

PROGRAMME FOR THE UGANDA WATER AND ENVIRONMENT WEEK 2024 (UWEWK2024)
Theme: Rethinking collective action and innovative solutions to water, environment, and climate change crisis in Uganda

26th February - 17th March 2024

UWEWK 2024 PRE-EVENT ACTIVITIES

- PRE-EVENT #1: 517km Walk for Water and Environment for Climate change from Fort Portal to Kampala (26th February to 14th March 2024)
- PRE-EVENT #2: UWEWK regional activities in 6 regional de-concentrated structures of MWE (26th February to 15th March 2024)
- PRE-EVENT #3: Regional Youth Debates in 5 regional de-concentrated structures of MWE (Lira, Mbale, Fort portal, Kabale and Kampala) (02th to 15th March 2024)
- PRE-EVENT #4: Community based water and environment restoration, cleaning and awareness programmes (26th February to 17th March 2024)
- PRE-EVENT #5: UWEWK 2023 University Hackathon (12th to 14th February 2024)
- PRE-EVENT #6: Clean up exercise in Luzira (14th March 2023) by MWE management and staff and other stakeholders
- PRE-EVENT #7: Prayers for UWEWK by churches under the Uganda Joint Christian Council (17th March 2024)

Monday 18th March 2024

OPENING CEREMONY: @ MWE Auditorium (Physical) and Live on **UBC** or **NBS TVs**, and **ZOOM + YouTube**

- 09:00 - 09:30 Arrival of Guest of Honor, tour and launch of the UWEWK 2024 Exhibitions
- 09:30 - 09:45 Formal start of UWEWK 2024 opening ceremony (welcome, anthems and prayer)
- 09:45 - 10:00 Overview of UWEWK 2024 by Chairperson, National Organizing Committee
- 10:00 - 10:10 Remarks by H.E Susan Ngongi Namondo- United Nations Resident Coordinator
- 10:10 - 10:20 Remarks by Mr. Charles Peter Mayiga- Katikiro of Buganda
- 10:20 - 10:30 Remarks by His Grace, Archbishop Paul Ssemogerere Archbishop of Kampala
- 10:30 - 10:40 Entertainment: Dance and Poem
- 10:40 - 10:50 Remarks by Hon Sam Cheptoris- Minister of Water and Environment
- 10:50 - 11:15 Opening Speech by RT Hon. Thomas Tayebwa- Deputy Speaker of Parliament of Uganda
- 11:15 - 11:20 Music Interlude

Key Note Presentations: "Rethinking collective action and innovative solutions to water, environment, and climate change crisis in Uganda"

Key Note Speakers: Dr Mark Smith- Director General, IWMI and Eng. Dr Silver Mugisha, MD, NWSC

Panel Discussion: Prof. Charles Kwesiga - ED Uganda Industrial Research Institute; Hon. Dr Emely Kugonza - Vice - Chairperson, Natural Resources Committee of Parliament; Ms. Kate Kiiza- Executive Director/CFO, DFCU Bank; Ms. Margaret Mc Morrow- Lead, ECC DP Group-USAID; Mr. Alfred Okot Okidi - Permanent Secretary, MWE; Rt. Rev. Dr. Fred Sheldon Mwisigwa- Bishop Of Ankole Diocese And Chancellor of Bishop Stuart University; Ms. Grace Stuart Ninsiima - Climate Champion

13:25 - 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 - 17:00 **Feedback from regional mini-UWEWK events followed by formal responses and discussions.**
a) Karamoja and Western Region focusing on regional theme (Technology and innovations in addressing water, environment and climate change crisis)
Responses to the presentation: (Hon Silas Aagon- Chair, WASH Parliamentary Forum; Mr. Patrick Kahangire- Presidential Advisor on Water Issues; Mr. Moses Ssonko- Principal Economist, MFPEd and Mr. Fred Onduri - Vice Chair, CTC; Ms Brenda Achiro- Country Director, WFP)
b) Central and south western focusing on UWEWK regional theme (Private sector involvement in provision of water and environment services)
Responses to the presentation: (Mr. Emmanuel Njuki- Head of Legal and Corporate Affairs, NBL; Mr. Jonathan Hunter- Head of WASH, UNICEF; Eng. Julius Musimenta- MD Hydraulic Consult; Eng. Aaron Kabirizi- Former Director, DWD; Ms. Yunia Musazi- ED, UWASNET)
c) Northern and Eastern focusing on UWEWK regional theme (Youth and women led innovations and entrepreneurship to address unemployment, capacity building, education etc.)
Responses to the presentation: (Hon Lawrence Biyika Songa- Chair, CC Parliamentary Forum; Owek. Mariam Nkalubo Mayanja- Minister of Environment and Bulungibwabsi, Buganda Kingdom; Ms. Katja Kerschbaumer - Head of Office, ADC; Mr. Richard Ekodeu- Regional Programs Director, AAIN; Dr Tom Okurut- Former ED, NEMA)

