

# UCSD News Bulletin May, 2007

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

*Rio and Beyond.....*

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## Call for UCSD membership update before the AGM on June 28, 2007

UCSD still invites organizations to join it as part the process of updating before AGM and recruiting more members. Invitation will as a priority go to registered and paid up members. Regular membership is open CSOs and NGOs total membership and subscription fees total to Ugshs 45,000). UCSD would like to thank those that have so far paid up. For more information/questions regarding membership update, please contact Robert Kugonza / Rebecca Kwagala on Tel: +256- 414- 269461 or [rebecca@suswatch.org](mailto:rebecca@suswatch.org) and [rnkugonza@yahoo.com](mailto:rnkugonza@yahoo.com)

## Partners networks discuss East African Civil society Watchdog Project

The Executive / Steering Committees of the Kenya SusWatch Network (c/o KOEE), TCSD, UCSD held meetings at the beginning of May to secure a wider discussion and consensus on the draft discussion paper for the EAC: 'Barriers to promotion of sustainable development in the Lake Victoria basin', that is in preparation for printing, and to seek more understanding and involvement of members in the current and upcoming project activities.

## Join the Environment Day 2007 on the foothills of Mountain Rwenzori

World Environment Day theme is Melting Ice - A Hot Topic? Aims to encourage people to think about the effects that climate change is having on polar ecosystems and communities, and the resulting consequences around the world. And national theme is *Global is real, green your environment, plant more trees*. The National celebrations for Uganda will be hosted Kasese District's Local Government at Nkaiga Primary School in Maliba Sub-county. This is at the foothills of the Rwenzori Mountains whose glacier levels have reduced by close to 50% over the years. There will be an exhibition where the government, civil society organizations and the private sector will show environmental initiatives that they have accomplished. **As UCSD will be present to exhibit its materials, if any member has information that you would like to share out with the rest, please deposit at the UCSD Secretariat before Thursday May 31, 2007.** For more information about the WED 2007 and the theme "Melting Ice-A Hot Topic?" visit: <http://www.unep.org/wed/2007/english/>

## Anti-Poverty Campaigners vow to carry on after review meet

The Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP) is a worldwide alliance of 118 national campaigning coalitions made up of NGOs, faith groups, trade unions, student organizations and community groups working to tackle poverty and inequality in their countries and around the world. The Uganda MDG /GCAP Coalition (c/o Uganda NGO Forum) is the national focal point for Uganda. In 2007 after the global review in Uruguay, the GCAP has agreed the slogan of "Stand Up and Speak Out". A coordinated global mobilization will be on 17 October 2007, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. GCAP will also build up to 17 October through other key moments: 2nd June - ahead of the G8 and EU Summits and 07.07.07 - mid-point of the MDGs. For more information about how to join the global mobilization and other key moments, please contact: Deo Nyanzi, Programme Officer, Uganda National NGO Forum. Tel: 031-260373; 041-510272/501674 Email: [ngoforum@infocom.co.ug](mailto:ngoforum@infocom.co.ug) or visit: [www.whiteband.org](http://www.whiteband.org) for more information about the Uruguay outcome.

## Resources and upcoming events

UCSD AGM, is scheduled to take place June 28, 2007

**Lake Victoria Clean Up Week** - Join the Lake Victoria Clean - Up Week, **July 20- 27, 2007** jointly organized by UN-HABITAT, LVRLAC, ECOVIC (U), Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) and Lake Victoria Youth Cooperation (LVYCO) in the major Lake based towns at cities. With the theme "*My Responsible Action Today is a Better Lake Tomorrow*", the Clean-Up will be to be launched in Entebbe, July 20. For more information, please contact: For more information about how you can participate, please contact: LVRLAC Regional Secretariat Email: [secretariat@lvrlac.net](mailto:secretariat@lvrlac.net) Website: [www.lvrlac.net](http://www.lvrlac.net)

## Join a call for leadership selection reform at the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund By New Rules for Global Finance Coalition

The leadership crisis at the World Bank is undermining not only the Bank but potentially the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The world's nations not least the United States have a vital interest in promoting the goals and sound management of these international institutions. After Paul Wolfowitz's problems, the World Bank is still contending with the widespread perception that under the current arrangement, a WB President disproportionately represents U.S. interests rather than objectives that command a global consensus. The root cause of that perception is an informal convention, established in the 1940s, that the U.S. government designates the president of the World Bank while European governments designate the IMF's managing director. To sign this call for leadership selection based on merit, please see [www.new-rules.org/docs/imf\\_wb\\_leadership\\_selection051107.htm](http://www.new-rules.org/docs/imf_wb_leadership_selection051107.htm)

