

**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE 10<sup>th</sup>GOU/DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS  
JOINT TECHNICAL REVIEW OF THE  
WATER AND ENVIRONMENT SECTOR,  
10th to 12th April 2018.**

**Background**

The Water and Environment Sector in Uganda has an established and well-functioning coordination framework which provides consultative fora for consultations and discussions on policy and key strategic issues under the framework of Sector Wide Approach to Planning (SWAP) and implementation of sector activities. The sector coordination framework consists of the following Committees/structures:-

- **The Water and Environment Sector Working Group (WESWG)**, which is the formal decision-making body on SWAP-related key issues in the sector. The **WESWG** meets at least twice a year and is supported by two sub sector working groups, viz. **the Water and Sanitation Sub-Sector Working Group (WSS-WG)** and the **Environment and Natural Resources Sub-Sector Working Group(ENR-WG)**. The sub sector working groups meet quarterly, and provide an input into the agenda for the WESWG as deemed necessary.

The sub-sector working groups are supported by Cross-cutting, thematic and divisional groups were approved to work at sector working sub-groups level to handle specific and technical issues. These are the:

- Water and Sanitation Subsector Working Group
- Environment and Natural Resources Subsector Working Group
- Climate Change Subgroup (mainstreaming)
- Finance Subgroup
- Capacity Development Subgroup
- Good Governance Subgroup

An annual Joint Sector Review (JSR) which is a forum for assessing the overall performance of the sector based on an earlier agreed sector performance monitoring framework with key (golden and platinum) indicators. The JSR participation has a broad spectrum of sector stakeholders (central government, local governments, civil society, selected private sector consultants and contractors, and the media) and it is usually in September/October and the JSR agenda and discussions are based on the annual Water and Environment Sector Performance Report (on the key indicators) which is prepared by MWE and its semi-autonomous agencies. The JSR makes recommendations on the emerging key policy and strategic issues in the sector.

A Joint Technical Review (JTR), which is a forum for a mid-term assessment or review of the progress of implementation of the actions/undertakings which were agreed on in the JSR. It is held approximately six months after the JSR (usually in March/April). The JTR is normally held up-country in a selected region/town. The JTR participation is essentially the same as that for the JSR i.e. selected officials from central government ministries, departments and agencies, development partners, Civil Society, and District Officials) and other sector stakeholders.

Any binding decisions during JSR or JTR, such as recommendations and/or key actions (to be implemented by the respective thematic groups during the subsequent twelve months, are en-

dorsed by the Water & Environment Sector Working Group after the review in the form of agreed minutes.

Last year's Joint Sector Review (JSR) was held from 26th – 28th SEPTEMBER 2017, at Speke Resort Munyonyo, Kampala, and the Review agreed on 13 undertakings—*please refer to Annex 1*. The Progress of implementation of the undertakings will be assessed during the 10<sup>th</sup> Joint Technical Review (JTR), which will be held from 10th to 12th April 2018 in Masaka District. The JTR will be organised by MWE in close cooperation with its sector semi-autonomous agencies (i.e National Water & Sewerage Corporation (NWSC), the National Forestry Authority (NFA), National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), and the Uganda National Meteorological Authority (UNMA), Civil Society representatives (UWASNET for water and sanitation, Environmental Alert for environment and natural resources), the Lead Development Partner Representatives (German for WSS, and USAID for ENR).

During the first day of the JTR (10<sup>th</sup> April 2018), field visits will be undertaken by various teams (as indicated in the attached draft programme for the JTR). The field findings will be reported and discussed during the formal review meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018 in Masaka District

#### **WORKSHOP THEME**

The theme for the review is ***“Exploring Financing Opportunities for Investment in the Water and Environment Sector”***.

#### **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

The overall aim of the 2018 Joint Technical Review is:

***Assess the progress made with regards to implementation of the key actions and/or undertakings which were agreed during the 2017 JSR and recommend actions arising from the field visits.***

#### **SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**

- 1. Review progress in implementation of the 2017 JSR key actions and /or undertakings.*
- 2. Identify good practices from the field visits, and/or recommend actions for improvement the sector's performance, especially with respect to delivery of services under the sector.*
- 3. To share any emerging policy and/or strategic issues/ challenges affecting the sector's performance (since the JSR) and make appropriate recommendations.*

#### **METHODOLOGY OF THE 2016 JTR**

The Joint Technical Review will be held over 3 days (10th to 12th April 2018). The first day Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018 of the review will be devoted to field visits in groups to different areas in selected districts in the region as indicated in the attached programme. The formal meeting for the JTR will thereafter be held on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

The agenda for the formal meeting will include formal presentations and discussions of the findings from the field visits, and the progress of implementation of the 2017 JSR undertakings. Draft Agreed Minutes of the proceedings will be prepared and a Water and Environment Sector Work-

ing Group meeting will be convened within a week after the JTR to finalise and approve the minutes.