Side event:
 Engagement with the Water and Environment Elders - **Zooka Boardroom**

Moderators: Patrick Kamara, Anne Namakula, Joseph Epitu, Eng. Robert Okello and Dr. Irene Nansubuga

17:00 - 19:30 Meet and greet the water and environment elders during the cocktail

END OF DAY ONE

Dialogue Sub-theme No. Sustainable access and utilization of water and environmental resources for economic development -MWE Auditorium (Physical and ZOOM)

09:00 - 09:30 **Key Note Presentation: "Sustainable access and utilization of water and environmental resources for economic development"**

Key Note Speaker: Prof. Dr. Charles Hans Komakech-Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology

Tuesday 19th March 2024	09:30 - 10:45	Panel Discussion: Prof Pamela Mbabazi - Chairperson, NPA; Mr. Ivan Tumuhimbise - Country Director, WWF; Dr. Bernard Amadei - Founding Member EWB-USA and EWBI Network; Mr. Antonio Querido - Country Representative, Food and Agricultural Organization; Ms. Jane Nabunnya Mulumba - Country Director, IRC Water and Sanitation Uganda; Dr Florence Grace Adongo - Executive Director, NBI; Mr. Ernest Rubondo - Executive Director, Petroleum Authority of Uganda				Moderators: Eng. Gilbert Kimanzi (MWE) and Brenda Achiro (WFP)
	10:45 - 11:00	Discussions and Feedback				
	TEA BREAK					
	11:30 - 13:00	Session 1: Sustainable access and utilization of water and environmental resources for economic development - Policy, Practice & Scientific Papers Presentation - Part I, (DWD Board room) refer to annex I	Session 2: Poldaw Riser Pipe Configurations; What are the opportunities and lessons learned, WaterAid Uganda: (Nile Board room)	Session 3: Side Event: Dissemination of outcomes from COP28- CCD/MWE (Auditorium)	Session 4: Side Event: The launch of the Response Strategy to address bottlenecks in IWRM and WASH in Uganda- GWP-EA (IREC-NWSC Boardroom)	Session 5: Applied training: Operationalization of Water and Environment Information System-WEIS Team (Rwizi Room next to MWE Library)
	LUNCH BREAK					
	Parallel Sessions (Physical and ZOOM)					
14:00 - 17:00	Session 6: Sustainable access and utilization of water and environmental resources for economic development - Policy, Practice & Scientific Papers Presentation - Part I, (DWD Board room) refer to annex I	Session 7: Side Event: O & M framework for rural water supply - RWSS/ IRC/ Water for People/ UNICEF (Zooka Board Room)	Session 8: Side Event: Trans boundary Water Cooperation in the Nile Basin –Unlocking the Benefits from Nile Trans boundary Cooperation -NBI (Auditorium)	Session 9: Side Event: Implementation of Noise Pollution Control Policy in Urban Uganda: Citizens’ Perceptions and Compliance in Kampala - UMI (Nile Boardroom)	Session 10: Applied training: Resettlement/ Livelihood Action Plans as a Tool for Water Resources Protection-A case study of Kalagala and Itanda Heritage Sites - AWE (Rwizi Room next to MWE Library)	
END OF DAY TWO						
Dialogue Sub-theme No. II - Nature-based solutions to solve water, environment and climate change crisis - MWE Auditorium (Physical and ZOOM)						
09:00 - 09:30	Key Note Presentation: "Nature-based solutions to solve water, environment and climate change crisis"		Key Note Speaker: Dr Musonda Mumba- Secretary General, Convention on Wetlands			

