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REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Ministry of Water and Environment through the Water Resources Institute, with support of partners and sponsors, organised the eighth Uganda Water and Environment Week 2025 (UWEWK2025). This composed of Pre-Events centrally and at the 6 regional de-concentrated structures of MWE, the Main Event held at the MWE-Headquarters in Luzira-Kampala from 17th to 21st March 2025, and Post-Event Activities.

The overall theme of UWEWK 2025 was “Water and environment resources for enhanced resilience and improved incomes and livelihoods”. The UWEWK2025 focused on sustainable management of water and environmental resources to strengthen resilience against climate and environmental challenges while enhancing economic opportunities and improving livelihoods for communities. It highlighted the critical role these resources play in supporting socio-economic transformation, promoting equitable access, and fostering sustainable development for current and future generations. Four sub-themes were explored under the main theme to address water, environment and climate change issues and challenges and outcomes and recommendations of key global water and environment related events.

A myriad of activities ensured the achievement of the aims of UWEWK2025. Pre-events included several activities at the regions and the center such as a Walk for Water and Environment, clean-up exercises, Outreach programs to various institutions etc. As part of the main event, there were 5 Key Note Addresses and Dialogues, 3-Applied trainings, 93 Papers and Poster Presentations and 31 Side events that included Career Talk Show, Youth Debates , Career talk and Mentorship, Field Visits, Project Launches, etc. Additionally, participants were shown the new and planned innovations already taking place through exhibitions. Engagements were structured in a hybrid manner with both physical and online options to enable outreach to a wide range of stakeholders.

The UWEWK2025 event was largely successful with a combined attendance of over 3,000 participants and over 60 partners and sponsors. The need for Innovative financing for Water and Environment was stressed, and the interconnectedness of water, environment and climate change issues with various aspects of human survival were explored. Climate change's impact on water cycles, agriculture, and vulnerable communities was a major focus, with calls for urgent action to address floods, droughts, and economic vulnerability. Collaboration with neighbouring countries was emphasized to tackle transboundary water and environmental challenges. Equitable access to resources, stewardship, and systemic change were highlighted as essential for sustainable development. The role of youth in driving innovation and addressing current challenges was underscored, along with the potential of artificial intelligence (AI) for resource management, though more training and mentorship were needed. Nature-based solutions were also emphasized to combat water scarcity and environmental inequalities.

Special appreciation goes out to the individuals, organisations and partners who ensured the success of UWEWK2025 and we look forward to a better UWEWK2026.

ABBREVIATIONS

AAR	Against All Risk
ACODE	Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment
AFID	Accounting for International Development
AI	Artificial Intelligence
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
CDF	Chief of Defense Force
CFR	Central Forest Reserve
CMPs	Catchment management Plans
COU	Church of Uganda
COVID19	Corona Virus 2019
DEA	Directorate for Environment Affairs
DHO	District Health Officer
DLG	District Local Government
DWD	Directorate of Water Development
DWRM	Directorate of Water Resources Management
EU	European Union
EWB	Engineers Without Borders
FAO	Food Agricultural Organisation
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GIS	Global Information System
GIZ	German International Development Agency
GOU	Government of Uganda
HON.	Honorable
HQs	Head Quarters
ICC	International Criminal Court
ICT	Information and communication technologies
IRC	International Rescue Committee
IREC	International Resource Centre
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
IWA	International Water Association
KCCA	Kampala City Council Authority
MAAIF	Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries
MDAs	Ministries, Departments and Agencies
MP	Member of Parliament
MPIFA	Mpigi Farmers Association
MS	Minister of State
MUBS	Makerere University Business School
MUK	Makerere University Kampala
MWE	Ministry of Water and Environment
NBI	Nile Basin Initiative
NBS	Next Broadcasting services
NDC	Nationally determined contributions
NEMA	National Environment Management Authority

NDP3	National Development Plan III
NOC	National Organizing Committee
NPA	National Planning Authority
NWSC	National Water and Sewerage Corporation
ODF	Open Defecation Free
OPM	Office of the Prime Minister
PDM	Parish Development Model
PPP	Private-Public Partnerships
PS	Permanent Secretary
RCC	Regional Collaboration Centre Kampala
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SOPs	Standard Operating Procedures
SIWI	Stockholm International Water Institute
STEM	Science Technology Engineering Mathematics
SW	South West
TASO	The AIDS Support Organization
TBG	Tooro Botanical Gardens
TOC	Technical Organizing Committee
TSUs	Technical Service Units
UBC	Uganda Broadcasting Corporation
UDCA	Uganda Drilling Contractor Association
UEGCL	Uganda Electricity Generation Company Limited
UFEA	Uganda Flowers Exporters Association
UJCC	Uganda Joint Christian Council
UK	United Kingdom
UMA	Uganda Manufacturers Association
UN	United Nations
UNAPII	Uganda Nutrition Action Plan
UNCDF	UN Capital Development Fund
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
UNWMZ	Upper Nile Water Management Zone
UPDF	Uganda Peoples' Defense Forces
URCS	Uganda Red Cross Society
UTC	Uganda Technical College
UWA	Uganda Walkers Association
UWA	Uganda Wildlife Authority
UWEWK	Uganda Water and Environment Week
UWS	Umbrella Organization for Water and Sanitation
VHS	Village Health Services
WfP	Water for Production
WAI	WASH Alliance International

WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
WMD	Wetlands Management Department
WMO	World Meteorological Organization
WMZ	Water Management Zones
WRI	Water Resources Institute
WRPRD	Water Resources Planning and Regulation Department
WSDF	Water and Sanitation Development Facility
WSS	Water Supply and Sanitation
WSUP	Water and Sanitation for the Urban Poor
WWF	World Wildlife Fund

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1 INTRODUCTION

This is a general report on the 8th Uganda Water & Environment Week 2025 (UWEWK2025) and it includes information on the Pre-Events, Main Event, and Post-Event Activities. UWEWK2025 was organized by the Ministry of Water and Environment through the Water Resources Institute, with support of partners and sponsors.

1.1 Background

The Uganda Water and Environment Week (UWEWK) is a weeklong event that is organized annually by the Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE) through the Water Resources Institute (WRI). The event has evolved and grown to become the flagship program for advocacy, influencing, information sharing, and learning within the water and environment spectrum. Since its inception in 2018, the event seeks to contribute to the attainment of sustainable socio-economic transformation and achieving Ugandan National Development Plan and vision 2040. It also seeks to contribute to achievement of international agenda such as 2030 Agenda, Africa Agenda 2063, Water Action Decade, global agenda for environment conservation and climate change among others. UWEWK therefore provides an interface between sector actors and other stakeholders to exchange knowledge and information on management and development water, environment and related natural resources in general and across various sectors of the economy”.

The Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE) in collaboration with key partners has so far held seven annual UWEWKs (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024). These events have attracted high-level political participation including the Vice President, the Prime Minister, Chief Justice, Ministers, members of parliament of the Republic of Uganda, Local Governments, Cultural and Religious Institutions, and other stakeholders both nationally and internationally. During the year 2024 several conferences and events related to water, environment and climate change were held at national, regional and international levels. These key events include among others the 7th Uganda Water and Environment Week, Africa Water Week, World Water Forum, World Water Week, High-level Political Forum, World Biodiversity Summit, African water and sanitation congress (AfricaSan7 UNFCCC-Conference of Parties (COP29), the Youth Employment and Empowerment Summit 2024, the International Water Association (IWA) Conference etc. Some of the key outcomes, recommendations, messages and commitments from these conferences/events are considered relevant to the Water and Environment sector in Uganda and were the basis for the formulation of the overall theme and subthemes for UWEWK2025.

UWEWK2025 therefore gave special attention to the outcomes and recommendations from these events. It explored their implications to Uganda and discussed the status of their operationalization or domestication and what needs to be done to ensure that they are fully operationalized.

1.2 UWEWK2025 Goals and Objectives:

The overall goal of UWEWK2025 is to enhance cooperation and bridge borders for peaceful and sustainable utilization of water and environment resources to ensure resilient communities and improved lives and livelihood.

The specific objectives were to:

- i) Review the status of implementation of the outcomes and recommendations of UWEWK2024, and those of key global, regional and national water, environment and climate change related events.
- ii) Explore approaches for translating science and innovation for effective and efficient use, development and protection of water and environment resources for sustainable future
- iii) c. Review the centrality of water and environment resources for increased production and productivity as guided by NPDIV
- iv) d. Explore role of equitable and sustainable utilization of water and environment for shared peace and prosperity.

1.3 Themes and Sub-themes

The overall theme of UWEWK 2025 was “***Water and environment resources for enhanced resilience and improved incomes and livelihoods***”.

The UWEWK2025 focused on sustainable management of water and environmental resources to strengthen resilience against climate and environmental challenges while enhancing economic opportunities and improving livelihoods for communities. It highlighted the critical role these resources play in supporting socio-economic transformation, promoting equitable access, and fostering sustainable development for current and future generations.

Four sub-themes were explored under the main theme to address water, environment and climate change issues and challenges and outcomes and recommendations of key global water and environment related events as presented below.

1.3.1 Water and environment for a peaceful and sustainable future

The sub-theme "Water and environment for a peaceful and sustainable future" highlighted the critical importance of water and environmental resources for global peace, security, and sustainable development. It emphasized the successful implementation of the Nile River Basin Cooperative Framework Agreement (CFA), which has established a legal and institutional basis for cooperative management of shared water resources among Nile Basin countries. The sub-theme underscored how such cooperation fosters regional peace, resilience, and equitable access, especially in the face of climate change and growing populations. It also explored the vital links between water, environment, conflict, and peace, advocating for integrated management, water diplomacy, and the involvement of security agencies, cultural and religious institutions, and media in promoting conflict prevention and sustainable resource use for both present and future generations.

1.3.2 Water and environment for climate action

Urgent measures were taken to address the impacts of climate change on water and environmental systems, in line with SDG 13 and the Paris Agreement targets. Efforts focused on reducing emissions, especially short-lived climate pollutants, to slow global warming and protect vulnerable communities from worsening floods, droughts, and storms. The sub-theme examined innovative technologies for water conservation, rainwater harvesting, flood control, and resource efficiency through reduce, recycle, and reuse strategies. Transitioning to clean energy, zero-carbon transport, and sustainable agriculture was prioritized to mitigate climate risks, enhance water equity and accessibility, and safeguard ecosystems, while also delivering economic and public health benefits.

1.3.3 Equitable and sustainable use of water and environment resources for improved incomes and livelihoods.

Reports indicated that over the past three decades, Uganda established robust legal and institutional frameworks to ensure the equitable and sustainable management of water and environment resources, with a growing focus on improving incomes and livelihoods. Government-led initiatives, in collaboration with various stakeholders, implemented projects such as irrigation schemes, earth dams, boreholes, and catchment-based management to boost agricultural productivity, support aquaculture, and provide water for rural and urban industries. These interventions not only increased household incomes but also enhanced community resilience to climate risks like floods and droughts. Efforts included training women's groups in business skills, forming Water and Environment Cooperative Societies, and promoting environmentally friendly income-generating activities. Despite these achievements, challenges remained in ensuring the meaningful participation of women, youth, and people with disabilities in resource governance due to limited skills and restrictive social norms. The sub-theme emphasized the need for sustainable investments, inclusive governance, capacity building, and green financing to foster innovation, create decent jobs, and achieve equitable socio-economic development through the productive use of water and environment resources.

1.3.4 Water and environment innovations, knowledge and capacity for empowering a new generation

This sub-theme focused on the urgent need to equip Africa's predominantly young population with green skills to effectively address the escalating climate crisis and environmental challenges. It emphasized a broad spectrum of competencies—including innovation, sustainable practices, environmental advocacy, climate adaptation and mitigation, education, and cultural integration—that empower youth to drive transformative, eco-conscious change and promote intergenerational knowledge transfer. The sub-theme also highlighted the potential of green-skilled youth as future leaders and policymakers shaping sustainable legislation and decision-making. Furthermore, it explored innovative financing and service delivery models, such as results-based financing and pooled funds, to enhance water and sanitation sector performance, improve operation and maintenance of WASH facilities, and address fragmented funding. The role of organizations in fostering environmental literacy through collaboration with schools and communities was underscored, framing environmental education as both an academic and ethical imperative for building a sustainable future.

1.4 UWEWK2025 Methodology

The approaches used for UWEWK2025 included among others:

1.4.1 Physical and Online Attendance

UWEWK2025 was a successful event that attracted a diverse range of attendees from various sectors and backgrounds. The participation of experts from international and national organizations enriched the discussions and knowledge-sharing sessions. The use of online and physical attendance options, as well as live television coverage, ensured wider access to the event and its valuable insights. The attendees were experts from Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the Government of Uganda, Private Sector/Business Organisations, Development Partners, Civil Society Organisations, Elected Representatives (Parliament, Local Governments, etc.), Community leaders, Academia & Research, Media, students, religious and cultural Organisations, Members of the Diplomatic Corps, UN Agencies, among others.

1.4.2 Moderation and Facilitation

The success of UWEWK2025 can also be attributed to the quality of moderation and facilitation provided by seasoned professionals. With extensive experience and knowledge in managing divergent discussions and creating consensus, they were able to guide the various sessions towards productive outcomes. The diverse range of keynote speakers and panellists also ensured that attendees received insights and perspectives from experts across different sectors, including national economic policy, public sector, water and environment, investment and finance, academia, politics, media, civil society, private sector, and elected representatives from parliament and local governments.

Through their contributions, the speakers and panellists highlighted key issues, trends, and opportunities related to Uganda's water and environment sector. They also shared their experiences and best practices, providing valuable insights that could inform policies, strategies, and interventions. Overall, the expertise and diversity of the speakers and panellists added immense value to the event and ensured that attendees left with a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing Uganda's water and environment sector.

1.4.3 Coordination and Management

The UWEWK2025 was organized and coordinated by the Water Resources Institute of the Ministry of Water and Environment in collaboration with various partners, including government ministries and agencies, development partners, academic institutions, UN agencies, private sector institutions, CSOs, and NGOs. This partnership approach ensured effective management and coordination of the event.

A National Organizing Committee (*see 6.3 below*) and other Sub-Committees were established with varied stakeholders, including representatives from government ministries and agencies, development partners, academic institutions, UN agencies, private sector institutions, and NGOs. The committees worked together to support the technical and logistical aspects of the event, ensuring that it runs smoothly and achieves its objectives.

1.4.4 Time Allocation

To enhance the effectiveness of the dialogue sessions, a short video was shown before each keynote address to provide a better understanding of the actions being taken on the ground. During the panel discussions, each panellist had a designated time slot to share their views on the theme and to address any concerns or questions from the viewers or listeners. Additionally, all parallel sessions, short course training, virtual field visits, and side events were 1.5/3 hours long, including the discussions, to ensure that participants had ample time to engage in meaningful conversations and exchange ideas.

1.4.5 Partners and Sponsors

Partners of UWEWK2025 were identified and considered as co-conveners, key-sponsors, and sponsors based on their level of support and participation to the event. As sponsors, partners received preferential treatment, such as appearing on publicity materials and media mentions, which enhanced their visibility and recognition in the water and environment sector in Uganda.

1.4.6 Expression of Interest and Exhibition

The UWEWK2025 called for expressions of interest from individuals, institutions, and partners, offering options for both physical and online registration. Deadlines for attendance, submitting abstracts, papers, exhibition interest and registration invitations were provided and opportunities to register and participate in the event either in-person or online was provided.

1.4.7 Communication and Publicity

Publicity campaigns, including use of both print and electronic media, social media platforms and promotional materials prior to the event were held. Recording of video clips of field visits to selected sites in line with the theme and subthemes showcasing the role water and environment for climate resilient and socio-economic development of Uganda was undertaken.

Eventually, documentation and videos of UWEWK2025 results were published and shared widely on both hard copies and electronic versions; with the final copies uploaded to the MWE/WRI website, these include:

- i) UWEWK2025 Report,
- ii) Water and Environment Magazine,
- iii) Daily Water Fronts which are daily publications that document what transpired each day as a way of keeping the memory of the event alive; both hard copies and electronically.
- iv) Social media postings, etc.
- v) There was a live National TV broadcast on Uganda Broadcasting Corporation (UBC) and NBS-TV; especially the opening ceremony, keynote address and dialogue, etc.
- vi) Other avenues were also explored such as the use of MWE- Regional offices, Local and Central Governments, Religious and cultural organisations, etc. to publicize the event.

2 PREPARATIONS AND PRE-EVENT UWEWK2025 ACTIVITIES

2.1 Overview of pre-events

The organization of UWEWK2025 involved a number of activities undertaken before the main event. This was aimed at giving an opportunity to a wide range of stakeholders and communities to contribute to the objectives of UWEWK2025 and raise awareness about the need to sustainably manage and develop water and environment resources.