Presentations will be made in power point highlighting the following

- Progress reports for the 2017 JSR undertakings, prepared by the Cross-cutting, thematic and divisional groups (including the undertakings which were carried forward).
- Field visit reports

### **OUTPUT(S)**

Signed Agreed JTR 2018 Minutes by the Permanent Secretary-MWE (on behalf of the GoU) and the Lead Development Partners for the Water and Sanitation Subsector (Austria) and Environment and Natural Resources Subsector (UNDP) on behalf of the rest of the sector DPs,

### **PARTICIPATION**

Participation will include representatives of Central Government Ministries, Sector Development Partners, Local Governments from within the region, and civil society, it is planned that approximately 200 participants will be invited.

### **DOCUMENTATION**

- Agreed Minutes of the 2017 Joint Sector Review
- PowerPoint Presentation on the status of implementation of the last year's undertakings
- Power Point Presentation of the field visits reports,
- Annotated itinerary for the 3 field visits (groups)

## **Undertakings for FY 2017/18**

Undertakings 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the previous year were partially achieved and retained to be completed in FY2017/18, sometimes with some modifications and additional related actions. Previous year's undertaking 6 on development of a system and procedures for assessment of utilization of water for production storage reverts to the Water for Production Department for ongoing action and is not taken forward as an undertaking into FY 2017/18.

Previous year's undertakings 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 were substantially achieved.

Nine completely new undertakings were identified, of which one will be addressed within the Environment and Natural Resources and Climate Change Subsector Working Group thematic working group, and the other eight in the Water and Sanitation Subsector Working Group. The following undertakings were thus adopted for the 2017 JSR:

### **Environment and Natural Resources**

**Undertaking 1:** Continue with the implementation of the ongoing undertaking of mainstreaming ENR and Climate Change into agriculture, infrastructure, lands, energy and water sectors in order to achieve reduced contributions to degradation by these 5 sectors by the end of FY 2017/18.

**Undertaking 2:** Commence implementation of new Sector Performance Measurement Framework in the ENR Sub-Sector by the end of FY 2017/18.

### **Water Resources Management**

**Undertaking 3:** Integrate climate change adaptation and source protection measures in the water and environment sector work plan and budget for implementation in the financial year 2018/19.

**Undertaking 4:** Operationalize the proposed coordination, implementation and funding mechanism for catchment based IWRM in at least eight catchment in the four zones by the end of FY2017/18.

**Undertaking 5:** Finalize and pilot the national framework for drinking water quality management and regulation in the four WMZ by the end of financial year 2017/18.

### **Water Supply and Sanitation**

**Undertaking 6:** Establish data management systems for water production facilities to enhance utilization and sustainability by the end of FY 2017/18.

**Undertaking 7:** Demonstrate performance improvement in water schemes directly managed by umbrella organizations by the end of FY 2017/18.

**Undertaking 8:** Finalize and commence implementation of the one source per village /cell strategy (Central, NWSC, District Local Government) by the end of FY 2018/19.

**Undertaking 9:** Reinstate a budget line for software activities under the district water and sanitation conditional grant by the end of FY 2018/19

**Undertaking 10:** Set up a project preparation and financing taskforce under each of the departments under DWD by the end of FY 2017/18

**Undertaking 11:** Develop water and sanitation planning, implementation and O&M framework for refugees and host communities by the end of FY 2017/18.

### **Policy and Institutional Issues**

**Undertaking 12:** Finalize the accreditation requirements for the Ministry of Water and Environment as the National Implementing Entity (NIE) for access to financing from the Adaptation Fund (AF) and the Green Climate Fund (GCF) by the end of FY 2017/18.

**Undertaking 13:** Commence implementation of new Sector Performance Measurement Framework in the Water and Sanitation Sub-sector by the end of FY 2017/18