



Catalyzing implementation of the CMPs through the Community Environment Conservation Fund (CECF) model

**Key note at the 2018 ENR JSR
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The fact

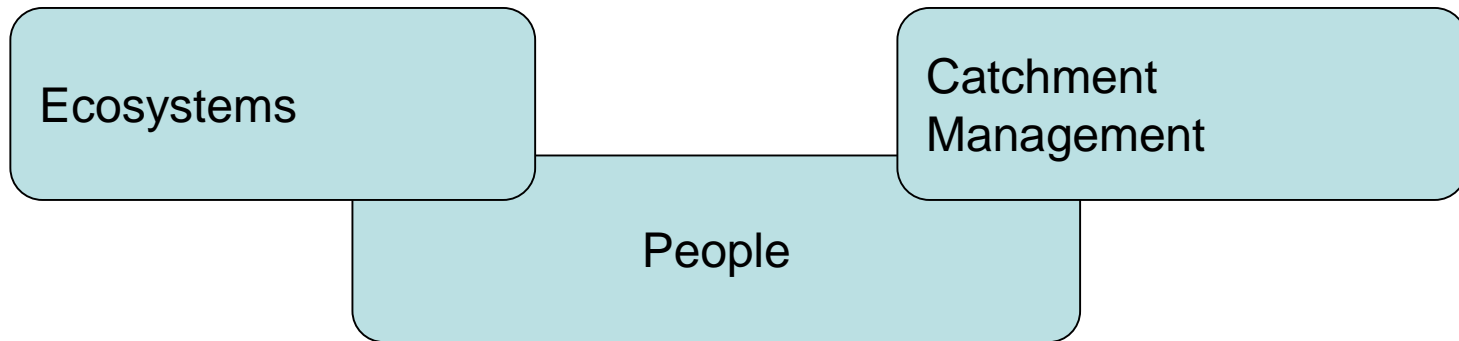
- “Sustainable farmlands, healthy forests, clean water and abundant habitat stand to become more valuable as the global population climbs to 9b by 2050”

Hence;

- The need for strategies that promote sustainable management of these resources in an integrated manner
- Current promotion of nature based solutions to climate change, to food security, water stress, etc
- Ecosystem based Adaptation which puts biodiversity and the ecosystem goods and services at the centre of adaptation
- Addressing the underlying challenges which escalate the degradation of the key natural resources

Who is at the centre?

- The person / livelihoods
- The ecosystems, people, catchment management





Why CECF

- People have innovations

BUT

sometimes need an incentive/catalyst to scale them up

- Challenge of uptake and up-scaling when catalysts are externally driven
- CECF is a locally driven financing model which puts local solutions and innovations at the center

What is CECF



A micro-credit scheme extended to rural communities to/for:

- Livelihood enhancement (Economic)
- Catalyze NRM (environmental)
- Strengthen governance/Equity (social)



Emphasis of CECF



Multiple ecosystem benefits



Pro-poor (involves all people including vulnerable groups)



Tagged to NRM (green!)



Catchment management plans



- Providing a long-term strategy for the sustainable development and utilization of the water resources in the catchment by the stakeholders in an integrated manner.
- The CMP provides the basis for understanding a complex system and prioritizing key focus areas for effective management taking into consideration potential development opportunities, problems and challenges, risks and threats.

Why CECF is effective for CMP implementation?



- The CMP clearly defines actions, roles and responsibilities for all key stakeholders, users
- CECF catalyzes action on the ground
 - Locally defined targets
 - Locally defined challenges
 - Locally defined benefits
- CECF grounds the people into the ecosystem



Key Outcomes ctd

- Over 2,000,000 tree seedlings planted
- Over 600ha of wetlands restored (Rwizi project)
- Over 165km of river banks demarcated (BDR project)
- Over 370 community environmental action plans developed and implemented
- Over 100,000 HH directly participating and managing NRs
- Economic empowerment



Case for PES

Coca-Cola-Rwizi Project!

- Coca-Cola plant (downstream) lacked enough water due to **wetland** encroachment upstream
- Tried to dam river Rwizi to get enough water in vain (engineering works!)
- Resorted to PES with upstream communities (B solutions)
- Restored 600ha of degraded wetland
- Water now available downstream through out the year!





