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WATER AND ENVIRONMENT A STRATEGIC DRIVER IN ATTAINMENT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS 2030

UGANDA WATER AND ENVIRONMENT WEEK

HELD FROM 18TH TO 22ND MARCH 2019



OUTLINE

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OVERVIEW

- UWEWK 2019 WAS DEMONSTRATING THE CENTRALITY ON WATER AND ENVIRONMENT IN ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS) BY 2030
- **GOAL:** IMPROVED UNDERSTANDING OF THE CENTRALITY OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENT RESOURCES IN ATTAINMENT OF SDGS BY 2030
- **OBJECTIVES OF UWEWK 2019**
 - HIGHLIGHT HOW WATER AND ENVIRONMENT CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIETY AND HOW SOCIETY CAN ENHANCE ITS STEWARDSHIP ROLE AND CONTRIBUTE EFFECTIVELY TO ACHIEVEMENT OF SDGS RELATED TO WATER AND ENVIRONMENT
 - INTRODUCE THE BLUE ECONOMY CONCEPT WHICH IS THE ECONOMIC BENEFIT AND VALUE WE REALIZE FROM THE EARTH'S FRESHWATER ENVIRONMENT
 - EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACHIEVING GREEN GROWTH THROUGH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENT RESOURCES
 - FOCUS ON THE INSEPARABLE LINK AMONG SECURITY OF WATER, ENERGY, FOOD AND ECOSYSTEMS WHICH IS CRITICAL TO UNDERPIN SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIES AND HUMAN WELL-BEING AND HENCE ACHIEVEMENT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.
 - DELIBERATE ON THE ROLE OF ROBUST AND EFFECTIVE WATER AND ENVIRONMENT GOVERNANCE IN EQUITABLE SOCIETIES;
 - PROVIDE A FORUM FOR IMPROVING THE INTEGRITY OF ECOSYSTEMS FOR IMPROVED WATER QUALITY, QUANTITY AND WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT.
 - FOCUS ON INNOVATIVE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND INVESTMENT VEHICLES THAT CAN SUPPORT NATIONAL EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THE SDGS RELATED TO WATER AND ENVIRONMENT.

OVERVIEW

- **MAIN THEME:** WATER AND ENVIRONMENT A STRATEGIC DRIVER IN ATTAINMENT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS 2030
- OVER 162 PRESENTATION WERE MADE
 - KEY NOTE 5
 - SUB THEMES 157
 - WATER ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY 59
 - FINANCING SDGS 19
 - WATER FOOD ENERGY ECOSYSTEMS NEXUS 44
 - GREEN GROWTH 20
 - BLUE ECONOMY 10

PRE-EVENT ACTIVITIES



- Walk for ZOKA
- Regional Wide activities
- Mobile caravan
- Crown with a clean up exercise in Entebbe kitororo



SPONSORS AND PARTICIPANTS

| Sponsor Category | Number |
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| Platinum | 1 |
| Gold | 4 |
| Silver | 11 |
| Bronze | 5 |
| Ivory | 14 |

- **NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:** 600 (BOTH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS)
- **EXHIBITORS 84** (DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS; NGOS; PRIVATE COMPANIES, MDAs, BANKS)

THE CONFERENCE

SIX DIALOGUES AND KEY NOTE
ADDRESSES; 6 PARALLEL
SESSIONS



SIDE EVENTS

| Side event | Focus |
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| WASH Financing Alternatives Dialogue | The Adequacy of WASH Financing! here are the Gaps?” organized by Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group (CSBAG) in partnership with WaterAid Uganda |
| Partnering with the private sector in managing water and environmental resources | Experiences of the IWASP program in Uganda organized by IWASP GIZ UGANDA in partnership with IUCN, MWE DWRM, KCCA, UMA |
| Utilization of the iRain tool for hydroclimatic applications in Uganda | Open source water resource monitoring tool organized by Makerere University |
| Effectiveness of local WASH systems analyses on service improvement | A case of Kabarole District 2018 Organized by IRC- International Water and Sanitation Centre in partnership with Kabarole District WASH Task team |
| Addressing inequalities in society is a priority to attain SDG6 Commitments | Uganda Water and Sanitation NGO Network organized by UWASNET |
| Reporting on the progress of the WASH Alliance for Sustainable Development Goals | The progress of the WASH Alliance for Sustainable Development Goals |