09:30 - 10:45	Panel Discussion: Prof Morris Ogenga Latigo- Former Member of Parliament and Academic; Mr. Andrew Kilonzo- Managing Director, UBL; Mr. Frank Turyatunga- Former Director at United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); Mr. Tom Sengalama- Team Leader, UNDP; Ms. Laura Muwanguzi- Climate Activity and student, ISBAT; Ms. Julie Mulonga, Executive Director Wetlands International, Eastern Africa; Dr Fred Kimaite- Technical Adviser, GIZ/WatSUP						Moderators: Moses Egaru (IUCN) and Lucy Iyango (MWE)
10:45 - 11:00	Discussions and Feedback						
TEA BREAK							
11:30 - 13:00	Session 11: Nature-based solutions to solve water, environment and climate change crisis - Technical Presentation Policy, Practice & Scientific Papers Presentation, (DWD Board Room) refer to annex I	Session 12: Side event: Water at the Heart of Climate Action" - "From satellites to Sand bags - URCS (Nile Board Room)	Session 13: Side Event: Trans-border water management challenges: managing and planning water resources development between Karamoja (Uganda) and Turkana (Kenya), IWM/KPF (Zooka Board Room)	Session 14: Side Event: Outcomes of the UN Water Conference 2023 - MWE/Hilton Foundation (Auditorium)	Session 15: Side Event: Integrating Water, Sanitation, and Solid Waste for Small Towns , Eawag-Sandec/Makerere University (IREC-NWSC Boardroom) Starting 9am to 5pm	Session 16: Applied training: Water Resources Use and Allocation in Uganda - WRPR (Rwizi Room next to MWE Library)	
LUNCH BREAK							
Parallel Sessions (Physical and ZOOM)							
14:00 - 17:00	Session 17: Nature-based solutions to solve water, environment and climate change crisis - Technical Presentation Policy, Practice & Scientific Papers Presentation, (DWD Board room) refer to annex I	Session 18: Side Event: Early Warning Initiative and HydroSOS in the Nile Basin countries for community preparedness and resilience-WMO/MWE/NBI (Nile Boardroom)	Session 19: Side Event: The role of social mobilization in sustainable utilization of water services; a case of Utility migration in refugee settlements - GIZ WatSUP (Zooka Board Room)	Session 20: Side Event: Hackathon Finals, Water for People/WRI (IREC-NWSC)	Session 21: Side Event: Understanding the role of peat land ecosystems as a nature-based solution to climate change - MWE/GIZ (MWE Auditorium)	Session 22: Applied training: Impact of Sustainable solar powered water pumping and solar powered irrigation systems on local communities' water access and agriculture - EWB-EA (Rwizi Room next to MWE Library)	
END OF DAY THREE							

Dialogue Sub-theme No. III - Resilient built environment and infrastructure in urban settings - MWE Auditorium (Physical and ZOOM)

09:00 - 09:30	Key Note Presentation: "Resilient built environment and infrastructure in urban settings"						
09:30 - 10:45	Panel Discussion: Mrs. Dorcas W. Okalany- PS, Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development; Dr Bariregah Akankwasa - Executive Director, National Environment Management Authority; Prof Charles Niwagaba- Associate Professor of Civil Engineering, College of Engineering, Makerere University; Dr Daniel Okello Ayeni- Director Public Health and Environment, KCCA; Dr Isaac Mutenyo- Project Coordinator, USMID, MLHUD; Mr. Philip Maina Gatongi- Lead Architect, Technical Services, UNOPS; Ms Jane Mselle Sembuche - Country Director, WaterAid Uganda						Moderators: Dr Rose Kaggwa (NWSC) and James Kisseka (Aide Environment)
10:45 - 11:00	Discussions and Feedback						
TEA BREAK							
11:30 - 13:00	Session 23: Resilient built environment and infrastructure in urban settings- Technical Presentation Policy, Practice & Scientific Papers Presentation, (DWD Board room) refer to annex I	Session 24: Side event: Youth-Led Solutions for Climate Migration Challenge - IOM/Youth-Go-Green) (Nile Board room)	Session 25: Side Event: Cesspool truck leasing model for sustainable Faecal Sludge Management (FSM) in small to medium towns in Uganda - GIZ – Sanitation for Millions (Zooka Board room)	Session 26: Side Event: Launch of Ministry of Water and Environment internship/placement Program - MWE/UNHCR (Auditorium)	Session 27: Side Event. Career talk - Young professionals (IREC-NWSC)	Session 28: Field Visits: 1. Nakivubo Wastewater Treatment Plant by NWSC 2: EcoPlastile Uganda Ltd (Waste2Build), Coca-Cola Beverages Uganda Ltd and Roofings Group by Youth-Go-Green (Kampala area)	
TEA BREAK							
LUNCH BREAK							
Parallel Sessions (Physical and ZOOM)							
14:00 - 17:00	Session 29: Resilient built environment and infrastructure in urban settings - Technical Presentation Policy, Practice & Scientific Papers Presentation, (DWD Board room) refer to annex I	Session 30: Side Event: Climate change, Climate Mobility and Development Nexus in Uganda - Global Centre for Climate Mobility (GCCM) (Nile Board Room)	Session 31: Side event: Engagement on Data Access for Urban Climate Resilience in Africa Early Warning for All -Lincoln Institute of Land Policy/World Meteorological Organization (Zooka Board room)	Session 32: Side Event: Graduation of mentees of 2023/24 -MWE/WRI (Auditorium)	Session 33: Side Event. (IREC-NWSC)	Session:34: Poster presentation (Rwizi Room next to MWE Library)	
END OF DAY FOUR							

