



## **Strengthening Institutional Capacity for Effective Implementation of Rio Conventions in Uganda**

### **Summary of the Rio Conventions Project**



## **PROJECT TITLE: Strengthening Institutional Capacity for Effective Implementation of Rio Conventions in Uganda**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) on behalf of the Government of Uganda (GOU) is implementing a 4-year GEF/UNDP supported project in Uganda. This project is jointly implemented with a number of stakeholders including the Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE) and the Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) in collaboration with other partners from government and non-government organizations. Other partners include civil society Organisations particularly Environmental Alert, Advocate Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE) and Nature Uganda. The project is piloted in the District Local governments of Kayunga, Buikwe, Jinja, Mukono and Wakiso.

The Rio Conventions include United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC); the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD); and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

The project's strategy emphasizes a long-term approach to institutionalizing capacities to meet Rio Conventions obligations through a set of activities that lay the foundation for effective decision-making and policy-making regarding global environmental benefits.

Active participation of stakeholder representatives in the project life cycle facilitates the strategic implementation of project activities, mainly at the district level, in line with project objectives. Moreover, the inclusion of multistakeholders contributes to the adaptive collaborative management of project implementation and promotes long-term sustainability of project outcomes.

The **project goal** is to strengthen institutional capacity for Rio Conventions implementation and environmental data and information management in Uganda to improve the reporting process to the Rio Conventions and ensure sustainable development through better design and enforcement of environmental policy.

### **Specific Objectives**

- i. Develop individual capacities and institutional frameworks in the NEMA, MAAIF, and MWE for improved implementation of environmental impacts and trends for the elaboration of collaborative natural resources management.
- ii. Enhance national capacities to deliver and sustain global environmental outcomes within the framework of sustainable development priorities.

- iii. Strengthen institutional capacity for effective implementation and monitoring of the Rio Conventions in Uganda.

### **Project Components**

Rio Conventions project is implemented through two components, namely;

**Component 1:** Establishing a national institutional framework for environmental management, and

**Component 2:** Development of coordinated information and data management system.

### **Project outcomes**

These are three including;

**Outcome 1:** Strengthened and elaborated institutional framework for managing natural resources and environment

**Outcome 2:** Technical and management staff sufficiently trained in monitoring and data analysis and linkage to decision making

**Outcome 3:** improved system for managing data and information that supports monitoring the implementation of Rio Conventions established

### **Project Outputs:**

**Output 1.1** Institutional capacity of the National Environment Management Authority to mobilize resources, and coordinate the implementation of priority environmental policies and strategies strengthened.

**Output 1.2** Inter-ministerial cooperation for collaborative decision-making among policy makers achieved.

**Output 1.3** Capacity of national and district actors to mobilize resources for implementing MEAs strengthened

**Output 2.1** Governments and districts' capacity for conventions monitoring and reporting developed.

**Output 2.2** Awareness of global environmental values, issues, and commitments at decision-makers level raised.

**Output 3.1** Data collection and exchange systems that cover needs of Rio Conventions established

**Output 3.2** Accessible and user-friendly national data clearinghouse, covering all three Rio Conventions, established

**Output 3.3** a set of indicators for environment monitoring and natural resources management supporting both global and national needs identified

**Output 3.4** Stakeholders' capacities to access, use and interpret the information built.

### **Contributing to SDG**

**Goal 15:** Protect, restore, and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.

**Goal 17:** Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.