EXHIBITIONS



APPLIED TRAININGS

| Applied trainings | Organizer |
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| Forest-based investments for poverty reduction and environmental sustainability | Forest Sector Support Department (FSSD) and Makerere University |
| Wetland Related Businesses | Wetlands Department |
| Effective Communication and Documentation of Water and Environment | International Water and Sanitation Centre (IRC) & Uganda Water and Sanitation Network (UWASNET) |
| Water Source Planning and Protection | Directorate of Water Resources Management (DWRM) |
| Water Quality Assessment (Demonstration) | Mulago Diagnostics / Directorate of Water Resources Management (DWRM-WQD) |
| Micro Irrigation and Solar Technologies (Demonstration) | Water for Production |
| Innovations in School WASH Promotion: A case of using games | Water for People and Kamwenge DLG/ MOES |
| Ground water monitoring using CTD Divers / Data Logger Technology | Water for People and Kamwenge DLG |
| Faecal Sludge Management | GIZ |

OPEN DAY



COMMEMORATION OF INTERNATIONAL DAYS



OUTCOME OF THE UWEWK 2019

- COUNTRY WIDE SENSITIZATION ON WATER AND ENVIRONMENT WAS CARRIED USING THE WALKER ASSOCIATION, MOBILE CARAVAN AND REGIONAL STRUCTURES WATER WEEKS.
- PROVIDING SPACE FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO ENGAGE IN WATER AND ENVIRONMENT RESOURCES
- FOREST STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE WAS HELD
- YOUTH DIALOGUE LEAD TO ESTABLISHMENT OF A YOUTH LINKEDIN PAGE WHICH IS ACTIVELY CONNECTING YOUNG PROFESSIONAL ALL OVER THE WORLD IT HAS OVER 52 ACTIVE MEMBERS
- ATTRACTED SPONSORS
- INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL PARTICIPANTS ATTENDED THE WATER WEEK.

• LESSONS LEARNT

• PREPARATION OF THE EVENT

- EARLY PREPARATION NEEDS TO BE DONE TO ENABLE ENGAGEMENT OF STAKEHOLDERS AND FINDING POTENTIAL PARTNERS
- MINISTRY OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENT LED THE PREPARATION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE WATER THIS WAS IMPORTANT INTO TAPPING INTO ITS NETWORKS AND PARTNERSHIPS WHICH LED TO IMPROVED FUNDRAISING FOR THE EVENT
- ATTRACTING SPONSORS: SPONSORSHIP CRITERIA WITH SPONSOR BENEFITS EASED THE PROCESS OF ATTRACTING SPONSORS FOR THE EVENT
- DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION WAS EXTENDED SEVERAL TIMES AND MANY ABSTRACTS WERE SUBMITTED AT THE LAST MINUTE WHICH MADE IT DIFFICULT TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE ADEQUATE SUPPORT TO THE PAPER PRESENTERS
- THE PROGRAM FOR THE WEEK WAS CONGESTED IT DID NOT GIVE SUFFICIENT TIME TO PAPER PRESENTERS AND THE DIALOGUES ALSO CONSUMED A SIZEABLE AMOUNT OF TIME EXACERBATED BY THE POOR TIME MANAGEMENT

