

Green Manifesto for Local Council Elections 2025: You Can #MakeNebbiGreen

Are you an Aspirant in the forthcoming Local Council (LC) Elections in Nebbi district?

Over 45 participants from 9 sub-counties of Alala, Atego, Nebbi, Nyaruvur, Parombo, Acana, Parombo Town Council and Padwot held at Angar town in Nyaruvur Town Council at an Environmental Rights and Climate Action Advocacy training workshop (November 2023), have a message for you.

They have pointed out the following environmental challenges that need your attention and action as a potential leader, in your political manifesto for the upcoming Local Council Elections:

1. **Rising shortage of firewood in the area and the lack of electricity as a practicable option to stop the widespread use of tree biomass.** What is also worrying is the rapid loss of indigenous species on a large scale. The effects have been seen in loss of windbreaks, loss of natural foods / fruits, increase in occurrence of gulley erosion leading to low food productivity, persistent droughts and famine.



What are your plans to address this challenge?

Related to this is the continued use of the wasteful three-stone stove that, apart from consuming a lot of firewood, is also contributing to poor health of households from indoor air pollution. Luckily there are organizations like JEEP and others promoting more efficient cook stoves:



What are your plans to support such initiatives and to ensure scale-up?

2. **Bush burning / wildfires is still widely practiced, for hunting and clearance of farm lands ahead of planting (dry season) and the need for renewal of pastures.** This has led to loss of crops, trees, property, wildlife and in some cases human lives.



What steps do you have to address this challenge when you assume power in this area?

3. **Weather and climate change** as evidenced in the delayed rains for crop production that push people to wetlands as these can support the growth of crops throughout the year since water is in plenty. But there is concern that wetland loss is leading to loss of natural habitats and biodiversity and natural water reservoirs and occurrence of flooding during the rainy seasons.



What plans do you have to assist communities to live with the changing weather and climate once you assume office?

4. **Poor disposal of plastics in rural and urban areas.** The problem of poor solid waste management has affected mostly the urban centers; there are almost no collection facilities such as skips in several trading centers. Nebbi town council has a disposal site. However, it lacks the necessary equipment for collection and compaction of the waste. Such a situation has resulted in Poor Solid Waste Management.



What actions do you propose to offset this challenge?