



UGANDA REDD+ READINESS PROCESS, ACHIEVEMENTS AND DEVELOPMENTS

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Support to Uganda's National REDD+ Readiness Process



Objective of REDD+ Readiness Process: *A socially and environmentally viable national strategy for reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, enhancing the role of conservation of biodiversity, promoting sustainable management of forests and enhancing carbon stocks.*

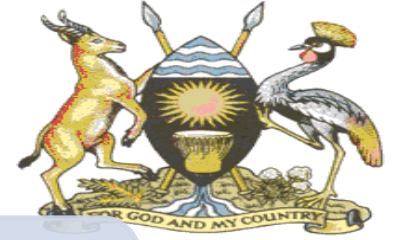


What is REDD+ ?

REDD+ stands for countries' efforts to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, and foster conservation, sustainable management of forests, and enhancement of forest carbon stocks.

It is a requirement under United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) for developing countries to implement the 5 activities to be eligible for Results-Based Payments (Carbon Credits).

Policy and Institutional Framework



Vision 2040 for Uganda

- A transformed Ugandan society from a peasant to a modern and prosperous country within 30 years

NDP II (2015/16 – 19/20), Climate Change Policy (2015)

- Is designed to propel Uganda towards middle income status in line with aspirations of Vision 2040

Sector Development Plans and Policies, e.g. NFP, WESIP,

- Relevant sectoral laws and policies are supportive of the National REDD+ Strategy/plan of action

International Commitments

- Nationally Determined Contributions (UNFCCC), Bonn Challenge and AFR100 commitments (2.5 million ha restored)



REDD+ implementation is a phased approach



Phase 1: Readiness

Countries design national strategies and action plans with relevant stakeholders, build capacity for REDD+ implementation, work on policies and measures for REDD+ implementation and design demonstration activities

Phase 2: Implementation

National strategies, policies and action plans proposed in Phase 1 are implemented and tested. This phase may include results-based demonstration activities and require additional capacity building, technology development and transfer

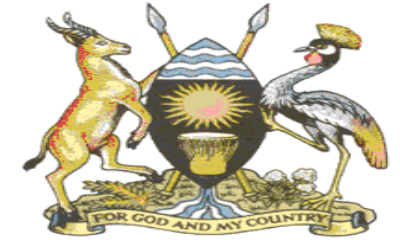
Phase 3: Results-based actions

Results-based REDD+ actions are supported implemented at the national level and results are fully measured, reported and verified

UGANDA'S EFFORTS TOWARDS REDD+ READINESS

According to the UNFCCC: Cancun and Warsaw: Four requirements for REDD+ Readiness





Drivers of Deforestation and Forest Degradation



Drivers of Deforestation and forest Degradation in Uganda



Large-scale commercial agriculture



Expansion/encroachment of small-holder agriculture into forests and bush-lands



Un-sustainable and illegal timber harvesting



Artisanal and commercial open mining and extractions



Unsustainable wood-fuel extraction (charcoal and firewood)



Wild fires



Livestock free-grazing

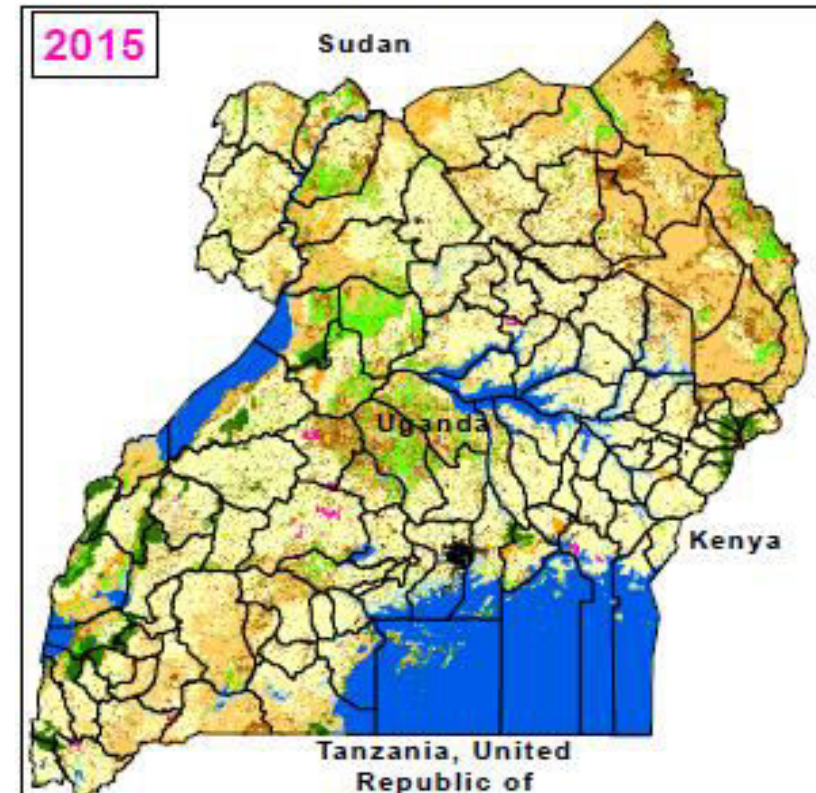


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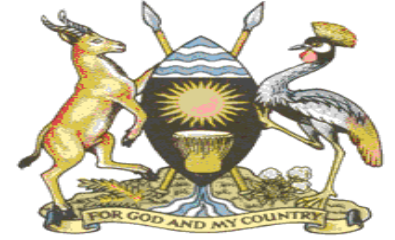