These pre-events were carried out in various parts of Uganda, through the 6 MWE regional offices. The Pre-Event activities for UWEWK2025 were mostly planned to generate as much publicity and visibility for the event as possible and these spanned from 1st February to 16th March 2025.

In general, the pre-events included;

- **6 regional mini-UWEWK2025;** All regional offices of the ministry of water and environment held several activities in their respective areas under the different sub themes as they prepared for the main week in Luzira.
- **317 km walk** for water and environment from Bulisa District to Kampala City through Masindi district, Nakasongola district, Luwero district and Wakiso. The walk was flagged off on 3rd March 2025 and was completed on 14th March 2025 at the MWE headquarters in Luzira, Kampala.
- **Youth Debates;** Several youth debates were held across all the 6 regions which involved several schools and universities at different levels with the regional winners competing at the national level and overall winners awarded at the closing ceremony of UWEWK2025.
- **Buganda Kingdom water day;** held as part of UWEWK2025 which took place in Busiro on 14th March 2025
- **Cleanup Exercises;** Clean up exercises were held as pre- event activities in Kampala and in the different regions of MWE. National clean-up exercise were held in two markets (Bugolobi and Kirombe)
- **Miss Climate Change Awareness Beauty pageant;** This was held to award young girls that had excelled in promoting and presenting climate change issues and would become ambassadors for climate change awareness

2.2 Preparatory Activities

2.2.1 National and Technical Organizing Committees

The Ministry of Water and Environment through the Water Resources Institute led the planning, coordination, management and organization of UWEWK2025 under a constituted National Organizing Committee with its 14 subcommittees with a given Terms of Reference (See 6.3). These were mostly composed of experts from Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of the Government of Uganda (GOU), Private Sector/Business Organisations, Development

Partners, Civil Society Organisations, Youth, Academia and Research, religious and cultural Organisations, among others.

The National and Technical Organizing Committees held various meetings geared towards progressive preparation for UWEWK2025. A total of 10 NOC meetings were held. The Technical Committee was organized under various subcommittees and an average of 5 meetings of each of the 12 UWEWK subcommittees were held.

2.2.1 Development of the Concept Note

At the onset of the preparatory activities, a concept note was prepared to act as an overall guide in the execution of the subsequent UWEWK2025 activities. The concept note was prepared in wide consultation with key stakeholders to provide a strategic direction in the various engagements during the events.

2.2.2 Write-shop

UWEWK2025 involved technical paper presentations revolving on areas of Science, policy and practice. In the preparatory phase, a write-shop was held from 21st to 22nd February 2025 to train potential presenters who had submitted abstracts.

The two-day write-shop was conducted by a team of seasoned scholars including among others Prof. Nicholas Kiggundu, Dr. Patrick Musinguzi, Dr. Rosermita Birungi, with support from the UWEWK2025 secretariat. Among those who submitted abstracts, forty authors were trained in paper writing, paper and poster presentation and use of PowerPoint presentations.

2.2.3 Rapporteurs' Training

Prior to the start of UWEWK2025, the WRI through the National Organizing Committee did send out a call for rapporteurs to assist in capturing the proceedings from the National UWEWK2025 activities and events. From the list of 28 applicants, 20 were selected and invited for training at the WRI. The training was conducted on 22ND February 2025 at the WRI-Entebbe by Dr. Musinguzi Patrick, Dr. Rosermita Birungi, Mr. Tumwesige Stephen and Ms Gwendolyn Kyoburungi, the Coordinator of the WRI.

Further trainings and engagement of rapporteurs were conducted at the MWE headquarters to ensure field-based practice, understanding of the tasks ahead, and accurate capturing of the proceedings among others. These included the Dry-run and further engagements with senior UWEWK personnel including Dr. Callist Tindimugaya - Ag. Director DWRM (vice chair, NOC), Eng. Daniel Opwonya-Consultant and Mr Solomon Kyeyune-UNOPS.

The purposes of the exercises were to guide, train and/or re-tool all the rapporteurs on their roles, responsibilities and expectations of their service. This included among others the need to document events, results and agreements, etc. to ease follow-up for implementation but also keep records. Some of the areas centered on: knowing and using the reporting template (**Error! eference source not found.**), introduction to venue and routes, access control and protocol, discussing expectations and feedback, distribution and assigning rapporteurs to the programme,

allowing the rapporteurs to interface and interact before the event, etc. They were also informed of their deliverables such as the lead rapporteur supervising other co-rapporteurs, coordination and reporting for the day, submit final session/ activity draft, attend the sessions, take notes during sessions and populate templates, and produce draft notes/ report of the meetings and events, etc.

Equally, the rapporteurs were informed about the benefits from their service such as: Career networking through participation at UWEWK2025, acquiring a WRI Rapporteur certificate, opportunities for internship and industrial training at the MWE or partner organisations.



Figure 2-1 Training of Rapporteurs at WRI

2.3 MWE Regional Structure Pre-Event Activities

The decentralized activities of UWEWK2025 were coordinated by the 6 regional de-concentrated structures of MWE. These are considered a relevant approach to broaden the scope and impact of the UWEWK. These activities included radio or TV talk shows on Water and Environment issues, regional youth debates, marathon, football matches, and awareness campaign and clean up exercises and environmental restoration activities which were organized by regional de-concentrated structures of the MWE in various locations to deal with key pressing issues in those regions. Some of the particular activities included the following;

- i) UWEWK regional activities in 6 regional de-concentrated structures of MWE.
- ii) Regional Youth Debates in 5 regional de-concentrated structures of MWE (Lira, Mbale, Fort Portal, Mbarara and Kampala)
- iii) Water and Environment Week Marathon in Fort Portal and Nile Run in Jinja
- iv) Innovation and technology camps
- v) Medical camps

2.2.1 Albertine Regional UWEWK2025 Activities

The Albertine Regional UWEWK2025 activities were organized by the MWE structures in the region and its partners. The activities of this region were aligned to the sub-theme '*Water and Environment for Climate Action*'

The week featured diverse activities aimed at promoting environmental conservation and water management, including talk shows on media, cleaning campaigns in Fort Portal City and Bunyangabu District, and the launch of Nyakimya Wetland demarcation. A 317-kilometer walking initiative and beekeeping projects in Kamwenge and Kyenjojo raised awareness and provided alternative livelihoods. Corporate WASH Games raised funds for rainwater harvesting, while dialogues, panel discussions, and exhibitions focused on climate-resilient technologies. The Ministry also distributed sanitation facilities, water tanks, and monitoring stations, and engaged youth through school debates, music, dance, and drama to foster environmental stewardship.

i) **Public Awareness Campaigns**

Several talk shows were conducted on various radio and TV stations, including Ngabu FM, Mountains of the Moon Radio, Jubilee Radio, and Fort TV, with the aim of raising awareness about the impacts of climate change during the main event period. According to reports, these sessions played a crucial role in sensitizing the public, reaching over 5.2 million people across the region on key water and environmental issues. The talk shows were also noted as an effective tool for mobilizing communities to participate in the activities and causes of ARWEWK 2025.

ii) **Cleaning campaign in Fort portal city**

The activity, aimed at raising awareness about proper waste management as a strategy for sustainable water resources and environmental protection, focused on keeping River Mpanga

clean to support the socio-economic development of the Mpanga catchment. The Prime Minister of Tooro, Rt. Hon. Calvin Rwomire Armstrong, representing the Omukama of Tooro Kingdom as Chief Guest, commended the organizing partners and urged the implementation of mind-set change initiatives to educate the community on environmental protection and river conservation as measures to mitigate global warming. The event was jointly organized by the Ministry of Water and Environment (RWSC-5 and AWMZ), Tooro Kingdom, and AFRIYEA, and was attended by stakeholders from decentralized MWE departments, the Uganda People's Defence Forces, Uganda Police Force, the Office of the Resident City Commissioner, Uganda Red Cross Society, and partners such as IRC, JESE, Join for Water, NRD, and SIMAVI, as well as learners and staff from various educational institutions, media representatives, and the local community.

iii) Launch of Wetland Demarcation

On 1st March 2025, ARWEWK 2025 featured the launch of the demarcation of the Nyakimya Wetland along River Mpanga in Fort Portal City, Kabarole District, an initiative supported by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation through Join for Water and implemented by NRD to demarcate six wetland systems within Fort Portal Tourism City. The event included the ceremonial installation of the first boundary pillar, marking the start of a 10-kilometer demarcation. The Chief Guest, Rt. Hon. Calvin Rwomire Armstrong, Prime Minister of the Tooro Kingdom, pledged ongoing support for the Ministry's projects and urged local communities to actively protect and restore wetlands to help combat the growing impacts of global warming.

iv) Flag off exercise of walkers

The Walkers Association of Uganda launched a 317-kilometer walking initiative from Buliisa District to promote environmental conservation and climate resilience, supported by local government, the Ministry of Water and Environment, Total Energies Ltd, and other partners. The campaign included planting 1,000 trees, public dialogues on water, sanitation, and hygiene at Butiaba Landing Site and Biiso Town Council, and a community clean-up exercise. The initiative engaged diverse stakeholders, including security forces, local businesses, and educational institutions, to raise awareness and encourage sustainable water management and public health improvements.

v) Handover of Hives in Kamwenge

The Ministry of Water and Environment, through the Albert Water Management Zone, handed over 24 beehives to 30 farmers in Kamwenge District as an alternative income source following wetland and riverbank demarcation that reduced farmland. The event raised awareness about protecting these ecosystems, educating beneficiaries on their legal responsibilities under the National Environment Act and the consequences of non-compliance. Attended by local leaders, ministry representatives, and community members, the event was successful, with participants pledging support for wetland and riverbank conservation efforts.

vi) Corporate games for WASH

The Corporate WASH Games, held at Booma Grounds in Fort Portal City and organized by Rwenzori Aid in partnership with the Ministry of Water and Environment, officially kicked off the Albertine Regional Water and Environment Week (ARWEWK) activities. The event aimed to raise funds for a rainwater harvesting tank for Canon Apollo Demonstration Primary School, which

struggles with access to clean water. Several teams participated, with Man U Die Hards winning the competition. During the event, health and ministry officials emphasized the importance of hygiene, especially amid an Ebola alert, and the school's head teacher thanked the organizers for their support.

vii) Dialogues, panel discussions and exhibitions

The Ministry of Water and Environment, in partnership with Tooro Botanical Gardens and Common Grounds, organized a dialogue, panel discussions, and exhibitions at Tooro Botanical Gardens under the regional sub-theme "Water and Environment for Climate Action." Five experts discussed topics including COP 29 reflections, climate change, conservation of threatened tree species, biodiversity-based ecological restoration, and the role of research and innovation. The event, attended by about 500 participants from civil society, local government, media, learning institutions, and MWE staff, emphasized bridging research and policy gaps, stronger policy implementation, community involvement, and adopting global biodiversity standards. Chief Guest Hon. Dr. Richard Rwabuhinga and Eng. Albert Orijabo also inspected over 15 exhibition stalls showcasing climate change technologies and livelihood innovations in the Albertine region.

viii) Clean Up Exercises in Bunyangabu

In Bunyangabu District's Kyamukube Town Council, the Ministry of Water and Environment, together with Simavi and JESE, led a community cleanup and WASH awareness activities, officially launched by the Mayor who emphasized routine sanitation and a new waste management plan. Improvements in school sanitation were highlighted, including new pit latrines and handwashing facilities, alongside calls to revive environmental clubs and protect water infrastructure from vandalism. A football match between local primary schools engaged youth in hygiene advocacy, with Kibante Primary School winning. The event brought together local leaders, MWE staff, JESE representatives, and community members to promote better waste management, sanitation, and water resource protection.

ix) Launch of the Mpanga Hydrological Monitoring station in the downstream Mpanga

The Ministry of Water and Environment, supported by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, implemented watershed management activities in the Mpanga Catchment, including the installation of a telemetric hydrological monitoring station by the Albert Water Management Zone to provide real-time data for effective water management. The launch, attended by local government officials, community leaders, and stakeholders, highlighted ongoing water scarcity challenges, with calls to extend water services to better serve the local population.

x) Promotion of hygiene and sanitation in Mugusu health Centre III

As part of ARWEWK celebrations, the Ministry of Water and Environment, in partnership with IRC, handed over a climate-resilient sanitation facility at Mugusu Health Centre III in Kabarole District to support menstrual hygiene management for mothers. The handover event was attended by local leaders, health inspectors, and representatives from IRC and MWE.

xi) Promotion of hygiene and sanitation in Kaboyo Secondary school

The Ministry of Water and Environment, in partnership with IRC, handed over climate-resilient sanitation facilities—including a water harvesting tank, handwashing station, and latrine block with a bathroom and incinerator—to Kaboyo Secondary School in Kabarole District to improve

menstrual hygiene management and overall sanitation. The RDC of Kabarole encouraged students to practice good hygiene both at school and in their communities, while the school committed to maintaining the facilities with a dedicated budget. The handover event was attended by local leaders, health officials, IRC, and MWE staff.

xii) Handover of the Water tank to canon Apollo

The Ministry of Water and Environment, in partnership with Rwenzori Aid, donated a 10,000-liter water tank and two water purifiers to Canon Apollo Demonstration School in Fort Portal City to address chronic water scarcity and support students, including those with special needs. The Head teacher expressed gratitude, highlighting the benefits of rainwater harvesting for daily use. Rwenzori Aid pledged to provide tank accessories and introduce WASH clubs and menstrual hygiene classes, while the Ministry encouraged ongoing collaboration for water support. The handover was attended by school officials, students, and MWE staff.

xiii) Environmental awareness raising in Nyatabooma Primary School

The Ministry of Water and Environment, in partnership with the Kyaninga Forest Foundation, engaged 408 students and teachers at Nyatabooma Primary School to promote Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) practices and environmental conservation. The team emphasized the link between clean water, sanitation, and health, while planting trees on the school grounds to demonstrate practical conservation efforts. Teacher James highlighted the importance of empowering students to become future sustainability champions through such awareness initiatives.

xiv) Livelihoods enhancement in Kyenjojo

The Ministry of Water and Environment handed over 25 beehives to the Nyamirongo Beekeepers Group in Kyenjojo District as an alternative income source for communities affected by wetland and riverbank demarcation. Funded by the Government of Uganda and implemented by MIFA, the project encourages community ownership and sustainable hive management to boost honey production. This initiative aims to improve livelihoods while supporting environmental conservation in the Mpanga Catchment, with district leaders and community members attending the handover event.

xv) Clean up exercise in Kaihura

The Ministry of Water and Environment, together with AAID and IRC, led a community clean-up in Kaihura Town Council, Kyenjojo District, involving students, school staff, and local residents. Local leaders praised MWE's efforts in promoting sanitation and encouraged students to advocate for better hygiene at home. They also stressed the need for proper waste management facilities and recommended regular clean-up campaigns to sustain community sanitation.

xvi) Awareness raising campaign in schools through music, dance and drama

The Ministry of Water and Environment, in partnership with Water for People and JESE, organized theme-based debates and MDD performances involving five primary schools in Kamwenge District as part of ARWEWK celebrations. The event began with a visit to tree planting sites from 2021, where pupils showcased their progress in environmental conservation. Students debated on maintaining water and the environment for a sustainable future, with the proposers winning, and participated in various cultural performances promoting sanitation. Awards were given to

outstanding trainers and students, and the RDC praised the partners' impact, encouraging continued youth involvement in environmental preservation.

xvii) Awareness-raising on Environmental conservation through debates in primary, Secondary schools and Universities

The Ministry of Water and Environment, in collaboration with Join for Water, organized debates and public speaking competitions at Fort Portal City involving secondary schools and universities on topics related to water use and wetland conservation. Schools like Nyakasura SS and universities such as Mountains of the Moon University participated, with awards given to top debaters and speakers. Key recommendations included recognizing local water bodies as coexisting with humans, enforcing conservation laws, planning for wetland evictions with mitigation measures, and regulating fishing activities. The event also involved partners like NRD, Youth Go Green, and the National Youth Council.

xviii) Launch of a Hydro-meteorological

With funding from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, the Ministry of Water and Environment's Albert Water Management Zone established a hydro-meteorological station at Kazo District headquarters to monitor 13 key weather and water parameters continuously. The LC5 Chairperson, Rev. Samuel Katugunda, thanked the Ministry and partners for their support and encouraged ongoing collaboration. The launch event was attended by local leaders, school representatives, media, and MWE officials led by the Assistant Commissioner for Water Resources Planning and Management.



