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Land Restoration Training Programme



CALL FOR APPLICANTS

1. Background

The United Nations Land Restoration Training Programme (UNU-LRT) provides a postgraduate training for specialists from developing countries in the broad field of restoration of degraded land and sustainable land management, and aims at assisting developing countries in capacity development within these fields. The Programme was founded in 2007 by the Icelandic Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and works in partnership with the Agricultural University of Iceland and the Soil Conservation Service of Iceland.

Last year, UNU-LRT conducted a domestic version of the course in Kasese Municipality, focusing on *sustainable land use, land restoration and its interrelations with climate change in Uganda*, and was attended by Local Government officers, working in the environment and natural resources (ENR) sector, operating in the districts that make up Mbarara, Kachwekana and Rwebitaba Zonal Agricultural Research and Development Institutes (ZARDIs). A similar training is planned this year, in Masindi, targeting (i) Local Government officers working in the ENR sector and (ii) qualified officers working with government conservation agencies (**National Forestry Authority** and **Uganda Wildlife Authority**) deployed in the cattle corridor of Uganda. In particular, officers will be drawn from districts in Table 1.

Table 1. Districts to be considered for the second UNU-LRT programme in Uganda

Rakai	Butambala	Luweero	Kiryandongo
Kyotera	Mpigi	Nakaseke	Kibale
Masaka	Mubende	Nakasongola	Kagadi
Sembabule	Mityana	Masindi	Kakumiro
Kalungu	Kiboga	Hoima	Gomba
Bukomansimbi	Kyankwanzi	Buliisa	

2. Eligibility

Participant should:

- Hold a minimum of a good first degree in a relevant earth-, life-, or environmental science;
- Be a confirmed employee of the Local Government in the ENR and allied (e.g. agriculture extension) sectors, but not on probation;

- c) Employee of National Forestry Authority or Uganda Wild Life Authority, operating in the districts in Table 1; and
- d) Be ready to stay away from his/her duty station for the entire training period.

Note: *Females are strongly encouraged to apply.*

3. Address

Application packages should be sent to the address below:

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KAMPALA

Alternatively, the following emails can be used to transmit **pdf** copies of the application materials: jlugumira@nemaug.org or jerlug@yahoo.com

4. Timeline

The National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) will lead the selection of a minimum of twenty five (25) participants from a pool of applicants, and below is the timeline leading towards the selection of the participants:

- a) June, 2018: Call made through letters to the accounting officers of qualifying lead agencies and on the NEMA website.
- b) July 27th, 2018: Deadline for submission of applications;
- c) August, 2018: Shortlisting of applicants;
- d) August, 2018: Interviews to select twenty five (25) participants;
- e) August, 2018: Finalist identified and their files forwarded to UNU-LRT for consideration; and
- f) September, 2018: Invitation letters sent to participants.