

UCSD News Bulletin July 2007

Monthly news Bulletin from the secretariat of Uganda Coalition for Sustainable Development (UCSD)

Rio and beyond.....

UCSD issues 2 press statements in Uganda

UCSD secretariat produced two statements in *The Daily Monitor* News paper of July 6, 2007 (*The proposed Mabira forest degazettement is a symptom of wider barriers to sustainable development*) and July 16, 2007 (*A civil society Evaluation of the Global partnership on Aid, Trade and Debt in Uganda on 7/7/7 - the Halfway point for the Millennium Development Goals*). The statements will also later on be available on the UCSD website: www.ugandacoalition.or.ug

Environment and Population day marked in Mityana district

The population day celebration in Mityana district co-organised by Kikandwa Environment Association were held at Bunyadde/ Mwezi Primary School on July 11, 2007. The event was also in commemoration of the World Environment Day 2007. Activities included exhibitions (demonstration gardens of crops, and trees) and field visits to scenic rocks/hills, tree planting, music and drama performances by pupils from the surrounding schools. UCSD Information Assistant - Baalikowa Grace attended the event and planted a tree in commemoration of this occasion.

UCSD presents barriers to sustainable development during the Lake Victoria Clean Up Week

As part of the Lake Victoria Clean Up Week with the theme 'My Responsible Action Today is a Better Lake Tomorrow', Lake Victoria Region Local Authorities Cooperation (LVRLAC), the Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) and the UN Habitat organized a Regional Conference on Building Synergies for Sustainable Development of the Lake Victoria basin. UCSD took the opportunity to present The Civil Society Watchdog Discussion Paper No.1 on *Barriers to the Promotion of Sustainable Development in the Lake Victoria basin (June 2007)*. The Conference was attended by East African Lake Region Mayors, Town Clerks, Planners and other local authority technocrats, media, and UN Habitat and NBI, who called for more coordination amongst Lake Victoria basin development actors and for a rallying point (*Mtazamo wa Pamoja*) to secure that region-wide local level actions are taken to address the barriers to sustainable development. For more information about the Conference outcomes, contact: secretarygeneral@lvrlac.net or secretariat@lvrlac.net

No Water. No Life

UCSD, Kenya SusWatch Network and TCSD with support from Sida / LVI have produced a colorful poster that urges citizen actions to *protect Lake Victoria for life*. To access a copy / copies of the poster (in either English or Kiswahili), please contact Mr. Kimbowa Richard UCSD secretariat - ugandacoalition@infocom.co.ug for Uganda. The Poster will be available in Kenya c/o Mr. John Wabwire - jowabs@yahoo.com and Tanzania c/o Mr. Damas Nderumaki - tcsd2005@yahoo.co.uk after August 15, 2007

UCSD Membership still open

UCSD secretariat is still open to interested NGOs and CSOs, individuals to join UCSD as members. For more information, please contact Mr. Robert Kugonza/ Ms. Rebecca Kwagala on 256-414-269461

Resources

Lake Victoria Initiative Report (June 2007)

The third report from Lake Victoria Initiative (LVI) of Sida (January - December 2006) authored by the Embassy of Sweden - Kenya, has been released. It highlights some of the results emanating from the LVI support, points out emerging coordination efforts amongst the Lake Victoria basin development actors, outlines the numerous plans that are approaching implementation stage, and provides an assessment progress in the set activity areas under the Swedish strategy for support to Lake Victoria that include: Capacity building for sustainable development; Empowerment of communities and individuals; and Combating HIV/AIDS.

Read more: http://www.sida.se/shared/jsp/download.jsp?f=SIDA37814en_Lake+Victoria+web.pdf&a=32814

New Electronic Journal of Sustainable Development

The first issue of the Electronic Journal of Sustainable Development (EJSD) explores "The nature of sustainable development." Read about the different views and thoughts on the concept of sustainable development and how the varied interpretation could help explain the current *laissez faire* attitude to sustainable development which seems to be influencing development policy. The EJSD is a biannual, peer-reviewed journal, available online at no charge and intends to address the issue of 'sustainable development' and how it can be achieved. It publishes scholarly articles in the realms of public policy, science, economics and the law as they relate to the concept of sustainable development and its various facets. More: <http://www.ejsd.org/>