Figure 2-3: Officers from the Albertine region on a radio program under the framework of UWEWK2025



Figure 2-4: Officers from peoples' defence force participating in the clean-up-exercise in fort portal city



Figure 2-2 Rt. Hon Calvin Rwomire, prime minister of Tooro Kingdom leading the launch of wetland demarcation



Figure 2-5 participants in the corporate games for WASH

Summary Outcomes, Key Messages and Recommendations from the Albertine Regional UWEWK2025 Activities

- i) The Ministry distributed sanitation facilities, water tanks, and monitoring stations to improve water and hygiene management
- ii) The Nyakimya Wetland demarcation was launched to protect vital ecosystems, with strong community support.
- iii) Dialogues highlighted the need to bridge research and policy gaps and strengthen environmental law implementation
- iv) Beekeeping initiatives provided alternative livelihoods while promoting wetland and riverbank conservation.
- v) The need for innovative financing. Exploring diverse funding mechanisms, such as corporate games for WASH, can help mobilize resources for critical projects like providing access to clean water in schools.

2.3.1 Eastern Regional UWEWK2025 Activities

Eastern Region activities included press conference and launch of the Eastern Region UWEWK 2025, cleaning up exercise, youth debate, football match, open day and exhibitions, and was concluded with save River manafwa marathon.

i) Media Campaigns

The Eastern Regional UWEWK 2025 celebrations kicked off with a press briefing on 7th March 2025 which highlighted the theme “Water and environment for a peaceful and sustainable future” and key activities of the week. The press was facilitated by regional managers and Representatives of the partners.

ii) Youth Debate

The Eastern region youth debate was hosted at Mbale Senior Secondary School (Mbale SSS) main hall in Mbale city under the sub theme “Water and environment for a peaceful and sustainable future”. A total number of 10 schools and 8 Universities took part in the debates under the categories of secondary and university. The Eastern Region, in partnership with Youth go green and Mbale Secondary School (Mbale SSS), hosted the Eastern Regional Inter-University Youth Debate. The overall winners under the university debate category was Uganda Christian University and under the secondary school category was Mbale Secondary School and under the university Public speaker category, the winner was from Kampala university, Jinja campus and under the secondary public speaker category was from Nkoma Secondary school and these winners advanced to the next stage of the National Youth Debates for UWEWK 2024.

iii) Inter Departmental Football Tournament

As a team building strategy, the MWE East regional structures together with partners engaged in football matches at Mbale Cricket grounds. The winner of the football match was Water for Production Regional Centre East

iv) Clean up exercise

The Eastern region held a clean-up exercise in Mbale Central Market to create awareness on hygiene and sanitation in the region. The MWE Eastern region staff joined by the partners, community and students commenced the clean-up exercise with a matching to Mbale Central Market where participants collected rubbish as an exemplary move towards promoting hygiene and sanitation in Mbale City.

v) Open Day and Exhibitions

The open day was a day that was mainly aimed at opening the doors of MWE East office complex to the Public to showcase their innovations and achievements. These attracted stakeholders; private sector, community, cultural and religious leaders, political leaders, and development partners.

vi) Save River Manafwa Marathon

The Save River Manafwa Marathon, held on March 16, 2025, in Mbale City, was organized by the Ministry of Water and Environment to raise awareness about the importance of protecting River Manafwa. The event featured 5km, 10km, and 15km races, drawing participation from

partners, leaders, and local communities. Its main goals were to highlight the significance of preserving the river for social and economic development, support the planting of indigenous trees, promote soil and water conservation, and encourage best practices for sustainable river management. The marathon also served as a platform to strengthen coordination among stakeholders and engage the public in broader environmental conservation initiatives, including the ongoing campaign to plant 10 million trees



Figure 2-5: Chief runner Moses Kipsiro participating in the Run UWEWK2025



Figure 2-6: A section of participants who were part of the run being taken through aerobics.



Figure 2-7 The chief guest stalls through the exhibition tents.



Figure 2-8: Regional Manager KWMZ gives a speech highlighting the achievements of Water and Environment week.

Summary Outcomes, Key Messages and Recommendations from the Eastern

- Engaged youth from 18 institutions in climate change and environmental sustainability debates, strengthening youth participation in environmental programs
- Promoted hygiene and sanitation awareness in Mbale City by mobilizing staff, partners, students, and the community for a public clean-up at Mbale Central Market
- Showcased innovations and achievements in water and environmental management to a broad range of stakeholders, including private sector, community, and development partners
- Highlighted key challenges such as water quality issues and deforestation, and discussed ongoing projects and new technologies for safe water coverage and environmental conservation
- Called for annualization of the Save River Manafwa Marathon, recognition of partners, follow-up on key issues, and continued sensitization and restoration activities along River Manafwa

2.3.2 Karamoja UWEWK2025 Activities

The MWE structures in Karamoja and partners organized a number of activities to mark the pre-UWEWK2025 event with the overall intention to increase visibility and awareness about UWEWK, sensitization of water and environment conservation but also to provide accountability and reporting by MWE, among others under the theme “ *Water and Environment for peace and sustainable future*’.

I. Cleaning of Loro Trading centre in Amudat

Amudat was chosen to be the host district for the Karamoja WEWK 2025, cleaning being one of the activities, Loro trading centre was chosen given the hygiene conditions at hand. Red Cross Society spearheaded the cleaning session and in participation included CARE Uganda, Amudat District Local Government and MWE deconcentrated structures.

II. Inspection of MWE Karamoja Office Block

The Ministry of Water and Environment’s Karamoja Regional Office, together with partners and Moroto District leadership, conducted a technical inspection of a government-funded, 60% complete UGX 6 billion, three-story regional office building. Once finished, the facility will integrate multiple decentralized units, including water management and environmental departments, enhancing operational efficiency and service delivery. Notably, the building features a dedicated lactation room to support breastfeeding staff, reflecting the Ministry’s commitment to employee welfare in the Karamoja region.

III. Radio talk show

To enhance awareness of UWEWK 2025 and the Ministry of Water and Environment’s interventions in the Karamoja region, decentralized structures collaborated closely with key partners. A radio talk show on Ateker FM was conducted to disseminate information about the

event and ongoing Ministry activities, featuring participation from the Uganda Red Cross Society, CARE Uganda, and the community-based organization KAYESE 256.

IV. Sanitation walk

Nakalilimon and Katileria villages in Loroo Sub county, Amudat District, were inspected and are set to be declared open defecation free (ODF) following efforts by district leadership and partners like Save the Children and Caritas. The inspection included checking homesteads for latrine ownership, with community members recognized for maintaining clean environments. The team also visited the nearly completed Loborokocho piped water supply and sanitation project, funded by the Exim Bank of India and implemented by the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Department, which will provide water to eight villages and a VIP facility at Akorikeya Primary School.

V. Inspection of Water infrastructure in Karamoja Region

The Ministry of Water and Environment's Karamoja Regional Office, working with district leaders and Nexus Green Limited, conducted a technical inspection of solar-powered water supply and irrigation systems across several districts in Karamoja. Most water supply systems, except one still under construction, have been handed over for operation and maintenance to local water authorities, while irrigation systems are supervised by the Water for Production Regional Centre. Funded by the Government of Uganda and the UK Export Fund, the project includes installing pump stations, solar energy, water storage, sanitation facilities, and livestock watering points, aiming to improve equitable access to clean water for domestic use, agriculture, and livestock, supporting sustainable development and livelihoods in the region.

VI. Inter secondary school debate

Karamoja held its first inter-secondary schools debate on the motion "International bodies should manage water bodies," with 11 schools and 55 participants. Moroto High School won both the debate and public speaking competitions, followed by Lolachat Seed Secondary School and St. Daniel Comboni Vocational Training Institute as runners-up. Nineteen students participated in public speaking on topics related to environmental policies, climate change, and youth roles in sustainability. Top individual awards went to students from St. Daniel Comboni Vocational Training Institute and Lolachat Seed Secondary School.

VII. Moroto District coordination meeting

The team participated in the Moroto District Water and Sanitation Coordination meeting organized by the Rural Water and Sanitation Regional Center 2, where partners shared WASH progress reports and planned upcoming sanitation and water day celebrations. Key agreements included exploring the discovery and creation of lakes near Mt. Moroto, constructing water systems in high-yield areas like Namana, revamping non-functional windmills, addressing water stress at border points, and requiring NGOs to formalize MOUs with MWE and submit work plans for district approval. Concerns were raised about some partners failing to attend coordination meetings.

VIII. Menstrual Health Run 2025 1st Edition

Karamoja, a region facing poverty, water stress, and gender inequality, particularly affects girls who often miss school due to lack of menstrual hygiene products and related challenges. To

address this, the Water and Environment Menstrual Health Run was held on March 15, 2025, with over 1,000 participants to raise funds for distributing 10,000 packs of reusable sanitary pads and installing handwashing facilities in 10 schools. The event also aimed to raise awareness about menstrual health, engage stakeholders for sustainable solutions, and promote the economic and environmental benefits of reusable pads, helping reduce school absenteeism and empower girls for a better future.

IX. Karamoja UWEWK 2025 football Gala

The Karamoja UWEWK 2025 football gala featured eight teams from schools, corporate companies, government agencies, and community groups, including Police FC, Moroto Sports Club, Centenary Bank, and two girls' teams. St. Daniel Comboni Secondary School emerged as the overall winners, with Flying Eagles, Centenary Bank, and the MWE team finishing as first, second, and third runners-up respectively. The event included team briefings, group photos, and an awards ceremony recognizing participants and partners.

X. Blood Donation

The Uganda Red Cross, in collaboration with Moroto Referral Hospital, organized a blood donation drive alongside the run and football events. First aid services were provided to all participants, with Ministry of Water and Environment officials and students leading the blood donation efforts. Notably, no serious medical injuries were reported during the KRWEWK 2025 celebrations.

XI. Feedback from the Region

There is a need to harmonize the sanitation week organized by the Ministry of Health with the Uganda Water and Environment Week (UWEWK) by MWE, as both have similar activities and funders, but sanitation week often receives more attention.. Conflicting events from the head office disrupt UWEWK activities, and partners are often engaged too late, making budget planning difficult. Many water projects in Karamoja stall after feasibility studies, with communities' eager for major interventions like a manmade lake at Lopeei, yet feedback is lacking. Additionally, there are concerns about the design and protection of valley tanks and dams due to high siltation. Strengthening partner coordination and documentation through a governing body is needed to avoid duplication, and dedicated funding should be allocated specifically for Water Week in the regions.



Figure 2-9: members participating in the clean-up of Loro trading centre in Amudat



Figure 2-10: Team inspection of the office block under construction



Figure 2-11: A team from Ministry participating in the radio talk show.



Figure 2-6: members participating in blood donation

Summary Outcomes, Key Messages and Recommendations from the Karamoja UWEWK Activities

- Strengthened coordination and harmonization of WASH programs to improve service delivery.
- Emphasis on sustainable access to climate-resilient water and sanitation services by 2030.
- Recognition of Karamoja's socio-economic challenges including water stress, poor hygiene, and gender inequality, particularly affecting girls' education.
- Implementation of targeted interventions to improve livelihoods, resilience, and environmental management aligned with national and global development goals.
- Need for enhanced documentation and monitoring to avoid duplication of efforts among partners.
- Focus on developing major water infrastructure, such as manmade lakes, to address chronic water scarcity.
- Promotion of community empowerment, peace, security, and improved human capital through integrated development plans.
- Increased stakeholder engagement including government, NGOs, and communities to support sustainable water resource management and climate adaptation.

2.3.3 Northern Regional UWEWK2025 Activities

MWE structures in the Northern region and partners organized a number of activities related to the above sub themes but specifically under the theme **“Water and Environment Innovations, Knowledge, and Capacity for Empowering a New Generation.”** Activities engaged include;

i. School Engagement on Tree Planting and Resource Protection

In Gulu City, the Ministry of Water and Environment led a tree-planting awareness campaign in several primary schools, teaching students about environmental conservation, proper tree-planting techniques, and water-efficient drip irrigation using recycled plastic bottles. The Rural

Water Supply and Sanitation Regional Center also conducted hygiene and sanitation sessions covering personal hygiene, toilet use, and menstrual health. Additionally, a familiarization visit to the Oytino micro catchment, restored under a World Bank-funded project, was held, followed by an inception meeting with local leaders and partners. The day concluded with a radio talk show on Rupiny Radio, where government and partner representatives updated the public on regional activities and encouraged community participation.

ii. Debate, Public Speaking, and Poetry

The day at Gulu University featured debates, public speaking, and poetry competitions involving students from universities, secondary, and primary schools, all focused on water conservation, climate change, and sustainable environmental solutions. Participants discussed key issues such as industrial fishing, afforestation, and balancing economic growth with environmental protection. The event highlighted the importance of youth involvement in environmental advocacy, showcased creative public speaking, and recognized outstanding teams and individuals with awards. The session concluded with remarks from university leaders and partners, emphasizing the critical role of education and youth engagement in shaping a sustainable future.

iii. Clean-Up Campaign

Gulu City held a transformative citywide clean-up campaign led by the Mayor and supported by partners like DFCU Bank, Care Uganda, CEED Concordia, and Takataka Plastics, focusing on waste management and environmental sustainability. The campaign covered major city areas and concluded with an exhibition at Kaunda Grounds, where innovative solutions for water conservation and plastic recycling were showcased, including Takataka Plastics' recycled products and African Clean Energy's sustainable living technologies. The event promoted community engagement, responsible waste disposal, and environmental stewardship.

iv. Exhibitions and Public Dialogue

The public dialogue at Kaunda Grounds in Gulu City brought together government officials, private sector representatives, and development partners to discuss sustainable environmental practices and community-driven solutions. Key speakers emphasized Gulu City's commitment to environmental conservation, the importance of public-private partnerships, gender inclusion, and innovative waste management and water conservation techniques. Financial institutions highlighted their ongoing support for environmental initiatives, while development partners shared approaches like farmer-managed natural regeneration and integrated water resource management. The event concluded with a unified call for stronger collaboration among all stakeholders, followed by an exhibition showcasing innovative solutions in plastic recycling, clean energy, and water quality, reinforcing the importance of collective action for environmental sustainability.



Members participating in the clean-up



Primary school students presenting their poems

Summary Outcomes, Key Messages and Recommendations from the Northern Regional UWEWK2025 Activities

- Increased participation of communities should be done with alternative solutions
- Operation and maintenance of WASH systems should be given the priority it deserves
- There is need to note the widening of river Enyau and its tributaries that destroy people's gardens
- The inclusion of women in climate change in collaboration with partners is key for inclusive development.
- Youth and women should get inspired in taking up new and innovative entrepreneurial ideas that take shape in transforming Uganda
- There is need to manage the diverse uses of water to ensure sustainable secure sanitation and environmental natural resources in Uganda to enhance job creation.
- Media coverage is wide enough to fight climate change by shaping public's opinion. This diverse inclusion should be extended to age, gender, religion and culture to achieve the general agenda of the country.

2.3.4 South Western Regional UWEWK2024 Activities

The South Western region had many activities that included community engagement, clean up exercise, radio talk shows, youth debates tournaments and dialogues etc. These are presented below.

i. Community engagement

To address the degradation of River Rwizi due to plastic pollution, stakeholders in Karamoja held community engagement meetings in villages within the river's buffer zone, attracting 100 participants. The objectives were to raise awareness of UWEWK-SW regional activities, educate communities about MWE services, and improve accountability. During the Q&A session, community members raised concerns about factories, buffer zone regulations, hospital waste disposal, and solid waste collection. Key outcomes included increased visibility of MWE's

activities, enhanced stakeholder engagement in UWEWK 2025, and improved accountability and clarification of issues during discussions.

ii. Radio talk shows and television appearances

To increase awareness of UWEWK-SW and UWEWK-2025 activities, the Ministry of Water and Environment and its partners held media talk shows on local radio and TV stations, where they discussed the importance of their initiatives and answered audience questions. An annual media press conference was also organized, featuring remarks from city officials, MWE staff, and partner organizations, highlighting the need for collective environmental protection, appreciation for partner contributions, and a call for public participation in upcoming activities. These engagements aimed to inform stakeholders about MWE services, address environmental degradation, and encourage community involvement in UWEWK-SW events in Mbarara City.

iii. Medical Health camp

A two-day health camp was held at Mbarara Central Market to raise stakeholder awareness and give back to the community by promoting health. Services provided included dental and eye check-ups, blood sugar and body checks, and blood donation, with specialists from Mbarara Regional Referral Hospital, Ruharo Hospital, Uganda Blood Bank, and Red Cross-Uganda. The services were well received, and many participants also attended other UWEWK events.

iv. LAUNCH OF UWEWK-SW, MARCHING AND CLEAN UP EXERCISES

The annual official launch of UWEWK-SW was held at the Ministry of Water and Environment offices, where stakeholders gathered for a city march to raise awareness about environmental sustainability, culminating in a clean-up at River Rwizi, Katete Bridge. The event featured speeches from local leaders, MWE staff, and partners, who emphasized the importance of environmental protection, collective action, and community engagement, especially for conserving River Rwizi. The launch included an overview of MoWE services in the region, signing of the launch board, and a march with the UPF band, followed by a clean-up exercise.

v. Symposium and exhibitions

The symposium and exhibition took place at Independence Park Grounds, while the regional youth activities were held simultaneously at Bishop Stuart University.

