



Press Statement:

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RE: Launch of the 13th National State of Environment Report, 2018-2019

National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) has today launched the National State of Environment Report (NSOER) 2018-2019. This is the 13th state of environment report for Uganda and is themed **Managing the Environment for Climate Resilient Livelihoods and Sustainable Development**. NEMA is mandated to produce the report every two years.

The National State of Environment Report aims to inform the public about the state of the environment in the country, the importance of the environment and natural resources in the development process and their value to society, its trends and projection, the key issues, challenges and, opportunities for improvement.

The 13th NSOER is subdivided into three parts; Part One that analyses the links between the state of the environment and the productivity of the different sectors; Part Two evaluates the state of biodiversity in the country; while Part Three gives discourse on the policy interventions that have been undertaken for the good of the environment.

Other areas addressed in the report include the impacts of oil and gas exploitation, issues in the mineral and extractives industry, air quality and pollution, water quality, the impact of refugees on the environment, land degradation, impact of agriculture and livestock on the environment, status and trends in the country's wetlands and forest cover and the incidences of environmental hazards and disasters

Over the years the NSOER has become a key reference document for information on environmental performance. The information in the report is based on scientific research and contributions by experts from relevant Government Ministries,

Departments and Agencies (MDAs), regulators, managers, users and beneficiaries of the environment and natural resources.

General projections in the report indicate that Uganda is likely to continue as a natural resource based economy in the foreseeable future. And therefore, the state of the country's environment will remain a major determinant of national development and the wellbeing of Ugandan citizens, the East African Region and the world at large.

The report can be downloaded from the NEMA website www.nema.go.ug/ / <https://www.nema.go.ug/sites/default/files/NSOER%202018-2019.pdf>

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