CECF as a small investment to catalyze additional funding

- **Rwizi – 30,000 USD CECF amount to restore about 600 hectares of degraded wetlands**
- **Aswa catchment – USD 52,000 to restore 168km of river banks and shores**
- **Shire River in Malawi - 130,000ha restored using about 150,000 USD**



Scaling up



- Learning from what we have
- PES Fund (ECOTRUST, with support from UNDP)
- TGB Integrating the small land holdings e.g group formation, landscape visioning
- CECF – integrating monitoring and reporting for environmental changes at a community level

Lessons

- Fund works well with low income communities- may be complex with richer communities
- Gender **considerations** key in **management** of the CECF
- Model can be revised to suit different landscapes/**purposes**
- Governance platforms facilitate dialogue, accountability and action

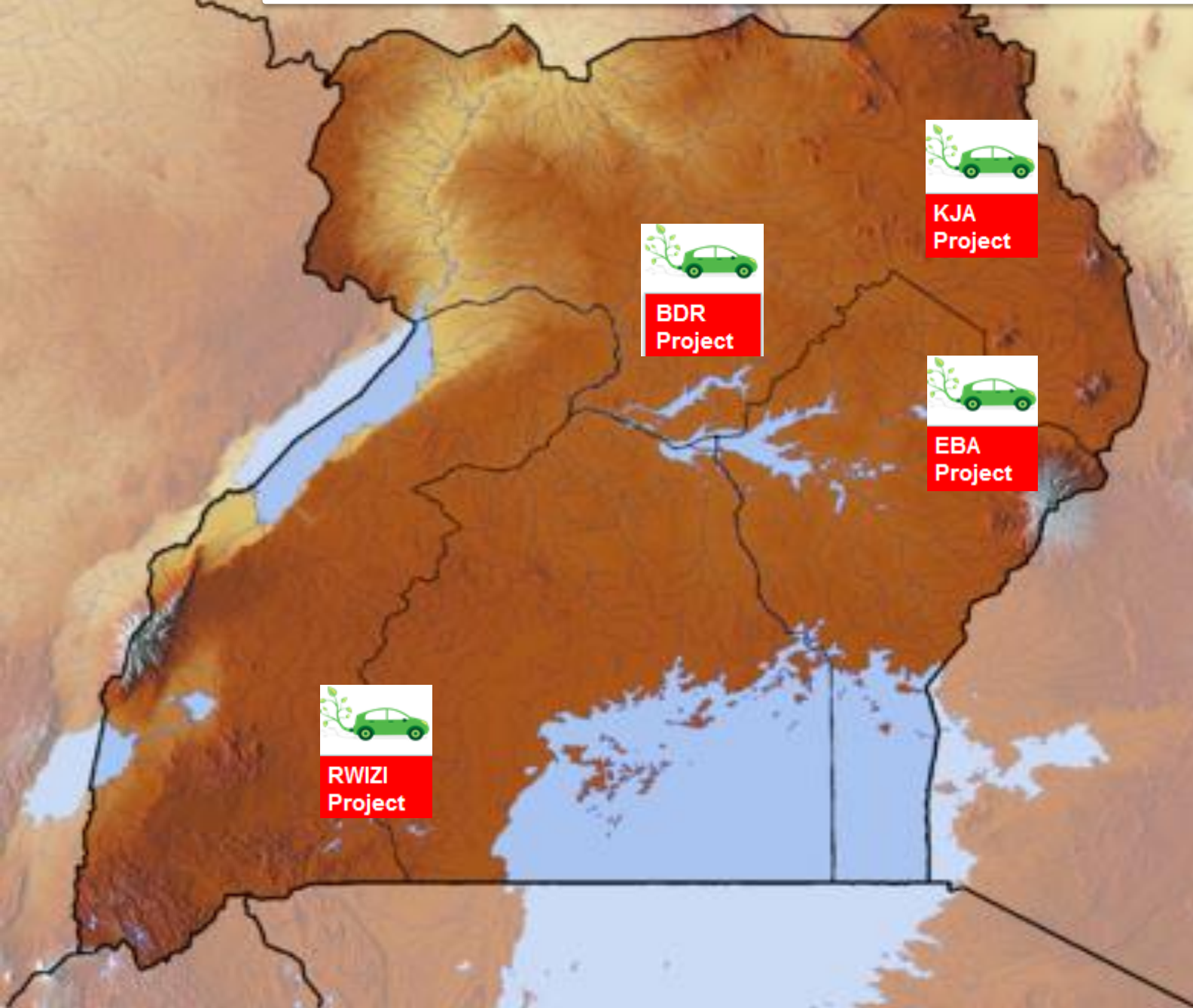


Opportunities

- Public Private Partnerships in FLR and NR management (e.g. Min of Water and Environment and Coca-Cola foundation)
- Linkages to international and national commitments-Bonn challenge, IWRM financing mechanism, REDD+ and others
- Leverage on national programmes through joint planning with government



CECF movement in Uganda!



And Beyond!



THANK YOU!

