

UCSD News Bulletin February 2007

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

International Women's Day - A Global Day of Celebration

Celebrated on 8 March, International Women's Day (IWD) is the global day connecting all women around the world and inspiring them to achieve their full potential. IWD celebrates the collective power of women past, present and future. It is also an opportunity to unite, network and mobilize for meaningful change. The theme for 2007 is: *Ending Impunity for Violence against Women and Girls*

In Uganda, the issue of energy access lies in the path to ending impunity for *structural* violence against Women and girls since it does not discriminate between rural or urban women. This blockade continues to manifest itself right from the strategic / policy levels to implementation of even the smallest energy project intervention. On realizing that for many years energy projects were (and continue to be) treated as gender 'neutral' based on the assumption that energy bottlenecks and solutions impact men and women in similar ways, in 2005 UNDP and ENERGIA launched a useful resource: *Gender and Energy for Sustainable Development - A toolkit and Resource Guide*. UCSD believes that this guidebook continues to be relevant in *Ending Impunity for Violence against Women and Girls*, as it provides steps development practitioners can take to tackle 'energy poverty', a condition that often has disproportionate effects on women and girls.

Read more about how development practitioners can take into account relevant questions needed to bring about better development and energy outcomes that are gender specific and that address the needs of women in particular in *Gender and Energy for Sustainable Development - A toolkit and Resource Guide* in pdf format (100 pages):
<http://www.undp.org/energy/genenergykit/genderengtoolkit.pdf>

UCSD gets full time Accountant

Effective March 1, UCSD will have a full time Accountant - MS Rebecca Kwagala, who will be based in Secretariat Offices in Kabalagala. She holds a BBA (Accounting) from Uganda Christian University (Mukono), and a Diploma in Business Studies. Previously, she has worked for the International Network Secretariat of the Sustainability Watch Project and as an Administrator for Shares! We would like to welcome her on board.

A Call for UCSD membership update or signing up

UCSD Secretariat would like to remind all participating organizations that we are now set to receive membership and subscription fees (total Ugshs 45,000 or Regular members - registered CSOs & NGOs) that should be done before the AGM that is planned by in June 2007. Invitation will be for updated members only. If you wish to pay up please we can send you the application form (you can pick or request for an electronic copy by email) which when duly filled will need to be delivered at UCSD Secretariat (Contact person for membership subscription is Rebecca Kwagala - UCSD Accountant). For all inquiries please contact ugandacoalition@infocom.co.ug or Tel: 041 269461

Resources

[Africa Regional Coverage Project - Communicating outcome of Africa's meetings to the World in real time](#)

The International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) - Reporting Services Division (IISD RS) and South Africa's Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, in partnership with the UN Environment Programme's Regional Office for Africa, have joined together to assist in communicating the policy outcomes of African regional meetings on environment and related sustainable development issues to the larger international community. The African Regional Coverage (ARC) Project will replicate the *Earth Negotiations* success at the regional level in order to make the outcome of Africa's meetings available to the world in real-time. *More about the ARC project, recent and upcoming coverage, please visit::* <http://www.iisd.ca/africa/>

[Poverty Dynamics eLearning Course](#)

The Poverty and Growth Program (PGP) of the World Bank Institute (WBI) is pleased to announce its new offering -- the Advanced Poverty Analysis: Poverty Dynamics eLearning Course to be delivered from April 30, 2007 to May 21, 2007. Please use the link below to apply (*deadline to apply is April 13, 2007*):

http://info.worldbank.org/etools/wbi_learning/sec/form_e.cfm?sch_id=POV07-01-076

[New address for Uganda Biodiversity Network](#)

The Uganda Biodiversity Network (UBN), which is UCSD's thematic group lead NGO for biodiversity has a new address: Plot 47, Gayaza Road, Kasangati P.O. Box 19098 Kasangati, Uganda Tel: (+256) 414 57 6630 / (+256) 772 485 401 / (+256) 752 248 5401 Email: ubn@operamail.com / tbkentos@yahoo.com