The symposium and exhibitions at Independence Park Grounds brought together various stakeholders to discuss and showcase initiatives related to water and environmental conservation. The event featured remarks and presentations from organizations such as MWE, CBOs, and partners, with a keynote address by an environmental health researcher from MUST emphasizing the dangers of water contamination and the importance of clean water in reducing disease. Participants explored exhibition stalls, where exhibitors demonstrated their contributions to the UWEWK theme and shared ideas for sustainable water and environmental solutions.

vi. Youth engagement and regional debates

The youth debates and public speaking competitions on water and environmental conservation brought together 74 students from universities and high schools in the region, including Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Bishop Stuart University, Ntare School, and Mary Hill High School. The event aimed to empower young people to discuss and advocate for sustainable water

management and environmental practices. Students competed in multiple debate rounds on topics like industrial fishing, wetland evictions, and international responsibility for water infrastructure. Ntare School and Bishop Stuart University won the debate categories, while Mary Hill and Bishop Stuart University excelled in public speaking. The winning teams advanced to national events in Kampala, where they emerged victorious, highlighting the effectiveness of youth engagement in environmental advocacy.

vii. **Sports gala**

UWEWK-SW concluded with a lively sports event at Sports Arena, where seven teams—including universities, banks, and organizations—competed in football to promote environmental awareness and responsibility. Nature Nights emerged as the champions and received a trophy. The event demonstrated how sports can effectively engage fans, players, and sponsors in sustainability advocacy, reinforcing MWE's commitment to using sports as a platform for environmental education and collective action.



Figure 2-7 community engagement at Kashanyaraze village

Matching and walking at River Rwizi

Summary Outcomes, Key Messages and Recommendations from the South Western Regional UWEWK2024 Activities

- Continue with the activities of tree planting beyond the event to include institutions i.e. schools, government or public offices, health centres and the surrounding communities to these institutions.
- Collaboration among MWE, MoH and MAAIF should be strengthened in the next event because water and environmental issues are highly cross cutting in these sectors.
- Consideration to rotate the venues within the regions for the UWEWK pre-event activities as opposed to the regional offices/headquarters for equity and equal involvement of all communities within that region.
- It was proposed that a resolution be passed to undertake clean-up exercises at least quarterly by the respective WASH task teams with support from the MWE de-concentrated structures and partners as part of the post event activities.
- There is need to notify partners as early as October/November to enable them to incorporate some of the UWEWK activities into their annual budgets.

2.4 National Level Pre-Event Activities

Besides having some Pre-UWEWK2025 events managed and held by the administration structures of MWE in the regions, there are some which are held centrally and directly through the WRI/MWE Head Offices and these included:

2.4.1 2.3.1 A Walk for Water and Environment

UWEWK2025 has featured a 317km Walk for Water, Environment and Climate Change, aimed at catalyzing dialogue and document collective action and innovative solutions to water, environment, and climate change. The walk started on 3rd March 2025 Buliisa and was completed on 14th March 2025 at the MWE headquarters in Luzira, Kampala. The walkers traversed various districts including Buliisa, Masindi, Nakasongola, Luweero, Wakiso and Kampala.



Figure 2-8: Flagging off of Walkers in the Albertine region



Figure 2-9: The Walkers handing over a petition at Parliament of Uganda.



Figure 2-10: The Walkers having a tour of Nyabyeya Forestry College



Figure 2-11: The walkers Engaging with Students in Biiso.

Summary recommendations and key Messages from the Walk

- The government should provide the necessary garbage disposal skits for urban authorities to improve on the disposal of waste. Government should also enact and enforce laws that enable the people participate in clean up exercises.
- Government should come up with a waste management plan to handle the bulk of waste produced by the growing urban centers
- The government should prioritize community and urban forestry and food sovereignty to ensure community resilience.
- There is need to put a stand-alone climate fund including for loss and damage from climate induced disasters.
- There is a need to train and support local governments to develop their climate action plans, and strengthen local and international partnerships on conservation and climate change.
- The government should extend piped water to all villages within the urban authorities, including Buliisa, Butiaba, Biiso, Nakasongola, and Luwero among others.
- The government should provide sanitary facilities to the flood affected areas especially Butiaba Town Council.
- Review and update the water and environment laws to stop/reduce the degradation of the water bodies, wetlands and forests
- There is an urgent need to improve in the institutional coordination between the Ministries, Departments and Agencies to improve on the governance of our water and environment resources
- We highly recommend that the government increases on the budget allocations to the Water and environment sector including the line Authorities and district local governments to enable them enforce the law, improve the safe/clean water supply to the communities as well as improve sanitation.
- Government should subsidize the costs of renewable energy alternatives like LPG gas, solar energy and electricity to save the environment
- The government should provide (mini) irrigation systems to the people so that they are able to grow more food to evacuate the wetlands.
- Government should subsidize the cost of water.

2.4.2 2.3.2 The National Youth Debate and Career talk show

This youth debate tournament provides participants with a platform for meaningful dialogues, allows them to interact with like-minded people at different levels, while advocating for fairness and critical evaluation of participants' skills and contributions water and environment sector. These youth debates are aimed at creating awareness, as well as listening to youth ideas and thoughts that could be considered in policy making in regard to water and environment resources management and development for the socio-economic development and improved livelihood of the people of Uganda. The youth debates included both students drawn from primary, secondary, tertiary institutions and universities.

The 7th Youth Career Talk show was organized to provide knowledge to youth on the nexus between their diverse professions, skill sets, roles, and water, environment, and climate action. The theme for the Career Talk show was under the theme; “Water and Environment for Climate Action”.



Figure 2-12 Youth with mentors during the talk show

2.4.3 2.3.4. The Clean Up Exercises in Nakawa Division-Kampala

All cleaners first gathered at the MWE-HQ in Luzira for the flag off exercise. The flag-off exercise was officiated by various dignitaries including MWE officials, Local leaders, religious leaders, cultural leaders, among others.

The one-day clean-up exercise took place on Thursday 14th March, 2025 in Kirombe and Bugolobi markets, Nakawa Division. Mass sensitization was carried out to educate the public on sustainable management, conservation and protection of water and environment and efficient use of the resources for sustainable development.



Figure 2-13 Cleaners being flagged off.



Figure 2-14 Cleaners at Bugolobi market joined by the Mayor of Nakawa Division

2.5 Key messages, outcomes and Recommendations from pre-events

The following are some of Key messages and outcomes from pre-events

- Everyone has a space in water, environment, and climate change since we need all varieties of professions to be part
- Conduct regular education and awareness campaigns to inform the public about the importance of proper waste management.
- Climate change is a crucial aspect to discuss about as we have been experiencing Heat waves, Landslides, and flooding among others.
- The role of the youth is very key and they are the face of tomorrow, therefore it's important to include them in this real-life situation. And the future of the Water and Environment sector is in the hands of the youth.
- Current youth are in a generation driven by passion, creativity, and boldness and they can make impacts in Uganda and beyond the country.
- Youth are encouraged to join the space of Water, Environment, and climate change and they should not think of big things but the small things that matter like the waste disposal and environmental conservation.

3 MAIN EVENT ACTIVITIES

3.1 General Overview of the Main Event

The UWEWK2025 main event was held at the MWE-Headquarters in Luzira-Kampala from 17th to 21st March 2025 under the main theme: “**Water and Environment Resources for Enhanced Resilience and Improved incomes and Livelihoods**”; with other 4 sub-themes as presented in ii). There was a hybrid attendance where participants were both physical present at the venue but also virtually through other internet-based channels. In summary, the main event had the following:

- Opening and closing ceremonies: Live streamed on UBC and NBS TVs, Social Media Platforms and zoom
- Key note presentations and Dialogues
- Parallel Sessions
- Exhibition
- Field visits

3.2 DAY 1-The Opening Events of the UWEWK2025:

3.2.1 Opening ceremony

The opening ceremony of UWEWK2025 was on Monday, 17th March 2025 from 9:00am to 5:00pm at the MWE-HQ Building-auditorium. The ceremony was streamed live on UBC and NBS TVs, social media platforms and zoom.

The formal start was occasioned by welcome remarks, anthems and prayer. The opening remarks were delivered by Mr. Alfred Okot Okidi, the Permanent Secretary, MWE. Additionally, Dr. Callist Tindimugaya (Chairperson of the National Organizing Committee & Acting Director of DWRM/MWE) presented an overview of UWEWK2025 and the history of the previous UWEWKs. In continuation with the remarks, there were addresses by Hon. Herbert Edmund Ariko-member of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources in the Parliament of Uganda, Dr. Robin Nandy-UNICEF Representative to Uganda represented by Mr. Larry Patry- UNICEF Representative, His Grace, Archbishop Paul Ssemwogerere - Archbishop of Kampala, represented by Rev. Fr. John Peter Musumba - Director of Caritas Kampala, in the socio-economic development arm of the Archdiocese of Kampala.

The opening ceremony was also graced by interludes of a short documentary highlighting key information about UWEWK2025 including highlights of the pre-events of UWEWK2025 and entertainment sessions from local cultural groups. Poems were also delivered by the youth and children who are active advocates in issues concerning water and environment.

To close the opening remarks, the State Minister of Environment - Hon Beatrice Atim Anywar made her remarks before inviting over the Chief Guest- Hon Thomas Tayebwa (Deputy Speaker of Parliament of Uganda) Represented by Hon. Justine Kasule Lumumba, Minister in charge of

General Duties in the Office of the Prime Minister (focal person for SDGs) to officially open the ceremony.

Summary Outcomes, Key Messages and Recommendations from the Opening Speeches:

- Water accessibility should be linked to critical sectors like health, agriculture, and economic development when presenting funding requests.
- There is need for comprehensive policy revisions to update national water and environmental policies. These policies should align with the increasing demand for water and environmental services at both household and community levels
- Environmental stewardship is not just an environmental issue but a moral imperative and an act of gratitude for God's creation.
- Sustainable water solutions require long-term investments, improving public health but also enhancing education, economic opportunities, and overall community well-being.
- Collaboration between policymakers, technical experts, and development partners is fundamental to achieving environmental sustainability
- Decentralization is crucial so that water and environmental initiatives extend beyond national events and reach regional and district levels. This approach would ensure greater impact and accountability

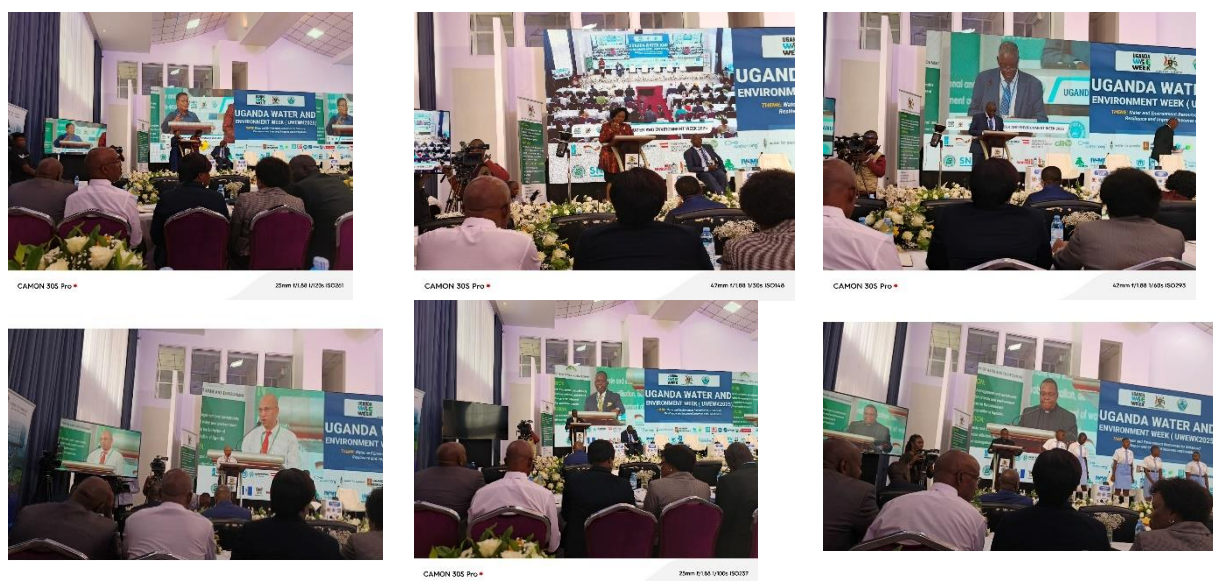


Figure 3-1 Some officials during the opening ceremony including the Guest of Honor, Hon. Justine Kasule Lumumba-representing the Deputy Speaker; Hon. Beatrice Anywar - State Minister for Environment ; Dr Alfred Okot Okidi-P/S MWE; Dr Larry Patry- UNICEF Representative; Hon. Herbert Edmund Ariko- Committee on Environment and Natural Resources in the Parliament of Uganda; Rev. Fr. John Peter Musumba, Director of Caritas Kampala representing Archbishop of Kampala.0

3.2.2 Keynote address and Dialogue on the overall theme for the UWEWK2024

The Keynote address on the overall theme was made by 1. Dr. Nagaraja Rao Harsh (Disruptive Technology Global Lead, Sustainable Development Practice Group, World Bank) and Prof. Leith Deacon (Associate Professor, Rural Planning and Development, University of Guelph).

The Keynote address was followed by a panel discussion moderated composed of the following panellists;

- Mr. Abas Mawanda - For Managing Director, Post Bank
- Hon. Herbert Ariko - Chairman, Environment and Natural Resources Committee of Parliament
- Mr. Paul Flynn Mukalazi - Founder and Patron, Gro foundation
- Dr. Patrick Moriarty - CEO-IRC and SWA Steering Committee Member
- Prof. Alex Ariho - Director General, Africa Agribusiness incubators
- Mr. Tom Senga - For UNDP Resident Representative

Summary Outcomes, Key Messages and Recommendations from the Key Note Address and Dialogue:

- The data value chain is critical should be carefully explored to harness the power of data, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and emerging technologies in transforming environmental management, decision-making, and development.
- Investing in water management, soil conservation and green energy strengthens the economic and environmental stability of rural areas
- The balance between meeting the energy needs of the population and promoting climate change mitigation is at the core of Uganda's policy.
- Carbon finance has a potential to supplement to efforts to end poverty in Uganda by generating income through the sale of carbon credits
- Water and environmental management should be integrated into broader discussions that lie at the core of people's survival, including employment and income.



Figure 3-2 Day 1 Panelists

3.2.3 Meet and greet session by the Water and Environment sector Elders

Day 1 of UWEWK2025 also featured a session for Water and Environment sector Elders.

Professionals are being engaged in the sector in four thematic areas i.e. Applied training, Outreach, Dialogue, Applied research and short- term technical support for the following reasons;

- a) Retaining sector capacity
- b) Operationalizing the research fund at WRI
- c) Establishing a consultancy arm at WRI
- d) Operationalizing Sector Dialogues and outreach
- e) Creating a social network of retired professionals

Some key takeaways from this session include;

- The Water and Environment Museum is being constructed so the retired professionals can write their contribution in the water and environment sector and document the history of water and environment since colonial time.
- The database will be expanded so that more retired professionals are engaged so that they share their knowledge and experience.

- Participants were urged to actively promote the program in order to attract more of the retired professionals to participate.

3.2.4 Feedback from regional mini-UWEWK2025 events

Day 1 of UWEWK2025 was crowned by feedback from regional mini-UWEWK events followed by formal responses and discussions. These have been comprehensively covered in 2.3.

3.3 DAY 2- Water and environment for a peaceful and sustainable future

On Day two of UWEWK2025, Tuesday the 18th March 2025, there was a key note address and dialogue on Sub-Theme 1- Water and environment for a peaceful and sustainable future. This was followed by a series of parallel sessions and side events that included among others-Papers and posters presentations, trainings, project launches, site visits, continued exhibition at the MWE-HQ grounds, etc.

3.3.1 Key note address and Dialogue on Sub-theme 1

The Keynote address on Sub-theme 1 was held at the MWE-HQ auditorium and was made by Professor Dr Joakim Harlin - Director, UNEP-DHI Centre on Water & Environment in Copenhagen.

