

The Project focuses on the following areas:

- ❑ **Mainstreaming citizen participation in policy development, implementation and monitoring of sustainable development objectives and poverty reduction outcomes**
- ❑ **Strengthening the capacities of participating organizations** to effectively undertake advocacy and lobbying on sustainable development issues in the Lake Victoria basin
- ❑ **Scaling up networking and information sharing on sustainable development** in the Lake Victoria basin in order to build synergies with other stakeholders.

The East African Civil Society Watchdog project advocates for more inclusive processes from the diverse and growing stakeholders of the East African integration particularly in the Lake Victoria basin so that they act in consonance - supporting the consultatively agreed regional vision for Lake Victoria.

Specifically the project will **target to influence on going work related to Lake Victoria development**; and policies of the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) through its relevant committees and operational structures.

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The East African Civil Society Watchdog Project for sustainable development in the Lake Victoria basin

A Civil Society Watchdog initiative working towards a prosperous population in a healthy and sustainably managed environment and providing equitable opportunities and benefits



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What is the project about?

Uganda Coalition for Sustainable Development (UCSD), Kenya Organization of Environment Education (KOEI on behalf of the Kenya SusWatch Network), and Tanzania Coalition for Sustainable Development (TCSD) are national networks that have since 2005 been part of the **Global Sustainability Watch (SusWatch)¹** - a network of civil society organizations in 17 countries in the global South (Africa, Asia and Latin America), working **to promote governments' accountability on sustainable development through ongoing qualitative monitoring and constructive dialogue at the national and international levels.**

SusWatch seeks to **increase Southern civil society networks ability to engage more effectively in advocacy for pro-poor sustainable development.**

While the SusWatch Network recognizes the great achievement of the global community in forging international agreements to these issues, **KOEI, UCSD and TCSD strongly believe that the world will never truly make poverty history unless world governments implement these agreements within their respective borders.**

The three networks have contributed to the first International Sustainability Watch Report that focused on existing implementation barriers hindering the effective realization of sustainable development goals in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

This has inspired the three networks to further influence governments, civil society and donors towards support and improved capacities to overcome the current implementation crisis in pursuit of poverty reduction and environmental sustainability.

The 3 networks have henceforth agreed to work together to **'scale up' the Sustainability Watch concept in East Africa focusing on the Lake Victoria basin.**

The underlying principle

The underlying principle behind the Project is the recognition that the issues and challenges of achieving sustainable development are broad in the Lake Victoria region of East Africa that no single agency can be able to design interventions to adequately overcome them and realize it single handedly.

Aim of the East African Civil Society Watchdog project

The overall aim of the East African Civil Society Watchdog project for sustainable development is to build capacity of CSOs' of the three networks in collective advocacy and lobbying activities aimed at supporting / enhancing sustainable development policies within the Lake Victoria basin at local, national and regional levels



A typical landing site on Lake Victoria

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