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Climate Change Adaptation – The National Climate Change Policy Perspective.



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Introduction

- Climate change is a global development challenge that requires global response. Uganda joined the global community to respond to climate change by signing up to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) on 13 June 1992 and ratified it on 8 September 1993.
- In April 2015, Uganda launched the National Climate Change Policy and its Costed implementation strategy as guiding instruments for the country's CC response.

Introduction

- The Uganda National Climate Change Policy and its Costed Implementation Strategy (NCCP-IS) provides policy direction on how sectors can best address weather and climate variability/change related impacts at strategic level
- The Policy is based on: adaptation; mitigation; and research and observation (including monitoring, detection, attribution and prediction).

Justification for the Policy

- CC is a development challenge to the country
- Doing nothing about it is costly and will be more costly in future
- Uganda has commitments at both the global and regional level.

A policy response is therefore crucial;

- To provide coordinated action and direction for key sectors to facilitate adaptation and strengthen efforts towards building an overarching, more resilient national development process.

The Policy Framework

Goal; “ensure a harmonized and coordinated approach towards **a climate-resilient** and low-carbon development path for sustainable development in Uganda”.

Main objective; “ ensure that all stakeholders address CC impacts and their causes through appropriate measures, while promoting sustainable development and a green economy”



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The Policy Framework

Specific Objectives

- To identify and promote common policy priorities to address climate change in Uganda
- To identify and promote adaptation policy responses for Uganda
- To identify and promote mitigation policy responses for Uganda
- To identify and promote monitoring, detection, attribution and prediction policy responses for Uganda
- To support the integration of climate change issues into planning, decision making and investments in all sectors and trans-sectoral themes through appropriate institutional arrangements
- To facilitate the mobilisation of financial resources to address climate change in Uganda



The Policy Framework

The Guiding Policy Principles

- **Mainstreaming and coordinated response**
- Communicating Effectively and Promoting Participatory Approaches
- **Promoting Community-Based Approaches to Adaptation**
- Devoting Adequate Attention to Capacity Development and Institutional Set-Ups
- Devoting Adequate Attention to Technology Needs, Development and Transfer
- Identifying, Developing and Influencing Financing Mechanisms
- Providing a Credible Delivery Structure
- Addressing Cross-Cutting Issues



The Policy Framework

Policy Directions

The NCCP is based on the following priority concerns:

- **Adaptation**
- Mitigation
- Research and observation (including monitoring, detection, attribution and prediction)

It **emphasises** climate change **adaptation** as the top priority for Uganda



The Policy Framework

Under climate change Adaptation, the policy sets out 13 sector specific priorities

In each of these sectors the policy provides the sector context and challenges, policy response and specific interventions for tackling these sectoral policy priorities;

- Agriculture, **Water**, Fisheries, Transport and works, Forestry, Wetlands, Biodiversity, Health, Energy, Wildlife and Tourism, Human Settlement, and Disaster Risk Management and Vulnerable groups.



Policy Response on Water Sector Adaptation

- To support on-going efforts to ensure that climate change concerns are integrated into national efforts for **sustainable** and long-term **conservation, access** and effective **utilisation** and **management** of water resources.

NCCP-CC Adaptation strategic Priorities-Water sector

- Promote and encourage **water harvesting** and **efficient water utilization** among individuals, households, institutions and sectors
- Ensure availability of **water for production** in water dependant sectors in order to increase their resilience to climate change impacts
- Promote and strengthen the **conservation and protection against degradation** of watersheds, water catchment areas, river banks and water bodies



NCCP-CC Adaptation strategic Priorities cont...

- Promote **Integrated Water Resources Management** (including underground water resources), including contingency planning for extreme events such as floods and drought
- Ensure that **all guidelines for infrastructure/hydraulic works** (i.e., water for production, piped water supply schemes and conditional grants guidelines for support to point sources protection) **mainstream climate change**.
- Improve and strengthen **trans-boundary cooperation** regarding water resources management

- Support institutional and human **capacity building** in water resource use, development and management.
- Strengthen water resource **monitoring** networks and flood warning systems

Conclusion

Climate change is fundamentally multisectoral in nature (in terms of both its causes and impacts), and bearing this in mind, the policy is also multisectoral.

Because gains made in one sector in climate change adaptation and mitigation may be undone by inaction in another sector.

Responding to the climate change challenge is a **responsibility for all** right from individuals, households, government, the CSOs, the Private Sector and the media.

Thanks for your attention