ugandan NDC, including outputs listed in the partnership plan. These include:

- Promoting Rural Development
- Promotion of mini-grids for rural electrification
- Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency
- Global Climate Change Alliance
- Enhanced Water Security and Sanitation

# Remarks by Ms. Rosa Malango, UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative

Tuesday 26 June Serena Hotel, Kampala.

The Rt.Hon. Prime Minister

The Rt. Hon. Speaker of Parliament

The Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,

The Minster of Water and Environment,

Chairman National Planning Authority,

Director of NDC Partnership,

Representatives of Development Partners,

Technical Officers in Central and Local Governments,

Representatives from Civil Society,

Representatives from Private Sector,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am delighted to join you today for this high- level launch of Uganda Partnership Plan for a coordinated implementation of Uganda's climate action-the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

Uganda remains vulnerable to increasing climate variability risks and taking action on climate change is at the heart of building community resilience towards achieving Vison 2040 sustainable development goals. The increased frequency of severe weather events such as flooding and landslide continue to bring this reality-climate change is here and action is required now.

Nationally Determined Contributions are at the heart of realizing sustainable Development Goals and Paris Agreement and a call on every country to reduce national emissions and adapt new ways of mitigating the impacts of climate change. Uganda committed to 22% emission reduction by 2030 under the agreement. The submission emphasized how addressing both adaptation and mitigation of climate change impacts will be done to ensure that Uganda's emissions are reduced by 22% over a fifteen-year period.

Achieving this goal calls for involvement of all of us including the civil society and private sector players. It also needs to ensure that the different needs of men and women are addressed to ensure that we not only meet the global emission requirements but also the Agenda 2030 and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

In this regard, I would like to applaud government on efforts to reduce its Green House Gas (GHG) emissions and build resilience to climate change following submission of the

climate action to the Paris agreement. The NDC-Partnership Plan we are launching today provides an opportunity for all stakeholders to make individual commitments towards Uganda's climate ambition. The partnership plan reinforces Busan Decalaration on aid effectiveness and Talanoa platform adopted at COP24 under the leadership of Fiji. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has prioritized climate change response and disaster risk reduction within its country programme 2016- 2020. This is in recognition of the intertwined relationship between taking action on climate change and achieving many of the national and global sustainable development goals. Building on our investment in development of nationally appropriate mitigation actions in energy, agriculture, transport and waste sectors; institutionalizing greenhouse gas inventory system; green growth strategy; strengthening climate information and early warning systems, development of the National Wetlands Atlas and strategy for reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation; UNDP will provide additional support towards realizing the Partnership Plan targets including:

1. Integrated Landscape Management for improved livelihoods and ecosystem resilience in Mt. Elgon.

2. Building community resilience through wetland restoration and associated catchments in 20 districts with funding from Green Climate Fund. This support is part of the Presidential Initiative on wetland restoration to which I invite other development partners to contribute.

3. In the energy sector, UNDP will establish a \$15 million Euro revolving fund financed by the NAMA facility through GIZ towards construction of institutional improved cookstoves for 75% of schools. This investment is expected to reduce the volume of wood currently used by 50%-saving trees and forests as carbon sinks.

4. In collaboration with the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) UNDP is supporting development of the National Adaptation Plan for the Agriculture sectors and the overall National Development Plan, which will guide development of adaptation plans for the other sectors.

5. Scale up of climate smart agriculture in eastern Uganda with financing from EU through Common Markets for Eastern and Southern Africa

6. Fostering sustainability and resilience for food security in Karamoja region with financing from the Global Environment Facility

7. Integrated waste management and biogas production with financing from Global Environment Facility.

8. Broadening effective use of climate information for adaptation with financing from the Green Climate Fund.

9. Climate risk financing for Agro-Pastoral Farming Systems with funding from the Global Environment Facility-Least Developed Countries Climate Fund.

10. Finally, UNDP has established a dedicated NDC support programme with financing from German, EU and Spanish International Development Agency. Through this programme UNDP will strengthen Uganda's technical and institutional capacity to achieve transformational change by scaling up public and private investments in climate change actions to deliver long-tern sustainable development and promoting low carbon climate resilient development.

I am therefore pleased to confirm **UNDP pledge of \$32,819,639** for the period 2018-2020 through these initiatives and others under development. As a member of the global NDC-Partnership steering committee, and key partner of government in mobilizing and delivering climate finance, we pledge our utmost continued support and collaboration with other partners in responding to the challenges presented by climate change to the country and remain optimistic that the efforts made shall reap benefits to Uganda. I would like to thank government through the Ministry of Water and Environment for the leadership in preparing the NDC partnership plan for Uganda and organising this high-level event.