Dialogue Session No. IV - Protection of lives, livelihoods, and property to support community resilience and stability - MWE Auditorium (Physical and ZOOM)

09:00 - 09:30	Key note presentation: Protection of lives, livelihoods, and property to support community resilience and stability			Key Note Speaker: Ms. Margaret Athieno Mwebesa, Commissioner for Climate Change, MWE		
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Thursday 21st March 2024

Friday 22nd March 2024	09:30 - 10:45	Panel Discussions: Mr. Matthew Crentsil - UNHCR Representative in Uganda; Mr. Richard Rwabuhinga - Chairman, Uganda Local Governments' Association/Chairperson, Mpanga Catchment; Mr. Robert Kwesiga - Secretary General, Uganda Red Cross Society; Prof Gorettie Nabanoga - Principal College of Agricultural and Environment Sciences, MUK; Eng. Sylvester Matem - Regional Manager, Nile Basin Discourse; Ms Anna Schoemakers - General Director, AidEnvironment				Moderators: Eng. Joseph Eyatu (RWSD) and Mary Namukose (GIZ)	
	10:45 - 11:00	Discussions and Feedback					
	TEA BREAK						
	Parallel Sessions (Physical and ZOOM)						
	11:30 - 13:00	Session 35: Protection of lives, livelihoods, and property to support community resilience and stability Technical Presentation - Policy, Practice & Scientific Technical Presentation (DWD Board room) refer to Annex 1	Session 36: Side event: Gender in Climate and natural resources governance: lessons learned from practice - CARE Uganda (Zooka Board room)	Session 37: Side event: Outputs of EURECCCA Project - DWRM/OSS (Nile Board room)	Session 38: Side Event: Ministry Of Water And Environment Nutrition Strategy, A Guide For Implementation Of Food System And Nutrition Initiatives - UNICEF/MWE (Auditorium)	Session 39: Side event: Youth Debate - Youth-Go-Green/MWE (IREC Board room - NWSC)	Session 40: Poster Presentation (Rwizi Room next to MWE Library)
	LUNCH BREAK						
	COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECTOR DAYS, UWEWK2024 WRAP UP & CLOSING CEREMONY: @ MWE Auditorium (Physical) and Live on UBC or NBS TVs. and ZOOM						
	12:30 - 13:30	Marching in celebration of three international sector days (marching by schools, MWE staff and stakeholders from Kitintale to MWE Headquarters)					
	13:45 - 14:45	Arrival of the Guest of honor and tour of the sector days exhibitions and general exhibitions					
	14:45 - 14:55	Formal start of commemoration of sector days and UWEWK 2024 closing ceremony (welcome, anthems and prayer)					
14:55 - 15:00	Entertainment: Song and poem						
15:00 - 15:20	Summary Outcomes of UWEWK2024 - UWEWK Organizing Committee						
15:20 - 15:45	Speeches on the themes for World Water Day, International Forest Day and World Meteorological Day (Eng Gilbert Kimanzi- Director DWD; Mr Tom Okello Obong- ED NFA and Dr Bob Ogwang- ED UNMA and)				Moderators: Patrick Kamara (NTV) and Anne Namakula (Contour)		
15:45 - 15:55	Speech by Ms. Nwanne Wwede-Obahor- UNDP Resident Representative on UN International Days (World Water Day, International Forest Day and World Meteorological Day)						
15:55 - 16:10	Giving of Awards and launch of key sector documents						
16:10 - 16:20	Remarks by Rt Rev. Bishop Moses Banja , Namirembe Diocese						
16:20 - 16:40	Remarks by Mr. Ole Dahl Rasmussen- Co-Lead, ECC DP Group- Danish Embassy and Dr Katja Kerschbaumer- Head of Office, Austria Development Cooperation						
16:40 - 16:50	Remarks by Hon. Minister of State for Environment						
16:50 - 17:10	Closing Speech by Guest of Honor, Rt Hon Lukia Nakadama - Third Deputy Prime Minister						
17:10 - 19:00	CLOSING COCKTAIL						
END OF UWEWK 2024 CONFERENCE							
POST EVENT ACTIVITIES							
POST-EVENT #1: Water and Environment Week Nile Run in Jinja (23rd March 2024)							