


Minister Kibuule urges Water and Environment Sector Stakeholders to implement JSR undertakings



State Minister for Water, Hon. Ronald Kibuule has called upon stakeholders to take lead in implementing the agreed undertakings from the just concluded 11th Joint Government of Uganda/Donor Sector Review of the Water and Environment Sector. While closing the ceremony on Thursday, Hon. Kibuule who doubles as Mukono North Member of Parliament, informed Local Government leaders that the Ministry is committed to offer both financial and technical support to them in relation to the Ministry's Mandate and Vision and to meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

“As per Goal 6 of the Sustainable Development Goals, provision of safe and clean water and sanitation facilities is a basic human right; I therefore wish to take this opportunity to re-emphasize it and request that we work together to see this happen,” he said.

He urged stakeholders to utilize the District Water Management Zones, Umbrella Authorities and the technical team at the ministry in planning and implementation of the sector activities.

State Minister for Water, Hon. Ronald Kibuule, gives his closing remarks at the 11th JSR at Mestil hotel, Kampala

“In the same spirit we at the Ministry, the practice is an open-door policy so that at any time, you can consult the political leaders,” he said.

This year’s Water and Environment Joint Sector Review was carried out under the theme, “The role of Water and Environment in the industrialization and wealth creation agenda of Uganda.”

Hon. Kibuule said he hoped the theme had effectively guided the discussions, in order to come up with the necessary policy adjustments or refinements that will benefit service delivery.

“We all need to appreciate the issues raised which include coming up with deliberate financing strategies to focus on improving coverage of water and improving the functionality of existing water facilities, enforcement of laws and regulations for environment and natural resources but in particular there is need to hasten the process of demarcation opening and maintenance of wetland and forestry boundaries.”

Before Hon. Kibuule addressed participants, the Ministry’s Permanent Secretary, Alfred Okot Okidi hailed Development Partners for extending financial support and playing the monitoring role, all which have contributed to the successes shared and witnessed during the 3-day event.



MWE Permanent Secretary, Mr. Alfred Okot Okidi (L) shares ideas at the 11th JSR with State Minister for Water, Hon. Ronald Kibuule (1)

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Mr. Okidi further appreciated his staff for performing excellently despite the sector receiving low funding.

He announced that on October 04th, the ministry will launch tree-planting in schools with the official ceremony slated to take place in Neta village, Lira district.

In the month of November this year, the Ministry will launch a project to green all Local Government institutions, beginning with Bulambuli district.

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