The Keynote address was followed by a panel discussion moderated by Dr Fred Muhumuza (Senior Lecturer, MUBS) Ms Privah Atuhaire (Communication Officer, MWE) and composed of the following panellists;

- Gareth O'hagan - Partner and Chief Operating Officer Instiglio
- Dr Florence Grace Adongo - Executive Director, Nile Basin Initiative
- Mr. Francis Bal (Representative, National Environment Management Authority - NEMA)
- Ms Sarah Rosengaertner - Deputy Managing Director, Global Center for Climate Mobility

<i>Summary Outcomes, Key Messages and Recommendations from the Key Note Address and Dialogue on Sub-theme 1:</i>

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water scarcity is a growing challenge due to increased competition among different sectors, necessitating better management strategies. • Climate change significantly impacts water availability, necessitating adaptive measures to mitigate extreme weather events and their effects. • Uganda has made notable progress in water management, but regional disparities highlight the need for continued efforts in monitoring and governance. • Multi-stakeholder consultations are essential in ensuring accurate reporting and inclusive decision-making in water resource management. • The Global Wetland Watch platform offers a promising tool for real-time wetland monitoring, aiding in conservation and biodiversity efforts. • There need for policy coherence, financial sustainability • Regional cooperation, and proactive planning to address climate-related migration and resource conflicts • Strengthening institutional frameworks and governance mechanisms to enhance water resource management and equitable access. |
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- Promoting integrated policies that link water management with energy, food production, and environmental conservation.
- Expanding capacity-building initiatives to ensure stakeholders at all levels can contribute effectively to sustainable water governance.
- Enhancing regional and international collaboration to share data, best practices, and funding opportunities for water-related projects.
- Encouraging further technological innovations, such as remote sensing and AI-based monitoring, to improve water resource management and ecosystem conservation

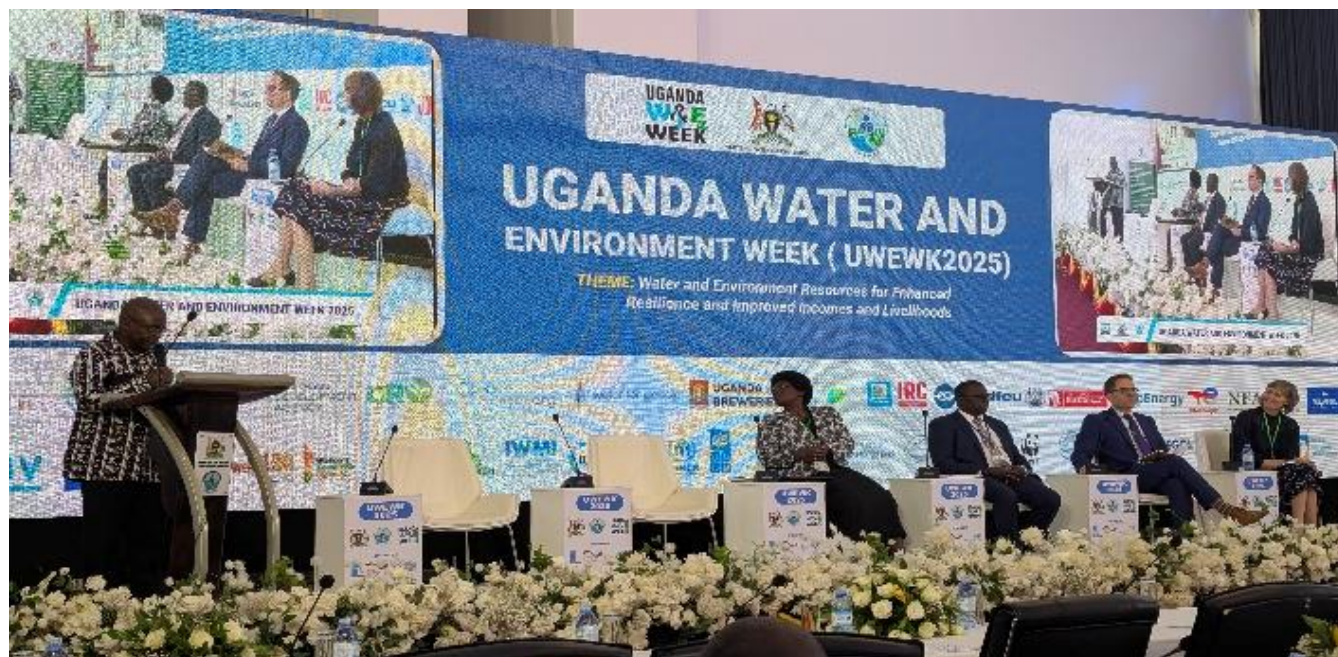


Figure 3-3: Panellists during panel dialogue.

3.3.2 Parallel and Side Sessions

Different parallel sessions were held during Day 2 of UWEWK2025 as summarized in Annex.

The Summary Outcomes, Key Messages and Recommendations are presented below;

Summary Outcomes, Key Messages and Recommendations from the Day 2 Parallel and Side Sessions:

- There is a critical need to bridge the gap between researchers and practitioners, right from generation of research topics.
- There is need to let go of the fragmented solutions and embrace integrating partnerships for sustainable solutions to water and environment challenges
- Enhanced Coordination: Establish a national coordination committee to oversee Uganda's preparations for COP30.
- Private Sector Engagement: Encourage businesses to invest in climate solutions and support Uganda's climate agenda.
- Policy Implementation: Strengthen frameworks to ensure Uganda meets its climate commitments effectively.
- Increased Awareness and Participation: Promote public awareness and stakeholder engagement in climate action

- There is need for mentoring the graduates in soft skills to ensure they work effectively with diverse backgrounds
- Effective faecal sludge management, especially in non-sewered areas, is essential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, with a focus on scum depth and supernatant treatment



Figure 3-4 Participants have a discussion on the presentations made under Solutions for practical water challenges in Uganda

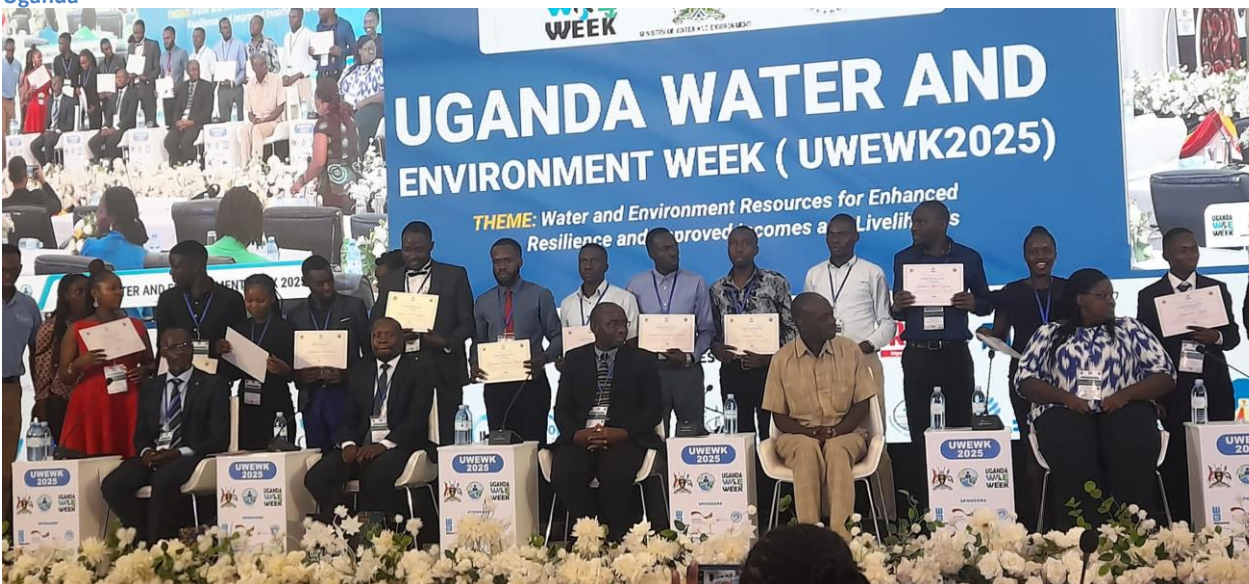


Figure 3-5: Graduation of mentees.

3.4 DAY 3- Water and environment for climate action

On the third day of the UWEWK2025, Wednesday 19th March 2025, there was a key note address and dialogue on Sub-Theme 2 - Water and environment for climate action. This was followed by a series of parallel sessions and side events that included among either - Papers and posters presentations, training, project launches, site visits, and continued exhibition at the MWE - HQ grounds, among others.

3.2.1 Key note address and Dialogue on Sub-theme 2

The Keynote address on Sub-theme 2 was held at the MWE-HQ auditorium and was made by Dr. Daniel Ddiba – Research Fellow, Stockholm Environmental Institute.

The Keynote address was followed by a panel discussion moderated composed of the following panellists;

- Mr. Raymond Ruyoka MPh, Regional director – Africa climate and health alliance (ACHA –Africa)
- Mr Andrew Kilonzo- MD, Uganda Breweries Ltd
- Dr Chiji Ojukwu- Managing Director and CEO, Africa Projects Development Centre.
- Fred Onduri- Chairman, Climate Technology Centre and Network
- Mr. Semambo Mohamed – Assistant commissioner for climate change at MWE
- Dr. Juan Carlos Sanchez (On-line) -Senior Manager (IWMI).

Summary Outcomes, Key Messages and Recommendations from the Key Note Address and Dialogue of Day 3:

- Technology Integration: Leveraging AI, GIS, and digital twins is essential to improving water management, especially in irrigation and climate-smart agriculture, with a focus on scaling these technologies to the community level.
- Importance of Partnerships: Effective partnerships with local government and civil society are crucial for scaling up the implementation of advanced water management technologies and ensuring that these tools are practical and effective at the community level
- Invest in capacity-building to ensure the effective adoption of AI and GIS tools at the community and government levels.
- Strengthen collaborative efforts with local agencies to increase the uptake of climate resilience strategies, focusing on water management at the grassroots level.
- Continue to focus on research and innovation to improve the effectiveness of climate resilience strategies through data-driven solutions

3.4.1 Parallel and Side Sessions

Different parallel sessions were held during Day 3 of UWEWK2025 as summarized in Annex.

The Summary Outcomes, Key Messages and Recommendations are presented below;

Summary Outcomes, Key Messages and Recommendations from the Day 3 Parallel and Side Sessions:

- A Catchment Investment Programme (CIP) can strengthen governance and build necessary capacity for effective implementation
- Innovative financing approaches are essential to bridge funding gaps and ensure sustainable service delivery
- Storytelling is as a key strategy in making technical information accessible and engaging
- Effective communication plays a crucial role in increasing awareness and action in the water and environment sector.
- Storytelling is a powerful tool for making environmental issues relatable and inspiring action.
- Media engagement should be proactive, moving beyond event coverage to specialized reporting.
- Clear and simple messaging enhances public understanding and participation.
- Community involvement is essential in environmental initiatives for sustainable impact
- Dam safety analyses should be conducted for all reservoirs to aid policymakers, communities, and regulators in implementing early warning systems and improving dam safety
- Advocacy for financing, particularly commercial financing, and offering technical assistance to institutions to build the necessary infrastructure (e.g., capacity-building, market research, M&E systems) are essential to scaling the impact of water and sanitation financing
- Inclusion and Accessibility of youth and other groups are key as everyone has a role to play in the sector of water, environment and climate action

3.5 DAY 4- Equitable and sustainable use of water and environment resources for improved incomes and livelihoods

On Day Four of the UWEWK2025, Thursday the 20th March 2025, there was a key note address and dialogue on Sub-Theme 3 - “Equitable and sustainable use of water and environment resources for improved incomes and livelihoods”. This was followed by a series of parallel sessions and side events that included among either-Papers and posters presentations, training, project launches, site visits, continued exhibition at the MWE-HQ grounds, etc.

3.5.1 Key note address and Dialogue on Sub-theme 3

The Keynote address on Sub-theme 3 was held at the MWE-HQ auditorium and was made by Prof. Edward Bbaale - Director, EfD Makerere Centre, School of Economics, Makerere University.

The Keynote address was followed by a panel discussion composed of the following panellists;

- Mr. Peter Kuria: Africa Agribusiness Incubator Network (joined online).
- Mr. Gilbert Guma: Country Led at Water.org.
- Dr. Joyce Mpala Mpalanyi: Country Director at Water Aid Uganda.
- Mr. Crispus Mwemaho: IOM, Youth Representative (joined online).
- Dr. Irene Nansubuga: Director in charge of water quality management at National Water and Sewage Corporation;

Summary Outcomes, Key Messages and Recommendations from the Key Note Address and Dialogue of Day 3:

- There is need for responsible equitable use of water and environmental resources for improved incomes and livelihoods by adopting global best practices, strengthening transboundary water governance, investing in alternative water sources, and promoting climate-smart.
- There is an urgent need for collaboration between governments, businesses, researchers and communities.
- Given the varied uses of watershed services it is recommended to implement targeted interventions that enhance the sustainable use of these resources such as community-based water management programs
- The importance of using data effectively to inform decision-making was emphasized, with a call for a centralized data-sharing platform

3.5.2 Parallel and Side Sessions

Different parallel sessions were held during Day 4 of UWEWK2025 as summarized in Annex.

The Summary Outcomes, Key Messages and Recommendations are presented below

Summary Outcomes, Key Messages and Recommendations from Day 4 Parallel and Side Sessions

- WASH adaptation planning must be stakeholder-driven and inclusive.
- Climate resilience requires both technological and behavioural approaches.
- Community participation is crucial for sustainable infrastructure management.
- Alternative energy solutions can significantly reduce environmental impact.
- Youth-led initiatives can contribute to WASH sustainability and conservation
- Alternative livelihood programs have been introduced to support affected communities and reduce dependence on environmentally harmful practices
- There is need to leverage technology and innovation to transform Uganda's water and environment sector



**Figure 3-6 Participants for the session
Environmental Monitoring of Community Health**



**Figure 3-7 Participants for the session Adaptation
plan**

3.6 DAY 5- Water and environment innovations, knowledge and capacity for empowering a new generation

On Day Five of the UWEWK2025, Friday the 21st March 2025, there was a key note address and dialogue on Sub-Theme 4- “Water and environment innovations, knowledge and capacity for empowering a new generation”. This was followed by a series of parallel sessions and side events that included among either-Papers and posters presentations, training, project launches, continued exhibition at the MWE-HQ grounds, etc.

3.6.1 Key note address and Dialogue on Sub-theme

The Keynote address on Sub-theme 4 was held at the MWE-HQ auditorium and was made by Dr. Silver Mugisha, Managing Director, National Water and Sewerage Corporation.

The Keynote address was followed by a panel discussion moderated composed of the following panellists;

- Patrick Mufwoya - Managing Director, Davis & Shirtliff.
- Mr. James Kisekka - Executive Director, Aid Environment.
- Joseph Ddumba Lwanyaga - Mining and Water Resources Engineering, Busitema University representing Prof. Saphine Biira - Deputy Vice Academic Affairs and Research, Busitema University.
- Mr. Lalit Patra - WASH Manager (Climate, Environment, and WASH), UNICEF

Summary Outcomes, Key Messages and Recommendations from the key note address and dialogue on Sub-theme 4:

- Skills and attitudinal competencies are just as important as academic qualifications hence the need for need for innovations, knowledge, and capacity building to empower the next generation in the water and environment sector.
- Tailored, indigenous solutions are essential for sustainable development in Africa
- There is need to put emphasis on building internal expertise and reducing reliance on international consultants.
- Implementation of cost-efficiency reforms to enhance productivity and reduce waste should be adopted.
- Focus on a results-oriented work culture to achieve impact-driven outcomes
- Focusing on a balanced development of knowledge, skills, and attitude, fostering self-reliance, enhancing productivity, and improving financial independence are crucial.
- The significance of fostering strong partnerships between the government and private water technology firms to scale up innovative solutions are critical
- Private firms accumulate extensive knowledge through internal programs, research, and collaborations, which can be harnessed to address environmental challenges.
- There is a need for a mindset shift that focuses on sustainability and resource optimization to manage the impacts of climate change
- Effective collaboration is critical for scaling innovative solutions. While sector - led groups like Wastenet and Udrea provide platforms for collaboration, government involvement needs to go beyond regulation.
- Active problem-solving and engagement from the public sector will help foster innovation.
- Public-private research initiatives, structured competitions, and reward systems could be implemented to drive innovation and collaboration
- Expanding internship and training programs could significantly improve skills development by including more players in financing and mentorship
- Knowledge-sharing initiatives, including training programs and hackathons, have fostered innovation and collaboration between private companies and government bodies

3.6.2 Parallel and Side Sessions

Different parallel sessions were held during Day 5 of UWEWK2025 as summarized in Annex.