LESSONS LEARNT

- **PARTICIPATION AND ATTENDANCE** REGISTRATION WAS AFFECTED BY ACCREDITATION WHICH DID NOT PROVIDE ALL THE REQUIRED REGISTRATION MATERIALS ON TIME. SEVERAL DELEGATES GOT THEIR NAMES MIXED UP AND SOME DID NOT GET NAME TAGS ON ARRIVAL. THE REGISTRATION COULD BE IMPROVED BY UNDERTAKING EARLY ONLINE REGISTRATION AND DIS ALLOWING ONSITE REGISTRATION.
- **CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT:** DIALOGUES ATTRACTED VERY ARTICULATE AND A GOOD SELECTION OF RELEVANT AND VARIED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS, PANELISTS AND MODERATORS WHICH ALLOWED DIFFERENT VIEWPOINTS AND OPEN DISCUSSIONS
 - PARALLEL SESSIONS ATTRACTED MANY PRESENTERS WHO HAD A LOT TO SHARE WITHIN LIMITED TIME ADJUSTING FUTURE PROGRAMMES LIMITING THE NUMBER OF PAPERS PER SESSION
 - **COMMITTEES AND SUB COMMITTEES:** A FUNCTIONAL SECRETARIAT WAS CRITICAL IN TERMS OF FOLLOWING UP THE COMMITTEES AND SUB COMMITTEES TO DELIVER ON THEIR COMMITMENTS. IN FUTURE HIRE AN EVENTS MANAGER.

LESSONS LEARNT

- **THE HOST** – THE WATER RESOURCES INSTITUTE AS THE HOST FOR THE EVENT PROVIDED SPACE AND FACILITIES THAT MADE IT EASY TO ORGANIZE THE EVENT THE SECRETARIAT AT THE WRI NEEDS TO BE STRENGTHENED WITH ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO FACILITATE THE VARIOUS PREPARATORY PROCESSES.
- **APPLIED TRAINING:** THE MODEL USED WAS VERY COST EFFECTIVE THOUGH IN FUTURE THE TRAININGS BE OFFERED AS PART OF THE PACKAGE PAID FOR BY PARTICIPANTS RATHER THAN ASKING ORGANIZERS TO PAY FOR THE COST OF THE TRAINING
- **FIELD VISITS:** INFORMATION ABOUT FIELD VISITS NEEDS TO BE AVAILED AT THE SAME TIME OF REGISTRATION SO THAT BETTER PLANNING AND PREPARATIONS ARE CARRIED OUT
- **CLOSING SESSION:** AN OPPORTUNITY WAS LOST SHOW CASE THE OVERVIEW OF THE WEEK IN VARIOUS FORMATS. THERE IS NEED TO INCLUDE A CLOSING SESSION INFORMATION PRODUCTS DEVELOPMENT TO GIVE A CLEAR AND CONCISE UPDATE TO THOSE ATTENDING THE FINAL SESSIONS AND ALSO TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH PRODUCTS TO FEED INTO THE NEWS CYCLE FOR THE NEXT WEEK

LESSONS LEARNT

- **DOCUMENTATION** – COORDINATORS / CHAIRS AND RAPORTEURS WERE DESIGNATED WITH A ROLE TO ENSURE THAT THE SESSIONS WERE ADEQUATELY MODERATED AND THAT KEY PROCESSES, DISCUSSION POINTS, LESSONS, ANY CONTRADICTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WERE WELL CAPTURED. HOWEVER, SOME SESSION CHAIRS AND MODULATORS AND RAPORTEURS DID NOT SHOW UP. COMMUNICATING EARLY AND SEEKING CONFIRMATION WITH THESE PROPOSED PERSONS SHOULD BE DONE.
- **INTERNATIONAL DAYS CELEBRATIONS:** PLANNING FOR THESE DAYS SHOULD BE SYNCHRONIZED WITH THE WATER WEEK

TAKING THE LESSONS FORWARD

- **THE EVENT IS A CIRCULAR NOT A LINEAR ACTIVITY:**
 - PLANNING SHOULD BE DONE EARLY
 - SET UP A PERMANENT SECRETARIAT FOR THE WATER WEEK
 - DIGITIZE PROCESSES:
- **BUILD THE EVENT TO SELF-FINANCE**
- **FACILITIES**
 - ESTABLISHING ADEQUATE SANITATION FACILITIES,
 - FURNISHING TRAINING ROOMS,
 - IMPROVING POWER SUPPLY, COMMUNICATION AND INTERNET CONNECTIVITY;
 - BUILDING CONFERENCE FACILITIES AND AMENITIES
- **UTILIZE THE WEBSITE**
- **MEDIA CLIPPING**

THANK YOU

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