



**USE OF SYNERGIES IN THE REVIEW, UPDATING AND IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN : THE
CASE OF UGANDA**

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➔ SYNERGIES – REVIEW AND UPDATING OF NBSAP

- ☞ The NBSAP was completed in 2002 has a life span of 10 years. The process was coordinated by the CBD NFP (NEMA) on behalf of Government of Uganda
- ☞ It is supposed to be reviewed at the end of every 5 years with a major review at the end of 10 years.
- ☞ The review and updating process began in June 2012 and is coordinated by the CBD NFP on behalf of Government. Financial support from the GEF through UNEP.
- ☞ The CBD NFP is coordinating the process on behalf of Government
- ☞ The Technical Committee on Biodiversity Conservation providing overall technical guidance. Coordination is by CBD NFP (NEMA)

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- Capacity building workshop was the first step – identification of stakeholders to be involved, creating knowledge and understanding of the NBSAP process, development of road map, ownership of the NBSAP process
- **New and emerging issues were identified** – Oil and Gas, **Climate Change**, Pollinators, Taxonomy, Green procurement, Biodiversity and Health, Pollution, ABS, Biofuel and Mainstreaming
- Identification of themes to lead the assessment/stocking process. Four Thematic areas were identified and agreed upon (during the capacity building workshop):
 - a) Aquatic and terrestrial biodiversity
 - b) Biodiversity for national development and wealth creation
 - c) Status of biotechnology and biosafety
 - d) Policy and institutional framework
- Four Thematic Working Groups were established (with clear TORs) to provide baseline information on the above thematic areas. The CC Unit provided baseline information on issues on climate change - adaptation



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- ➔ Composition of the Thematic Working Groups
 - Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies – Agriculture, Environment, Forestry, Wildlife, Energy, Finance, Wetlands, Trade, Tourism, National Planning Authority District representatives.,
 - Research institutions, academia, the private sector, NGOs
 - Climate Change Unit
 - Convention Focal Points
 - ➔ Members of the group – experts with diverse disciplines- scientists, lawyers, economists, planners, researchers etc
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OUTCOMES OF THE SYNERGIES

- a) Ownership of the NBSAP review and updating process. Outline of the revised and updated NBSAP and the road map
- b) Provision of information including information on climate and climate change (adaptation and mitigation)
- c) Production of Thematic Reports – has informed the NBSAP review and updating process. These reports will be disseminated to policy and decision makers, Government ministries, departments and agencies, the public and the media
- d) Provisional **national targets**, strategies and actions for all emerging issues including climate change. **Lead institutions on targets to be called Biodiversity Champions**
- e) The working group identified two new strategic objectives to be included in the NBSAP – on resource mobilization and on biotechnology and biosafety
- f) Biodiversity and climate change included in Vision 2040. Review of NDP 2010-2015 has commenced. Biodiversity and climate change to be strengthened.

OUTCOMES OF THE SYNERGIES CONTINUED

Climate change not explicated stated in the current NBSAP. With the expertise of the CC Unit, the following are strategies that relevant for **adaption to climate change:**

1. Strengthen biodiversity management outside protected areas.
2. Strengthen the role of communities in biodiversity management
3. Establish and maintain Protected Areas representing key ecosystems in Uganda
4. Manage threats and causes to ecosystem degradation and species survival
5. Build capacity to manage and restore degraded ecosystem
6. Promote improved forest management techniques
7. Improve water availability and management for improved livestock production
8. Develop and promote appropriate farming methods

OUTCOMES OF THE SYNERGIES CONTINUED

With the expertise of the CC Unit, the following are strategies that relevant for **mitigation to climate change**:

1. Develop and implement species and habitat recovery and protection programmes
2. Develop appropriate mitigation measures against habitat degradation
3. Develop strategies for managing biodiversity in local forest reserves
4. Develop strategies for managing biodiversity in privately owned forests
5. Promote reforestation of environmentally sensitive watersheds
6. Promote use of energy efficient strategies and technologies
7. Establish/ maintain Protected Areas representing key ecosystems in



LESSONS LEARNED

- a) Involvement of Climate Change Unit has enhanced integration of climate change issues (adaptation and mitigation) into the NBSAP

- b) Interventions for biodiversity and climate change complement each other. This provides opportunity for building synergies

- c) Scaling up projects on biodiversity that address climate change constrained by limited funding

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