The Summary Outcomes, Key Messages and Recommendations are presented below

Summary Outcomes, Key Messages and Recommendations from Day 4 Parallel and Side Sessions

- A journal for the water resources institute is necessary to consolidate knowledge and efforts from paper presentations
- Urgent Action Is Needed to Combat Deforestation: Uganda's high rate of forest loss must be addressed through policy reforms, better enforcement, and community involvement.
- International Partnerships Are Essential: Collaboration between Uganda, the EU, Denmark, Italy, FAO, and other stakeholders is vital for sustainable forest management.
- Investing in Sustainable Forest-Based Livelihoods Is Key: Expanding economic opportunities in forestry, agroforestry, and timber processing will create jobs and reduce pressure on natural forests.
- Stronger Laws and Governance Are Needed: Implementing effective regulations and monitoring systems will help curb illegal logging and environmental degradation.
- Financial Support and Innovation Are Critical: Expanding green financing and adopting modern forestry technologies will improve forest conservation efforts.

- Future Sustainability Requires Continuous Engagement: The success of Uganda's forestry sector depends on long-term commitment from all stakeholders, including government, private sector, local communities, and international partners
- Women and girls in Uganda bear a considerable burden of water collection, agricultural work, and environmental conservation. Technologies like solar-powered boreholes, mobile water apps, and eco-friendly stoves can significantly reduce the time and labour women invest in water collection and environmental conservation, enabling them to engage in economic and educational activities
- Addressing climate finance and sustainable development is unavoidable, and it is increasingly becoming the "new normal,"
- The successful implementation of effective health and safety measures hinges on clear guidelines, practical tools, and collaborative efforts between stakeholders
- Expand the development and implementation of WASH Master Plans in more districts across Uganda, integrating these plans into the National Development Plan for alignment with national priorities
- Advocate for WASH issues at the highest levels of government to ensure sustained political and financial support for sectorial goals

3.7 UWEWK2025 National Exhibition

The objective of the exhibition was to provide a platform to all sector players to showcase new technologies, lesson learnt and best practices. This provided an opportunity to demonstrate the centrality of water and environment resources in Uganda in increasing household incomes, improved quality of life of the population and fulfilment of the NDP III targets.

The exhibition was linked to the theme for UWEWK 2025 which looked at rethinking collective action on the different approaches in management and development of water and environment resources.

The 5 days exhibition program was hosted at the Ministry of Water headquarters in Luzira and it provided a valuable opportunity for networking and information sharing as well as showcase the different innovative best practices. It also presented an opportunity for all those interested in knowledge, innovation and development of the country.

The exhibition attracted numerous key sector players, as well as the local population, with visual displays of climate change art, catchment management model, waste management, clean and efficient energy, WASH research and development, water quality testing, research in analytical chemistry, Natural Resources Management, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, Renewable Energy Semiconductor Manufacturing (pumps, solar water heaters, irrigation equipment, boreholes), Irrigation, Solar Pumping, Water Pumps, Solar Equipment, Boreholes, Water Treatment, Meteorological Authority, Charcoal/briquette cooking stoves, Business Incubation and Innovation. 65 exhibitors participated in the 5 days UWEWK2024 main event.



Figure 3-8 UWEWK2025 Exhibitions in pictures

3.8 UWEWK2025 Wrap up and Closing Ceremony

The UWEWK2025 wrap and closing ceremony was held from 2pm to 4pm on 21st March 2025 at the MWE Auditorium and screened Live on UBC & NBS TVs and Zoom. The session summarized key issues that came out of the 4 dialogues, the key messages as well as plans for implementing the recommended actions. It was used to formally close the UWEWK 2025 and launch preparations for UWEWK2026.

3.7.1 Commemoration of international sector days

During the closing session, the sector days were officially commemorated namely: World Forest Day, World Water Day and World Meteorological Day.

3.8.1 UWEWK2025 Summary of Outcomes

Dr. Callist Tindimugaya as Chairperson of the National Organizing Committee made remarks at the closing ceremony. A short video was played summarizing the UWEWK 2025 and this included the pre-event activities in communities, schools and churches as described in the previous sections.

He highlighted the key outcomes of the 8th Uganda water and Environment Week. He emphasized the diverse activities held across the country, with a focus on water, environment, and climate change issues.

Key messages from the conference included the need for innovative financing and public-private partnerships to address funding gaps. Climate change's impact on water cycles, agriculture, and vulnerable communities was a major focus, with calls for urgent action to address floods, droughts, and economic vulnerability. Collaboration with neighbouring countries was emphasized to tackle transboundary water and environmental challenges.

Equitable access to resources, stewardship, and systemic change were highlighted as essential for sustainable development. The role of youth in driving innovation and addressing current challenges was underscored, along with the potential of artificial intelligence (AI) for resource management, though more training and mentorship were needed. Nature-based solutions were also discussed to combat water scarcity and environmental inequalities.

He stressed the importance of capacity development, behaviour change, and collaboration across sectors to achieve progress. He also acknowledged the contributions and engagement of various stakeholders, including communities, civil society, and cultural institutions, in addressing water and environmental challenges. They also noted the importance of collective action and collaboration to address water and environmental issues effectively.

Overall, the week emphasized the importance of proactive measures to address water, environment, and climate change challenges, with an emphasis on collaboration, innovation, and community engagement.

3.8.2 UWEWK2025 Closing Remarks

The final closing day was graced by various dignitaries who gave their closing remarks.

The session speakers included:

- Dr Antonio Querido, Country Representative, FAO,
- Dr Katja Kerschbaumer, Head of Austrian Development Cooperation Office, Uganda
- Country director UNDP- MR. IAN KING
- Dr. Alfred Okot Okidi, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Water and Environment
- Hon. Canon Dr. Ruth Nankabirwa Ssentamu, Minister of Energy and Mineral Development

The closing session also featured an award giving ceremony for different classes of participants including paper presenters, regional participants etc.

Summary Outcomes, Key Messages and Recommendations from Session:

- Uganda Water and Environment Week is aligned with the government's focus on improving incomes and livelihoods
- Knowledge and information shared during the week would guide sector actors and stakeholders in managing water, environment, and climate change resources effectively
- Water and environmental resources are catalysts for socio-economic development, they are not only essential for human survival but also key drivers of economic prosperity, industrialization, and sustainable growth
- Sustainable natural resource management is vital for human survival
- Robust early warning systems are necessary to mitigate climate impacts
- Education and awareness should be scaled up in promoting sustainable practices and community involvement in decision-making
- There is need to strengthen water governance and institutional capacity to ensure effective water resource management
- Uganda's ecosystems, including wetlands, forests, and freshwater bodies, are critical to the nation's social and economic well-being, supporting agriculture, biodiversity conservation, climate resilience, and livelihoods for millions of people, yet these resources remain under severe threat from unsustainable human activities and climate change
- Leverage innovation, science, and technology to advance sustainable solutions, promote nature-based solutions, strengthen public-private partnerships, and encourage community-driven conservation initiatives
- There is the need for sustainable water use in agriculture, tourism, and mineral development, particularly as Uganda moves toward value addition and industrialization
- Innovative Financing for Conservation: Governments and stakeholders should explore innovative financing solutions to close funding gaps for water and environmental management.
- Expand Early Warning Systems: The government should invest further in early warning systems to prevent climate-related disasters.
- Encourage Nature-Based Solutions: Restoration of forests, wetlands, and sustainable agriculture should be prioritized.
- Community Engagement: Local communities should be empowered through education and awareness programs to promote sustainable resource management.

- Enhancing Clean Energy and Cooking Technologies: Adoption of clean energy solutions, including electric cooking, should be accelerated to reduce deforestationThematic Alignment:

Notable outcomes included

- The event successfully integrated themes from International Forest Day (Forests and Food), World Water Day (Glacier Preservation), and World Meteorological Day (Early Warning Systems).
- Commitment to Reforestation: Stakeholders pledged to support Uganda's tree-planting campaign under the Roots Campaign.
- Youth Leadership Recognition: Universities and schools participated in debates, showcasing the role of young leaders in environmental advocacy.
- Recognition of Best Practices: Awards were given to institutions and individuals demonstrating innovative solutions in environmental sustainability.
- Development Partner Support: Organizations like UNDP, FAO, and Austria reaffirmed their commitment to supporting Uganda in water and environmental conservation



Figure 3-9 The Guest of Honour with other Dignitaries during the closing event

4 CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

This UWEWK2025 event was largely successful with a combined attendance of over 3,000 (Physical and Online) participants and over 60 partners and sponsors. As part of the main event, there were 5 Key Note Addresses and Dialogues, 3-Applied trainings, 45 Papers and Poster Presentations and 31 Side events that included Career Talk Show, Youth Debates , Career talk and Mentorship, Field Visits, Project Launches, etc. Additionally, participants were shown the new and planned innovations already taking place at the WRI, which is the official lead organizing arm for UWEWKs since inception.

In continuation with UWEWK tradition, UWEWK2025's main event was preceded by pre-event activities in the regional structures and among the communities such as the “Walk for Water, Environment and Climate Change”, publicity and media campaign, regional youth debates, marathon and run, football matches, clean up exercises or restoration activities, etc. Herewith below are overall key outcomes, messages and recommendations from the event:

4.1 Key messages and outcomes

4.1.1 Innovative Financing for Water and Environment.

- i) Traditional government and donor funding alone cannot meet the growing demand for water and environmental management initiatives.
- ii) Public-private partnerships (PPPs) provide long-term financial sustainability, bringing together government support, private sector efficiency, and community ownership.
- iii) Innovative financing models, including climate funds, blended finance approaches, and green bonds, are underutilized but can provide essential funding

4.1.2 Climate Change

- i) Impact & Urgency: Rapid climate change is disrupting natural water cycles, leading to more frequent floods and prolonged droughts. This poses significant risks to water availability, quality, and sanitation systems.
- ii) Vulnerability: Vulnerable ecosystems and communities face immediate threats from unpredictable weather patterns

4.1.3 Economic Vulnerability and Livelihoods

- i) Dependency: Economies—especially those reliant on agriculture and exports—are directly challenged by climate-induced changes. For instance, nations like Uganda could see dramatic reductions in coffee exports and disruptions in food supply chains.
- ii) The economic ripple-effects extend beyond local communities, affecting national and global trade networks. These linkages require action on multiple fronts

4.1.4 Transboundary and Shared Risks

- i) Interconnected Challenges: Climate risks do not respect political borders. Shared water and environment resources and Transboundary Rivers create a landscape where cooperation is essential to mitigate the impacts and manage disputes.
- ii) Shared Responsibility: Collaborative regional strategies are imperative, translating complex geopolitical challenges into real-world impacts

4.1.5 Sustainable Resource Management and Environmental Justice

- i) Equitable Access: While water and environmental resources are critical for development, mismanagement and inequitable distribution threaten long-term sustainability.
- ii) Stewardship and systemic change, ensuring all communities enjoy secure access to natural resources.

4.1.6 Strategic Partnerships for Sustainability

- i) Coordinated effort: Addressing water and environmental challenges requires coordinated efforts among government agencies, NGOs, academic institutions, and private sector actors

4.1.7 Youth Engagement and Innovation

- i) Future-Centric: Empowering young innovators and integrating their fresh perspectives into water and environment management is crucial.
- ii) Limited access to training and mentorship programs hinders youth involvement in the sector.

4.1.8 Water and Environment for Climate Action

- i) Nature-based solutions: such as wetland restoration and afforestation, can help manage climate risks while enhancing biodiversity.
- ii) Inequality: Water scarcity and environmental variability disproportionately affects rural communities, women, and marginalized groups

4.1.9 Research and policy

- i) Policy Gap: Often there is a gap between scientific research and policy implementation, leading to ineffective or delayed responses to water and environmental challenges.
- ii) Data Access: Open data initiatives can improve transparency, accountability, and adaptive management of water and environment resources.

4.1.10 Technology

- i) New technologies: Leverage digital solutions and new technologies like AI for effective and efficient management of water and environment resources
- ii) Appropriate technology: Focus on affordable and appropriate technologies for local contexts

4.1.11 Capacity Development

- iii) Competency: Training should focus on competence-based and vocational training rather than just theoretical knowledge
- iv) Behaviour change: Integrate attitude development and professional qualifications into education programs on water and environment
- v) Collaborations: Strengthen collaboration between universities and industry to foster practical training

4.2 Recommendations

4.2.1 Adaptation and Resilience

- i) Develop Adaptation Plans: Create comprehensive national strategies for managing environment and water-related climate risks, including both urban and rural perspectives.
- ii) Infrastructure Investments: Upgrade water and sanitation systems with resilience in mind, incorporating green infrastructure like wetland restoration and urban flood mitigation.

4.2.2 Economic Diversification and Strategic Sourcing

- i) Diversify Exports: Reduce over reliance on vulnerable sectors such as coffee by exploring alternative agricultural products and services.
- ii) Secure Food Supply: Source commodities (like wheat) from diversified regions to mitigate the likely impact of global supply chain disruptions due to climate change

4.2.3 Partnerships and Innovative Financing

- i) Foster Collaboration: Engage private sector players and international financial institutions to drive investments in renewable energy and climate-smart technologies.
- ii) Innovative Financing: Implement blended finance models and green bonds to support projects that build resilience in water, sanitation and environment systems

4.2.4 Public Awareness and Education

- i) Outreach: Launch nationwide awareness campaigns on climate change impacts and conservation of water and environment resources.
- ii) School curriculum: Integrate water and environmental education into school curriculums to inspire the next generation

4.2.5 Regional and International Collaboration

- iii) Strengthen Transboundary Cooperation: Build on existing frameworks (such as the Nile Basin Initiative) to coordinate water and environment management policies and share best practices.
- iv) Align with Global Frameworks: Integrate national policies with international agreements to ensure consistency and access to funding.

4.2.6 Youth Empowerment

- i) Youth Innovation Hubs: Create programs that support the next generation of leaders with vocational training, mentorship, and funding opportunities

4.2.7 Community Action

- i) Community engagement: Implement community-based water and environment management models that empower local populations to take ownership of these resources.
- ii) Enforcement: Strengthen policies and enforcement mechanisms for catchment protection, groundwater conservation, and pollution control.

4.2.8 Technology

- i) Local capacity: Promote home-grown innovative solutions and technologies
- ii) Adopt local solutions: Scale up promising innovations from students and young professionals

4.2.9 Information and data

- i) Digital transformation: Promote digital platforms and real-time data monitoring systems for informed decision-making and policy adjustments.
- ii) Forecasting: Strengthen early warning systems and disaster preparedness programs to enhance community resilience to climate shocks.
- iii) Knowledge sharing: Develop national and regional frameworks for knowledge exchange and technology transfer to enhance local capacity in climate-smart water and environment solutions

4.3 Uniqueness/ innovativeness of UWEWK2025

UWEWK2025 was unique in many aspects. Some of these include;

- i) Delivering of the UWEWK2025 created a linkage between previous UWEWKs, and other water, environment and climate change related events of 2024
- ii) The regional Mini-UWEWK were held under specified cross-cutting subthemes that feed into the overall theme of the UWEWK2025
- iii) Also included open days in the regions, with participation of the Senior management from MWE
- iv) Involvement and engaging of MWE elders in UWEWK

4.4 Lessons learnt

Some lessons learnt in this UWEWK include the following;

- i) Appreciating the role of the youth and how to empower them to effectively contribute to the sustainable management and protection of water and environment resources
- ii) Involving youth in moderating sessions during the week displayed the role of exclusiveness in management and development of water and environment resources
- iii) X-space dialogues that attracted many youth listeners and participants
- iv) The need to start early comes with a number of benefits

4.5 Way forward

Some general actions stemming out of the UWEWK2025 event include the following;

- v) Implementation of the outcomes and recommendations from UWEWK2025 in collaboration with partners and stakeholder
- vi) Updating the UWEWK website for early online registration of participants

5 POST-EVENT ACTIVITIES

5.1 Feedback from participants

The organization of UWEWKs has always been based on the principle of continuous improvement. Therefore, evaluation is important to ensure that strengths are consolidated and gaps are filled.