I thank you all for listening

## Austrian Development Cooperation

# Distinguished participants and invited guests, all protocol observed,

*I am currently representing the Head of Mission of the Austrian Development Agency, Mr. Guenter Engelits.* 

Austria has been providing support to Uganda's Water sector for the last 25 years, and is currently the Lead Development Partner of the Water and Sanitation Sub-Sector. We see that increasingly, unsustainable land and water use coupled with a high population growth impacts negatively on our climate and water and environmental resources. We believe that integrated water resources management using a catchment management approach, strict regulation and enforcement of permit conditions, water source protection and vigorous catchment restoration can help mitigate this climate change and climate variability. These approaches should be budgeted and mainstreamed in all activities of the sector.

Austria is planning to provide un-earmarked funding to the water and environment sector's Joint Partnership Fund, which is a funding modality of the current and new joint water and environment support programme (JWESSP, and JWESSP-II). Through this programme, Austria plans to support the ministry of water and environment over the coming 5 years with some 19 million euros. Of the unearmarked support, the ministry plans to use 1.5 bn Ugandan Shillings (or 330,000 euros) for mainstreaming climate change in all its operations.

Although ADA is not pledging additional support to the implementation of the NDC Plan, we are keenly following the implementation of the Plan and the NDC Partnership for our future strategic direction.

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#### TUESDAY, 26 JUNE 2018, SERENA HOTEL KAMPALA

#### Statement of the representative of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands – Dr Elizabeth Carabine.

As Regional Senior Climate Expert for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, I am delighted to convey on behalf of the Ambassador of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, that the Netherlands is pleased to support the In-Country NDCP Facilitator based in the Climate Change Department.

This support person, Mr. Robert Bakiika, has been central to coordinating development partners in developing this Plan. He will also be:

- tracking progress,
- o reporting plan implementation
- working to update the Plan
- And mobilizing new support to carry this Plan into full achievement.

Moving forward, the Embassy of the Netherlands looks forward to taking co-chairmanship of the Local Development Partners Group, whereby the Embassy will work closely with other in-country stakeholders to understand what others are doing and how NDC implementation can best be supported.

### **European Union Delegation to Uganda**

EU – Uganda cooperation focal sectors are Transport infrastructure, Food security and Agriculture (in the wide sense (Sustainable development) and Good Governance in the social sectors

With the 2014 – 2020, EU committed at €350 – 528 million. In addition, is general budget support and direct support through a competitive Call for proposals system.

Specific Climate Change interventions: Upscaling Adaption through the FAO at € 8 million (follow – on action). Support to implementing the NDC through Climate Smart Agriculture by GIZ at € 5 million

The mainstreaming approach is promoted and adopted in all other EU supported sector interventions, which are indeed climate sensitive.

There is also direct additional support to through agencies from various EU instruments like the Switch Africa Green initiative to promote sustainable consumption and production implemented the UN Environment and UNDP.

The EU reiterates its commitment to climate action and support to developing countries to respond appropriately but also continue to make domestic ambitions to further reduce GHG emissions.

# French Development Agency (AFD)

The French Government supported the development of the Uganda INDCs for COP 21 through provision of technical assistance and continues to support the Government of Uganda and its various Institutions to fulfil their role in the achievement of the objectives of the NDCs.

Support has been given through the Africa4Climate project to Kampala Capital City Authority by Expertise France to develop a climate change strategy to ensure climate resilience in our city and sustainable growth in development. This support to the city continues through capacity building, research and feasibility studies to realize the implementation of this strategy.

In the energy sector, The French Development Agency (AFD) continually works with the Government of Uganda in the areas of Generation of renewable energy, transmission and distribution to increase access. Through support to the construction of hydropower plants which began with the large plants like Bujagali and continues through planning for implementation of small and medium hydropower plants.

Through public-private partnerships, AFD provides credit lines and guarantee schemes to local banks for the promotion of renewable energy and energy efficiency solutions hence supporting the private sector to play their role in mitigating the effects of climate change.

In the water sector, which is a priority of the Government under adaptation, AFD works with the Government of Uganda and its institutions to increase access to safe water through the construction and expansion of water and sanitation treatment plants both for the big cities like Kampala and emerging towns whose demand for services continues to grow. However these projects are designed to be climate friendly with a close look at water source protection, efficiency in use and also targets vulnerable communities in the towns.

AFD continues to support the Government in the sustainable management of its national parks preserving biodiversity and promoting tourism through support to the Uganda Wildlife Authority.

Embassy of Sweden, Kampala

9.7 Annex 6: Signed NDC Partnership Plan