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1. A picture showing three waste bins for specific waste content. This eases sorting and recycling of waste 2. Staff of Suswatch Kenya at an Exhibition stall at the event 3. (Photos by Suswatch Kenya)

## Exhibition on Community Waste Management Best practices in Kisumu held as Kampala Capital City Authority gets waste management equipment from LVEMPII Uganda

Mr. Harun Gullah of the Kisumu County Department of Environment has encouraged the community with in Kisumu to provide their input and contribute to the Kisumu Urban Integrated Waste Management Strategy.

Speaking at the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), Western Kenya Coordination Office exhibition for community groups to showcase their waste management best practices, Mr. Harun urged NEMA to come up with an e-waste management strategy for Kisumu County.

The exhibition event was held at BAMATO grounds and attracted various women and youth groups that operate in the informal settlements of Nyalenda, Obunga and Manyatta, where waste management is still a key environmental challenge. In attendance were school children including Kisumu Junior Academy that exhibited various innovations.

The women groups use waste material such as polythene bags to make bags, hats, place mats, jewelry and other house hold items. These groups also produce charcoal briquettes from charcoal dust and cow dung. Phoebe Ogada, one of the women from the Manyatta Waste Management Group fondly referred to as *Mama Taka* (Mother of Waste) has made her brand. It is known as Taka bora (waste is good). She says "We source for locally available material and use them as our raw material. However, we do not have a machine that can refine bone for us to make jewelry, we have to go to Nairobi for the service and this has caused some of our women to opt out of the jewelry business".

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When asked about the name *Mama Taka*, she says that has since become her name because it is from waste (waste) that she gets her source of livelihood. In a month, *Mama Taka* makes approximately Kshs 15, 000/= but this figure fluctuates depending on the sales she makes.

In Ubunga settlement in Kisumu, a human waste recycling project at Ubunga Bio-center has seen the community utilize biogas from the toilet facilities which is used for cooking with in the community. This has become a continuous energy supply in the community. Waste has become a key source of materials for many recycling use. A Community Demand Driven sub-project supported by Lake Victoria Environment Management Project II (Kenya) by Bamato Environmental and Sanitation Project, BESAP, which is a community focused development organization based within Nyalenda informal settlement of Kisumu City, has helped in reducing plastic waste in the City. They collect, sort and recycle plastic waste as raw material for other use.

Similarly in Uganda, a CDD sub-project in Masaka district collecting waste from plastic bottles and the group mainly composed of Persons With Disability is earning money by selling the waste to bottling companies in Kampala and keeping the environment in Masaka town clean of plastic waste.

In a related development, International Development Agency, the Global Environment Fund and the Swedish International Development Agency for support towards Lake Victoria Environment Management Project Phase II (LVEMP II Uganda) have provided waste management equipment to Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA). This will go a long way to aid garbage collection in Kampala especially along the Nakivubo channel. The equipment was handed over to the KCCA Executive Director - Ms. Jennifer Musisi by the Minister of Water and Environment - Professor Ephraim Kamuntu.

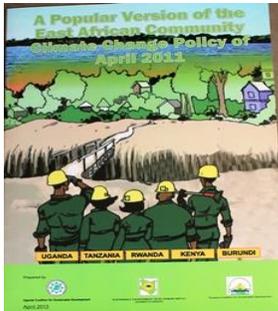
The Minister noted that LVEMP II will support KCCA in undertaking civil works worth Ushs 3bn. The fund will be used for cleaning up and maintaining 8.7km of Nakivubo Channel for a period of one year. More support will be offered for solid waste management and channel dredging equipment at a tune of Ushs 4.2bn. KCCA efforts are geared towards waste management in urban center specifically around Nakivubo channel that affects water quality in Lake Victoria, sanitation and environmental issues as well as conducting awareness programmes on environment for the surrounding communities.

LVEMP II Project is directly under the Ministry of water and environment, collaborating with other institutions such as KCCA and Local Governments. Most of the LVEMP II Project interventions are geared towards environmental restoration and conservation efforts. Professor Kamuntu commended KCCA for improving garbage collection adding that with the recent interventions, solid waste collection in Kampala has increased from 140,000 tons per year in 2011 to 360,000 tons in 2013.

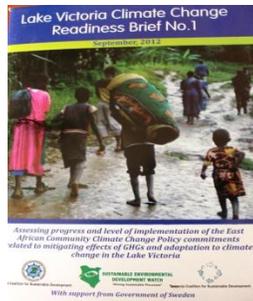
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## SusWatch Kenya joins UCSD to implement USAID-PREPARED Projects in East Africa



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1. A picture of the popular version of the East African Community Climate Change Policy 2. Lake Victoria Readiness Brief 1 (Energy) 3. Lake Victoria Readiness Brief 2 (Water and Sanitation: Photos by UCSD)

Sustainable Environmental Development Watch (SusWatch Kenya) is to receive funding to the tune of USD 300,000 from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) – Planning for Resilience Through Policy, Adaptation, Research and Economic Development (PREPARED).

The Project will carry out an assessment on Community Climate Change Adaptation in selected hotspots in East Africa. The assignment will run for a period of 7 months starting August 2015. The assessment shall be conducted in the 5 East African states of Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda; majorly targeting the rural communities.

The results of this project will be used to facilitate the development of the Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC) Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan.

The results will further assist the East African Community Partner States to improve their understanding and assessment of impacts, vulnerability and communities' adaptive capabilities in order to enhance the policy and decision making processes taking into account current and future climate change and variability.

Earlier in February 2015, Uganda Coalition for Sustainable Development (UCSD), a network partner of SusWatch Kenya under the East African Sustainability Watch Network is implementing a United States Agency for International Development (USAID) – Planning for Resilience Through Policy, Adaptation, Research and Economic Development (PREPARED) project that is assessing customer satisfaction and developing a stakeholder engagement framework and strategy for the National Water and Sewerage Corporation (NWSC) – Jinja, Uganda, in a bid to reduce Non-Revenue Water (NRW).

EA SusWatch Network has been engaged in climate change activities with in the Lake Victoria Basin such as creating awareness of the East African Community Climate Change Policy and carrying out studies following EAC partner states commitments in the policy. Published works include a series of Lake Victoria Climate Change Readiness Briefs on energy, water and sanitation and Agriculture and Food nutrition respectively.