Different participants participated in evaluation of UWEWK2025 based on key areas including;

- Relevance
- Communication, Publicity and Out reach
- Time management
- Amount of new information learnt
- Overall level of satisfaction
- The venue of the event

The results of the evaluation are presented below;

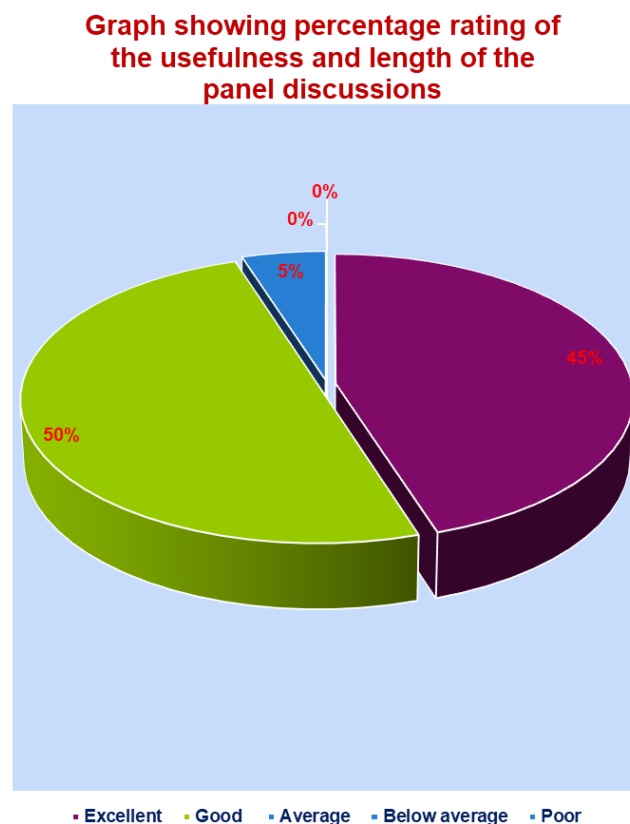


Figure 5-1 A pie chart showing how participants overall rated the usefulness and length of the panel discussions

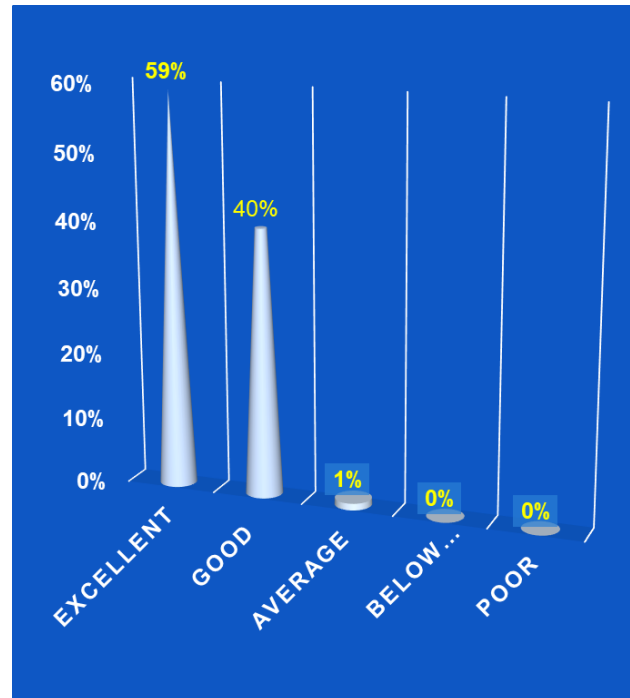


Figure 5-2 A graph A pie chart showing how participants overall rated the relevance of the UWEWK2025 Theme and Sub themes to Water and Environment Sector topical Issues

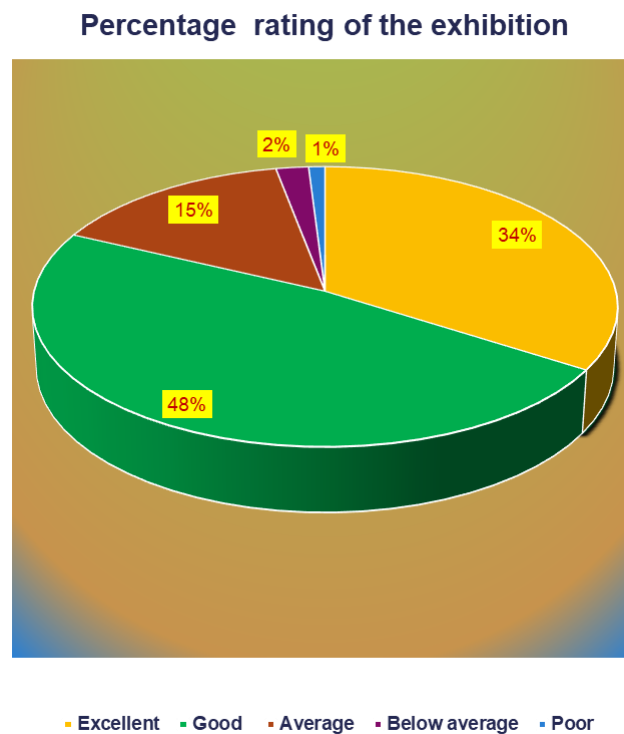


Figure 5-3 A pie chart showing how participants overall rated the Exhibition activities

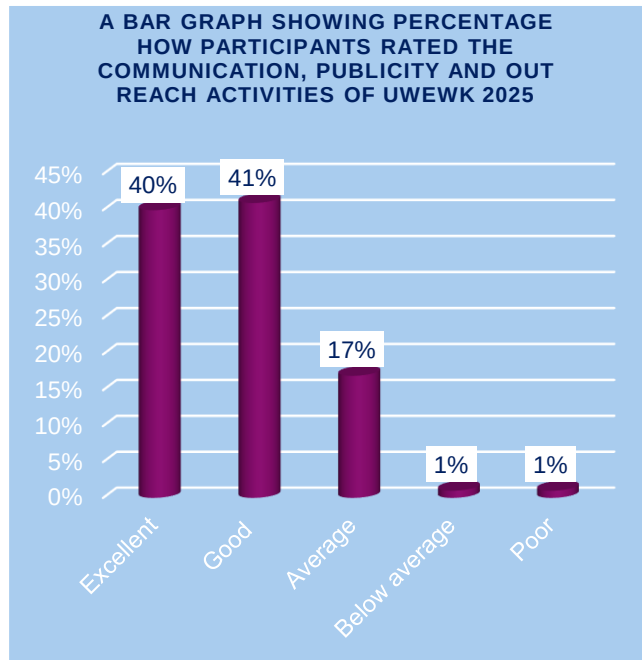


Figure 5-4 A bar graph showing how participants rated the Communication, Publicity and Outreach Activities in % of UWEWK 2025

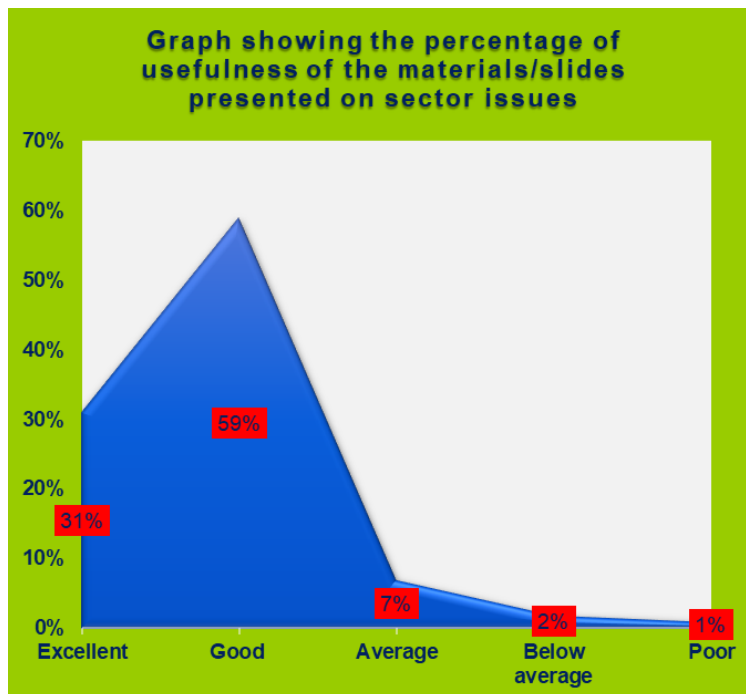


Figure 5-5 Graph showing the percentage of usefulness of the materials/slides presented on sector issues

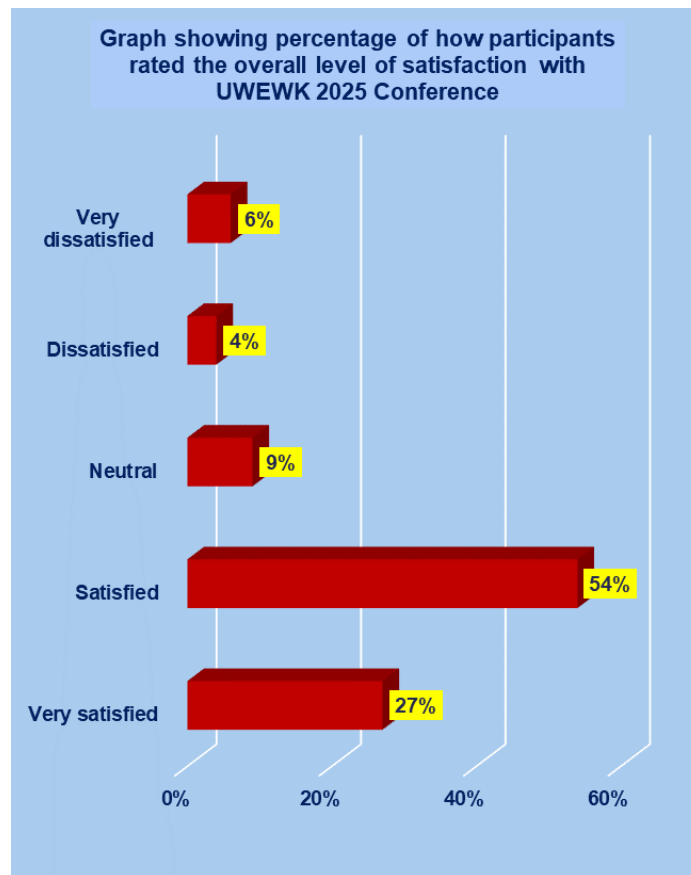


Figure 5-6 A chart showing how participants rated the overall level of satisfaction with UWEWK 2025 Conference

6 APPENDIX A:

6.1 List of paper presentations (policy, scientific and practice)

List of paper presentations as per sub- theme-UWEWK2025

Sub-theme 1: Water and environment for a peaceful and sustainable future							
Date	Abstract code	NO.	Author/s	Title	Oral/ Poster	Time	Session Chair
Tuesday 18th March 2025	R1-116	1	Ayesigye Bruce, Kiggundu Nicholas	Suitability analysis for landfill site selection: A case study on Kamuli district	Oral	11.30am -1.00pm	Dr. Rosemirta Birungi and Eng. Keesiga Diana
	R1-31	2	Bonsu Betty Osei, Ssemanda Davis Mark, Ndyamuhaki Isaac	Assessing the Vulnerabilities and Preparedness of Communities around Kiteezi Landfill to Disaster Risks	Oral		
	R1-38	3	Jamadah Kajoba	Enhancing Water Management for Sustainable Development in Uganda	Oral		
	R1-45	4	Mubangizi Barnabas	Groundwater Quality and health Risk Assessment in Imvepi and Rhino Refugee Camps	Oral		
	R1-50	5	Natukunda Gerald, Akello Victoria	Sustainable Ecosystem Services for Food security and Resilient Livelihoods around Lake Bunyonyi Sub Catchment Kigezi Sub-Region.	Oral		
	R1-111	6	Abraham Erodi, Irene Nansubuga, Robert Gumisiriza, Moses Okol, and Joseph Kyambadde	Anaerobic Co-digestion of Sewage Sludge with Slaughterhouse Waste for Improved Waste Management in Kampala City Uganda	Oral		
	R1- 113	7	Tumwebaze K. Innocent, Akeyo Dennis, Shah Vishna, Kajura Allan Okwera Josephine, Kagoya R. Harriet, Philips	JENGU unit and its effectiveness on handwashing with soap behaviour in crisis-affected populations: Lessons from Kyangwali refugee settlement, Uganda	Oral		
	R1-115	8	Silver Mubangizi	Enhancing Monitoring and Evaluation for Sustainable Water Resources Management and improved Livelihoods in Albert Water Management Zone	Oral		
	R1-33	9	Gebreyesus Kirubel Mekonnen	An Integrated Modeling Framework for Water Accounting Assessment in the Lake Tana Sub-Basin, Ethiopia	Oral		

	R1-41	10	Alwango Grace, Ntambi Emmanuel, Byamugisha Denis	Quality of Water from Lake Kyoga and Its Remediation of Heavy Metals Using Nymphaea Alb Leaves in Bugondo Sub-County, Serere District, Uganda	Oral		
			LUNCH BREAK				
	R1-89	11	Mumbere James Cleto, Kwebiha Bernadette, Musaazi Yiga Yunia	Improving WASH Service Delivery in Uganda through Social Accountability: Lessons and Challenges	Oral		2.00pm-5.00pm
	R1-128	12	Kambedha Irene, Odong Joseph	Walking as a science for raising awareness in the conservation of Water and Environment Resources	Poster		
	R1-95	13	Kwoba Rogers	Evaluating the Environmental Impacts of Dredging: A Case of River Manafwa in Busiu Sub-County, Mbale District	Poster		
	R1-91	14	Haileyesus Belay Lakew, Meron Teferi Taye, Oscar Lino, Ellen Dyer	Remote sensing and machine learning integration to detect flash flood in Lodwar Town, Kenya	Poster		
	R1-44	15	Enangu Moses, Martin Opio, Ouga Moses	Digitalize Community-Based Management System Plus (CBMS+) for Sustainable Operation and Maintenance of Rural Water Infrastructure in Uganda	Poster		
	R1-77	16	Adoko Isaac	Harnessing the Potential of Earth Dams: Improving Livelihoods, Enhancing Climate Resilience and Fostering Peace building in Karamojong, Uganda	Poster		
	R1-16	17	Opwonya Daniel	Improved Coordination and Cooperation for Integrated Water Resources Management: A Case of Water Governance in Uganda	Poster		
			Sub-theme 2: Water and environment for climate action				
Wednesday 19th March 2025	Abstract code	No	Author/s	TITLE	Oral/Poster	Time	Session Chair
	R1-112	18	Mugenyi David, Kiggundu Nicholas, Nakawuka Prossie	Effects of Land Use and Land Cover Changes and application of Bmp Scenarios on Water Balance and Sediment Yield of the Nakivubo Channel Micro-Catchment in Uganda	Oral	11.30am-1.00pm	Dr. Patrick Musinguzi and Ms. Fortunate Kemigisha
	R1-32	19	Sibale Davis, Kranjac-Berisavljevic Gordana, Abdul-Ganiyu Shaibu	Impact of Water Losses on Water Demand of Bontanga Irrigation Scheme in Northern Region of Ghana	Oral		

R1-61	20	Emmanuel Luswata	The Role of Community Participation in Water Governance: Lessons from Local Water User Associations in Uganda	Oral		
R1-64	21	Cherop Martha	Climate resilience, water management, food security, health, and livelihood: Insights from refugee and host communities in west Nile, Uganda	Oral		
R1-70	22	Kataratambi David, Abak Gerald, Tumwine Nichlas, Keridong Pascal, Amaniyo Micheal	Evaluating Pathways to Controlling Flooding of River Tangi at Pakwach	Oral		
R1-71	23	Twebaze Ignatius	SCS-CN Determination and Automated data acquisition for Initial Abstraction Ratio Determination.	Oral		
R1-110	24	Namulinda Sandra, Erodi Abraham, Mulondo Ivan, Gava Job, Nansubuga Irene	Assessment of the Viability of Helminth Eggs in Sewage Sludge Manures: The Case of National Water and Sewerage Corporation, Uganda.	Oral		
R1-131	25	Patience D. Proscovia, Kamedha Irene	Climate financing commitments and implications of major emitter, major financier withdraw.	Oral		
R1-34	26	Meron Teferi Taye, Girma Yimer Ebrahim, Mansoor Leh, Likimyelesh Nigussi, Alan Nicol, Abdulkarim H. Seid	Assessment of water resource availability using integrated modeling under climate change	Oral		
		LUNCH BREAK				
R1-35	27	Tumwine Nicholas	Enhancing Dam Safety through dam breach analysis for Resilience to Climate Change	Oral		
R1-65	28	Mwesigwa Andrew, William Veness, Martha Day, Guma Brian Emmanuel	Flood hazards and trace metal pollution in the Nyamwamba catchment, Kasese district.	Oral		2.00pm - 5.00Pm
R1-103	29	Aryajja-Karemani Adelaine, Sseviiri Hakim, Namakula-M Justine, Twinomuhangi Revocatus, Mayhew	A Collaborative Approach: Using Indigenous Knowledge and External Support to Mitigate Water-Related Climate Risks in Uganda	Oral		