TRENDS IN NATIONAL NATURAL FOREST COVER

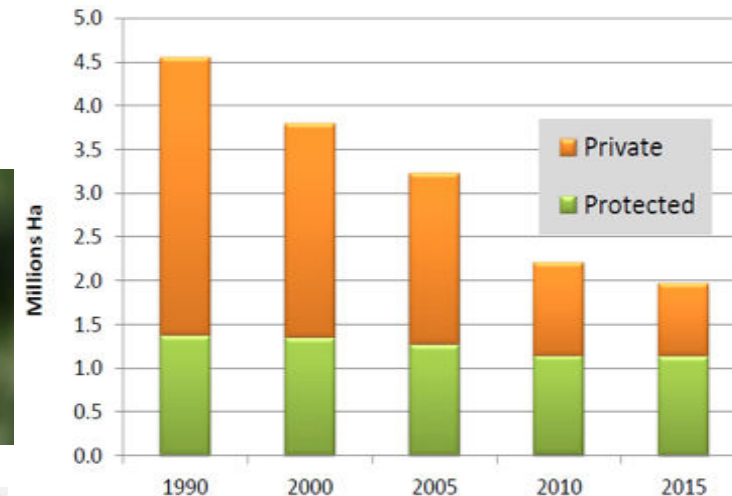
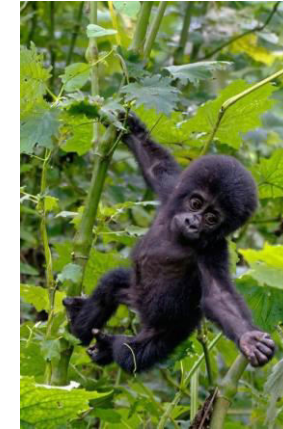
Declining forest resources: in 1990, 70% of Uganda's natural forest cover was constituted by forests on private land and by 2017 this had reduced to only 38% due to deforestation and forest degradation



State of Uganda's Forests



- Forest cover reduced from 24% of land area in 1990 to approximately 12% in 2015 – deforestation rate in 2010-2015 amongst the highest rates worldwide
- Forest loss most severe on private land compared with protected forests
- Forestry key to deliver NDC commitments – LULUCF & Agriculture responsible for 69% of the total GHG emissions
- High biodiversity value of forests



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REDD+ Strategy

Uganda launched a National REDD+ Strategy during UNFCCC CoP 23 on 16th November, 2017 in Bonn, Germany and nationally in March 2019. The strategy is grounded in the Climate Change Policy (April 2015), National Forest Policy (2001) and National Forest and Tree Planting Act (2003), National Development Plan II & Uganda's 2040 Vision.

Forest Reference Levels

Submitted a Proposed Forest Reference Emission Level to UNFCCC in February 2018

Uganda becomes the first African country to submit a Technical Annex to the Proposed Forest Emissions Level, REDD+ results to the UNFCCC (FAO report of 24/06/2020).

Implementation Frameworks

Benefit Sharing Arrangements for Uganda's REDD+ Strategy and Action Plan, August 2016

Feedback Grievance Redress Mechanism Uganda's REDD+ Strategy and Action Plan, 2016

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Safeguards Information System ●

Design completed June, 2020. Ensure Safeguards are applied in REDD+ Projects and that social and environmental benefits and risks are addressed

National Forest Monitoring Systems ●

Design completed in December, 2019 to strengthen the Uganda's National Forest Monitoring System for national needs and also carbon reporting to e.g. UNFCCC, Result-Based Payment.

Investment Planning ●

With support from the Climate Investment Fund / Forest Investment Programme the Country developed a Forest Investment Plan, (2017) as an early action to operationalize the National REDD+ Strategy. The Uganda FIP (2017) whose Goal is “A low carbon and climate resilient development in land use,” was launched in June 2016 in Washington DC by Hon. Sam Cheptoris, MWE.



“Investing in Forests and Protected Areas for Climate Smart Development Project” prepared now undergoing Government approval processes.



Partnerships ●

Preparation of Two Emission Reduction Project Proposals for the Albertine and Kyoga Water Management Zones is underway with support from the World Bank's Forest Carbon Partnership Facility.

Uganda is looking for strategic partnerships including with private sector and civil society for REDD+ Strategy implementation

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Partnerships ●

In August 2020, Government of Uganda (represented by MWE) submitted an Expression of Interest to Microsoft for purchase of Carbon Removals (CDRs). Government will partner with UN-Environment in this effort.

National Forest Monitoring Systems ●

The country will use Architecture for REDD+ Transactions (ART) / The REDD+ Environment Excellence Standards (TREES) for quantifying, monitoring, reporting and verifying Carbon Removals.

Contribution to National Planning & Development Dialogues ●

The Uganda Natural Capital Accounting (NCA) Program was launched in October, 2019 by the Permanent Secretary, MFPED. The objective the Uganda Natural Capital Accounting (NCA) Program is to mainstream natural capital into development policy dialogue and planning by integrating a set of accounts that will inform the National Development Plan (NDP3) and other national and sectoral policies. Initial focus in Forests and Wetlands Ecosystems.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Lobby related sectors (i.e. Agriculture, Energy, Infrastructure, local governments, Wildlife/Tourism, Water and Lands) integrate REDD+ Strategies into their planning and budgeting frame-work.
- Government included the National REDD+ Strategy implementation among the key priority areas for Public financing with effect from FY 2019/20.
- Build in-country capacity for REDD+ requirement, e.g. expertise in collecting, analysing data for carbon reporting purposes, managing Safeguards Information System and a National Forest Monitoring System to meet international standards (e.g. UNFCCC).
- Promote Public-Private-Partnerships, particularly those that depend on commodity value chains.



Thank you for your attention

