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‘Catalogue of Local Sustainable Solutions to fill existing Knowledge Gap’ – Tanzania Ministry of Energy



Right: Participants at the Launch event. **Left:** Participants during demonstration on sustainable energy solutions at TaTEDO center

On 12th February 2021 in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, the Centre for Sustainable Energy Services (TaTEDO) organised a formal launch of the *Catalogue for Local Sustainable Solutions for East Africa*. This was officiated by Mr. Emilian Nyanda from Tanzania Ministry of Energy, representing the Assistant Commissioner for Renewable Energy.

The Launch event also involved demonstration of some of the local sustainable solutions including production of briquettes from agricultural waste, baking using efficient charcoal oven, vegetable drying using solar dryer and cooking using efficient electric pressure cookers, among others.

‘Tanzania has enormous renewable energy resource, however its potential is not yet fully developed due to economic, institutional, technical and socio-cultural barriers, Mr Nyanda said. He added that inadequate awareness of some decision makers, local financial institutions and public as a whole on benefits of renewable energy is one of the barriers hindering development of renewable energy and energy efficiency. ‘The Catalogue for Local Sustainable Solutions will be helpful in filling the knowledge gap at national and regional level’, noted Mr Nyanda

The Catalogue for Local Sustainable Solutions for East Africa is a collection of most successful local sustainable solutions available in East Africa for addressing challenges related to energy poverty (for cooking and lighting), water scarcity, transportation and food insecurity.

This Catalogue is a result of joint efforts made by TaTEDO, Sustainable Environmental Development Watch (SusWatch Kenya), Uganda Coalition for Sustainable Development (UCSD) and Joint Energy and Environment programme (JEEP) of Uganda, International Network for Sustainable Energy (INFORSE), East Africa INFORSE and Nordic Folkecenter for Renewable Energy (NFRE) of Denmark as part of the East African Civil Society for Sustainable Energy and Climate Action (EASE-CA) Project, with financial support from CISU-Denmark. The catalogue is composed of 50 cases and is available at: <http://localsolutions.inforse.org/>

Uganda Youths Contribute to Review of NDC and Input to a Post COVID19 Citizens Manifesto on Climate Change



Uganda like other countries around the world is grappling with COVID19 and how it can recover from the adverse impacts of COVID19 and climate change crises. CAN Uganda in partnership with Climate Action Network International and CARE Germany with support from the German Cooperation are implementing a campaign on Participatory NDCs for a Climate-Just response in a COVID19 World where a People's Manifesto for Climate Change for the period 2021-2026 is being developed.

Climate Action Uganda (CAN Uganda) plans to mobilize climate actors across the country to ensure that national strategies and plans on COVID19 recovery (including the Nationally Determined Contributions – NDCs that is under review) are greener, safer and cleaner.

As part of ongoing East African Civil Society for Sustainable Energy and Climate Action (EASE CA) project, UCSD and JEEP convened a civil society consultation to follow up on the customized Social Media (SoMe) Training Workshop for Youths and Coalition Members held on 27th & 28th January 2021 at JEEP Folkecenter – Kyanja (Kampala). This civil society consultation was attended by 15 participants who were mainly youths (university students and volunteers) as well as NGOs.

The consultation aimed to provide input to the ongoing Uganda NDCs review, and planned People's Manifesto for Climate Change for Greener, Cleaner and Safer Recovery from COVID19 for the period 2021-2026 in Uganda

Based on a template provided by CAN Uganda, participants in two groups, provided response to five open-ended questions, followed by presentations in a plenary session.

UCSD and JEEP have collated the outcome of this consultation for attention of CAN Uganda, that highlights issues and thoughts from the participants.

Looking at the future that takes into account the post COVID19 recovery and the climate change challenge, this contribution underscores the importance of local actions that straddles from skills development (including increased access to local technological solutions) as well as provision of finance (through climate finance and COVID19 recovery programmes) and inputs to offset effects of these global challenges in Uganda.

Read the full Report: Contribution to CAN Uganda's Citizens' Consultations on NDCs and Manifesto on Climate Change for Greener, Cleaner and Safer Recovery from COVID19 held on Monday 22 February 2021 at JEEP Folkecenter (Kyanja) – Kampala, from: <https://tinyurl.com/2cyf9f6a>

Promoting Improved Stoves for Clean Cooking in Nakasongola Through Training

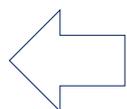
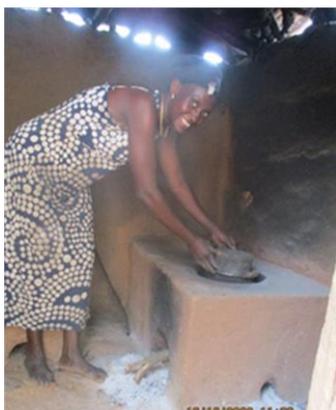
Nakasongola District which is located in the north western part of central region of Uganda is made of one county, Buruli County with a population growth rate of 2 percent, which is less than the national population growth rate of 3.3 percent (UBOS, 2006). However, Nakasongola has major environmental problems and challenges including soil exhaustion, lack of soil conservation practices, overgrazing, bush fires, deforestation, poor environmental health, low safe water coverage, inadequate environmental awareness, wetland degradation, lake exhaustion and inadequate institutional capacity in environmental management.

In October 2020, more than 1,000 people in Lwampanga Town Council district have been displaced by another wave of flooding on the shoreline of Lake Kyoga in Nakasongola district. The water submerged houses in Lwampanga, Kisenyi and Kabasombwa villages located in Lwampanga town council.

Joint Energy and Environment Projects (JEEP) is a Partner in the *East African Civil Society for Sustainable Energy and Climate Action (EASE CA) Project* that is implemented in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. As part of this, JEEP works to promote clean cooking including construction of mud stoves as well as institutional stoves in Nebbi, Nakaseke and Nakasongola. At the moment, JEEP is building resilience of communities affected by the floods and other environmental challenges. Below are some of the pictures (by Racheal Mwesigwa, JEEP) in this intervention:



Right: Mr. Sempijja Geoffrey of Twesimbe Buyolo United group (Buyolo village Kyamukonda parish Nabiswera sub county), says the mud stove cooks faster, uses very little firewood and secures a smoke-free kitchen. **Left:** Nakiberu Prossy is a member of Kasambya group in Kyankonwa parish Kakooge Sub County Nakasongola district who has taken on stove making as business. She makes stoves with her children. Since July 2020 after JEEPs training to date she has constructed 30 mud stoves and sold 28



Ms. Nabosa Sumini - a (trained) member of Basoka Magenda group in Kyamalimbye village (Katuugo parish, Kakooge Sub County) has so far trained 12 members of her group

'I used to collect firewood at least four times a week, but with the energy saving stove, I collect it only once a week' – Mr. Semanda Dirisa (Zabazula Farmer group, Mulonzi parish Nabiswera)

