

UCSD News Bulletin August 2007
Monthly news Bulletin from the secretariat of Uganda Coalition for Sustainable Development (UCSD)
Rio and beyond.....

UCSD's Uganda Sustainability Bulletin (May/June '07) on the Prosperity for All Programme

UCSD's May/ June bulletin is now available with focus on Uganda Government's Plan to achieve Prosperity for All (Bonna Baggagawale scheme – BB for short) whose implementation and planned operation remains hazy. Moreover, women, youth and other vulnerable groups still lack basic needs that can anchor them well to prosper from it, hence may have limited confidence to be part of the Savings and Credit Cooperative Societies(SACCOs) which are prerequisite to accessing BB funds. Copies of the newsletter are available from UCSD secretariat.

UCSD Meetings in August

Project Steering Committee (PSC) for the Lake Victoria Project

The third PSC for the East African Civil Society Project for sustainable development in the Lake Victoria basin was held August 16 – 17, 2007 at Kenya Comfort Hotel – Nairobi, hosted by the Kenya SusWatch Network. The meeting reviewed narrative and financial progress reports of the activities set, after the second PSC meeting in Dar es Salaam (held April 2007), evaluated lessons learnt on selected activities, looked at the planned activities in the remaining period of 2007, as well as administrative and management aspects, among other things.

Executive Committee meeting

The new UCSD Executive Committee held its initial meeting August 22, 2007 at the secretariat. In addition to being the formal hand over meeting, the meeting received and discussed updates from the Secretariat, transfer of furniture, equipment and institutional memory from the International Secretariat (winding up) to UCSD, the future of the SusWatch partnership (Africa proposal to follow up of the next phase), and the potential for UCSD / MS Uganda partnership within the confines of the later's new Democracy focus. The Executive also decided to form follow up / reference groups including one on the Lake Victoria Project, and on the review of UCSD thematic group operations.

Save Mabira Crusade gives Government ultimatum

The Save Mabira Crusade has reawakened the Campaign to save Mabira forest from being chopped down in favor of sugar cane production. In a Press briefing held August 27, 2007, the group made demands for which a 14 day ultimatum has been set for Government of Uganda to respond. UCSD adds its voice to demand that Government

expeditiously and clearly state its position on Mabira forest so as not to keep Ugandans guessing of what the next action will be, as many Ugandans (and concerned development partners) remain concerned about the plight of Mabira forest as evidenced during and after the April 12, 2007 demonstration. Read more about the Save Mabira Crusade Press statement: [Read more here>>>](#)

Also read more about UCSD's analysis of the event as a symptom of wider barriers to sustainable development in Uganda: [Read more here](#)

Resources and Upcoming events

DDT's resurgence

Following the WHO recommendation for the use of DDT in developing countries to prevent the spread of malaria, Uganda has taken it up and approved its application. However the debate over its safety continues: while in certain settings, DDT remains a proven tool to hinder the transmission of malaria to humans, environmentalists and public-health specialists argue that it is not a long-term answer. [Read the more about the continuing DDT debate:](#)

UNDP / GEF's International Waters Report

UNDP/ GEF has recently released a Report entitled 'International Waters Programme: Delivering results' highlights results in preparation and adoption of four regional water body legal agreements for example Lake Tanganyika and the Caspian Sea. [Read More here:](#) or [follow this link](#)

Debate of the Lake Victoria Commission Bill

The Plenary session of the East African Legislative Assembly is to debate the Lake Victoria Commission Bill and the Lake Victoria Transport Bill September 10 – 29, 2007 in Arusha – Tanzania.

Ozone day 2007: September 16 is the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer with a theme 'Celebrating 20 years of progress in 2007'. [Read More here](#)