		Susannah, Ssengooba Freddie.				
R1-105	30	Matila Tom Micah, Kiconco Bridget, Abasize Lincoln, Tamale Paul; Opolot Emmanuel; Ebanyat Peter; Alou Isaac Newton; Kusiima S; Musinguzi Patrick; Oberthur T; Mutegi J.	Preservation of Encroached Gazetted Wetland through Assessing Moisture Conditions of Fringes under Upland Rice Production in Uganda	Oral		
R1-141	31	Cherop Martha	Strained Resources, Rising Tensions: Conflict and Cooperation in Uganda's Refugee-Host Communities	Oral		
R1-109	32	J. R. Okello, S. Watenga, S. Aloba, H. Mukasa	Enhancing Climate-Resilient WASH Services: Lessons from Flood Event in Dokolo District, Northern Uganda	Oral		
R1-1	33	Babyenda, Peter, Kabubo-Mariara, Jane, and Odhiambo, Sule	Adaptation to Climate Variability Safeguards Household Welfare Loss in Uganda	Oral		
R1-14	34	Kataratambi David	Role of Hydrological Status and Outlook System in Climate Actions	Poster		
R1-46	35	Odiero Evans Omondi	The Water-Food-Energy Nexus under Climate Change in the Katonga Sub-basin, Uganda: Using SWIM and MARISCO	Poster		
R1-52	36	Wamutu Poshan ¹ , Egesa Andrew Wanyama ² , Eng.Kajubi Enock	Developing flood mitigation measures for River Namatala catchment	Poster		
R1-72	37	Bitariho Kato Gilbert, Tumuramy Provia	A carbon-Absorbing Paint (Carbonab) For Climate Change Mitigation	Poster		
R1-119	38	Nanfuka Justine Geraldine, Mpagi Fredrick	Evaluating the sustainability of groundwater aquifers in the Tilenga Area: Insights from Advanced MODFLOW and ModelMuse simulations	Poster		
R1-83	39	Shillingi Lucy	Greenhouse Condensation: A sustainable Technology for harvesting Water for drinking and irrigation in rural water starving communities in Uganda	Poster		
		Sub-theme 3: Equitable and sustainable use of water and environment resources for improved incomes and livelihoods				

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Thursday 20th March 2025	R1-22	40	Akello Sarah, Gingiera Pius, Haginga Andrew	A drop of hope: Implementing the use of Biosand filters in Agoro Central Village Agago district	Oral		Prof. Nicholas Kigundu and Ms. Stacey Natukunda
	R1-80	41	Tumuhairwe Samuel Franklin	Factors Influencing Households' Willingness to Pay for Watershed Services in Mubuku-Nyamwamba in Kasese District-Uganda	Oral	11.30am - 1.00pm	
	R1-82	42	Byamugisha Gilbert, Otyema Bonny; Kule Jostus	Investment in water and environment resources for improved livelihoods and incomes among low-income households within Midwestern region, Uganda.	Oral		
	R1-87	43	Moses Asimwe	Improving access to WASH through service level monitoring in Kabarole, Uganda	Oral		
	R1-88	44	Kiteme Rita, Dr. Guma Brian Emmanuel	Scaling up the Catchment-based Integrated Water Resources Management approach for equitable and sustainable development	Oral		
	R1-93	45	Mbowa Henry Stanley and Kayesu Annah	Impact of water harvesting on Community Livelihoods in Sebei Sub Region, Uganda	Oral		
	R1-96	46	Bakhita Eveline	Integrating Climate, influent Variability and Machine Learning for Wastewater Treatment Optimization: A Case of Tororo Stabilization Ponds	Oral		
	R1-98	47	Ndinaiwe Henry	Corporate Governance and the Sustainability of Agricultural Cooperatives in Uganda: Enhancing Equitable Use of Water and Environmental Resources for Livelihoods	Oral		
	R1-102	48	Matila Tom Micah; Kiconco Bridget; Abasize Lincoln Tamale Paul; Opolot Emmanuel; Ebanyat Peter; Oberthur T; and Musinguzi Patrick	Upland Rice Yield Response to Soil Moisture Variability with Depth across Ferralsols and Gleysols in Western Uganda	Oral		
	R1-125	49	Odeke Jorem, Apio Ruth, Ahabyona Robert	Peatland Contribution to Water Quality and Improved Livelihood in central Uganda	Oral		
	R1-127	50	Odeke Jorem, Apio Ruth, Ahabyona Robert	De-Carbonization of Water weed hyacinth as potential material for briquette production as an energy solution in Uganda.	Oral		

R1-130	51	Okoth Raphael, Achiro Brenda, Keesiga Diana	Integrating Market-Based Approaches in sanitation promotion for appropriate sanitary and hygiene practices in Kamuli District, Uganda	Oral	
R1-139	52	Tumwekwase Savious, Adong Rachel, Tusiime Gilbert, Emor Stephen	Assessing the impact of landscape protection through the establishment of soil and water conservation structures - a case study of Rubara micro catchment, Nsiika sub county, Buhweju district.	Poster	
R1-5	53	Deepa Krishnan, Abdirisak Mohamed Yousuf, Kateregga Dickson	Assessment of groundwater quality employing the Water Quality Index (WQI), the Synthetic Pollution Index (SPI), and geospatial methodologies in Mukubu River Uganda	Poster	
		LUNCH BREAK			
R1-12	54	Nelson Muwereza, Bernard Bashaasha, Dick Sserunkuuma, Patrick Musinguzi, Rosemary Isoto, Enoch Mutebi Kikulwe, John Ilukor, Sarah Akello	The influence of food insecurity on Climate-Smart Agricultural Practices application within Refugee communities	Oral	2.00pm-5.00pm
R1-20	55	Lillian Naiga Toogo, Paddy Mugambe	Tariff policy on financial performance of Public Water Utility	Oral	
R1-7	56	Asingwire Kevin	Hansen-Enhancing Water Use Efficiency and Crop Yields in Smallholder farms	Oral	
R1-79	57	Odongo Collins	Assessing the impacts of land use and cover changes on the water resources of Aswa I sub catchment as a result of implementation of the EURRECA project.	Oral	
R1-90	58	Kasewa Hilda Judith	Utilization of the Results Based Financing (RBF) model to advance Sustainable Improved Sanitation and Hygiene (ISH) in Uganda: A Case Study of Buikwe and Kamuli districts.	Poster	
R1-43	59	Enangu Moses ¹ , Martin Opio ² , Ouga Moses ³	Innovative Low-Cost Irrigation Systems for Enhancing Livelihoods around Wetlands	Poster	
R1-54	60	Podgorski Joel, Andriessen Nienke, Strande Linda, Berg Michael	GIS analysis for city-wide prediction of fecal sludge characteristics	Poster	
R1-55	61	Lwere Joseph, Zamari Jockus, Feighery Annie	Advancing equitable and sustainable water resource management through RUMIS: a collaborative digital innovation	Poster	
R1-57	62	Susan Nansereko, Geoffrey Kimenya and	Gender Data Management in Forestry, Water, and Environment Sectoral Policies in Uganda: a Call for Action	Poster	

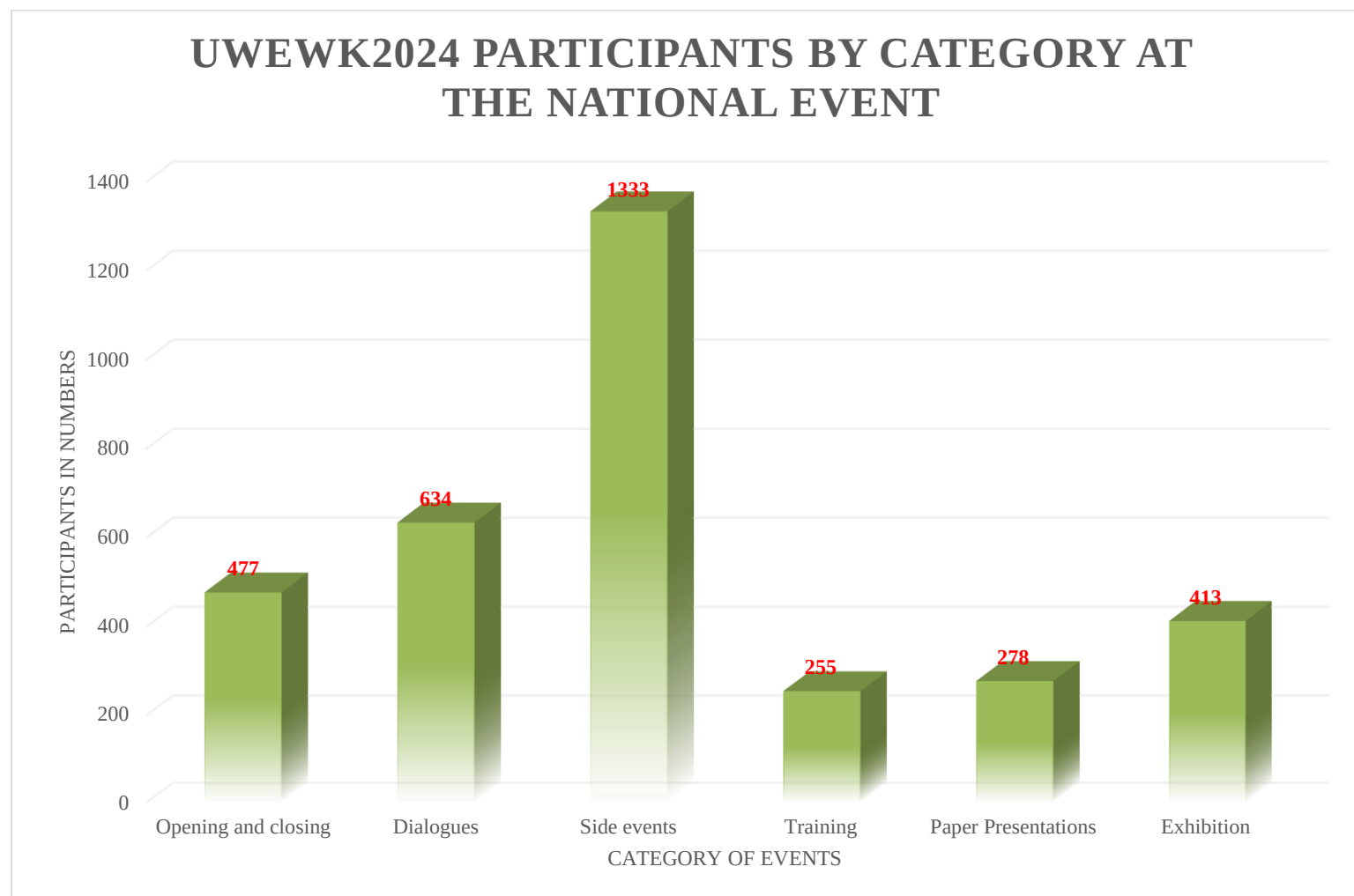
			Barbara Mugwanya Zawedde				
	R1-62	63	Sara Zouriq, Aref Gharib	Monitoring the Dynamics of the Sudd Wetland in South Sudan (2018–2023): Insights from Remote Sensing, Rainfall, and Inflow from Equatorial Lakes	Poster		
	R1-63	64	Nambaziira Juliet	The socio-economic Impact of small-scale irrigation schemes on rural livelihoods around selected Uganda's irrigation schemes.	Poster		
	R1-66	65	Conrad Waako and Doreen Nagawa	Hydroinformatics for Water-Climate Crisis Mitigation around Mpanga Catchment Area.	Poster		
	R1-69	66	Enyolu Simon Peter, Maseruka Bendicto, Okongo Eric	The socio-economic Impact of small-scale irrigation schemes on rural livelihoods around selected Uganda's irrigation schemes.	Poster		
	R1-74	67	Stecher Gabriel, Mehdi-Schulz Bano, Herrnegger Mathew	Benefits of soil and water conservations practices for surface water quality in the Mpanga Catchment	Poster		
	R1-75	68	Stecher Gabriel, Mehdi-Schulz Bano, Herrnegger Mathew	Soil erosion modelling of the Mpanga catchment – a probabilistic approach to demonstrate the current status and the effects of increased soil conservation on erosion	Poster		
	R1-118	69	Orishaba Innocent, Sseguya Joshua	Equity and sustainability in shaping water, environment and livelihood nexus in Uganda	Poster		
		Sub-theme 4: Water and environment innovations, knowledge and capacity for empowering a new generation					
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Friday 21st March 2025	R1- 6	70	Olal Amos Jerome, Ocen Zedekia Ezra Ojok	Flood Risk Prediction using Machine Learning: A Case Study on River Nyamwamba in Uganda	Oral		
	R1- 8	71	Erabu Emmanuel (BWHM)	Perceptions and Attitudes towards Urban Green Spaces: A case study of Kampala Metropolitan Area	Oral	11.00am -2.00pm	Mr. Tadeo Mibulo and Ms. Stacey Natukunda
	R1-27	72	Kisozi Paul Kategaya, Mwanje Benedictor	Predicting Deforestation Trends Using Deep Learning and Remote Sensing: A Case Study of Mabira Forest	Oral		
	R1-58	73	Malambala Enos, Monica Ndagire	Optimizing Water Treatment through Dissolved Air Flotation Technology: A Case Study of Katosi Drinking Water Treatment Plant.	Oral		

R1-101	74	Humphreys Mukaga, Namugenyi Rizik, Wik Angelina	Addressing Youth Unemployment through WASH business: Insights from the SWaSSH4A Project in Lango Sub region Uganda	Oral	
R1-104	75	Bahebwa Lorene	Vandalism of Water Monitoring Stations: Causes, Impacts and Mitigation within the Albert Water Management Zone	Oral	
R1- 117	76	Ruyondo Sheila, Isagara Nyakaana	The Role of Entrepreneurs in Achieving SDG6 and Creating Green Jobs for Youths	Oral	
R1-85	77	Ebbu Emmanuel, Dr. Ntambi Emmanuel, Dr. Nalumansi Irene	Assessing Heavy metal concentration in Kiteezi landfill and the receiving environment, Wakiso district	Oral	
R1-136	78	Nakanjako Juliet1, Irene Nansubuga2, Namulinda Sandrah1	Purification of local salt for on-site chlorine disinfectant generation in Bombo Area.	Oral	
R1-138	79	Adong Rachel, Emor Stephen, Mwebaze Caroline, Amaniyo Michael	Identifying the Causes of River Kiruruma 2024 Flooding	Poster	
R1-39	80	Ntaro Moses, Isunju JohnBosco, Fassou M.Grovogui Fassou M., Jonathan Izudi, Benova Lenka4, Mulogo Edgar, Ssempebwa John	Health Profession Students and Open defecation free environment: Case study in Kabale	Poster	
R1-30	81	Ebal Brownie, Irene Mwase, Bongomin Emmanuel	The role of Legal Innovations in reducing non- revenue water and enhancing environmental literacy in uganda	Poster	
R1-42	82	Jimoh Rafiu Atanda, Olagoke Victoria Oluwadamilola, Sodi Kazeem Adetunji, Afonja Yusuf Olatunji, Otunubi Victor Ayodel3, Fajobi Alice Funmilayo, Saliu Lateef Abolanle, Olaifa Olalekan Kabir	A Review on the Impact of Artificial Intelligence and Big Data in Enhancing Water Literacy and Climate Awareness among Young Change-Makers in Lagos, Nigeria	Poster	
R1-59	83	Modi Bosco Wilson1, Ologe Hector Daniel2, Maseruka Bendicto	Real-Time Geospatial Notification System for Precise Management of Underground Water Networks	Poster	

R1-73	84	Florian Sorger-Domenigg, Peter Burek ¹ and Dor Fridman	Large-scale water quality modelling to support water management and policymaking in Uganda	Poster		
R1-76	85	Waiswa Magumba, Isabelle Zhang	Impact of Smart metering technology in mitigating Non-Revenue Water for Water Utilities.	Poster		
R1-81	86	Angurab Jonathan; Musiimenta Viola; Nanduddu Susan.	Gender Equality and Social Inclusion in Climate Adaptation Knowledge Systems	Poster		
R1-132	87	Clarke, Kipp, Garcia Jordan, Francisco, Gichimu, Dennis	Operationalizing Uganda's Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Framework through Performance Management	Poster		
R1-17	88	Opwonya Daniel	Using the Hackathon as a Platform for Collaborative Learning and Training within the Water and Environment Sector in Uganda	Poster		
R1-47	89	Kazooba Diana ¹ , Sandra Van Soelen ² , Mutebe John ³	Children as Change Agents in Water and Environmental Sustainability	Poster		
R1-48	90	Kazooba Diana ¹ , Sandra Van Soelen ² , Mutebe John ³	Innovative Entrepreneurship for Equitable and Sustainable WASH Solutions: Insights from the WASH, Learn & Share Hackathon	Poster		

6.2 UWEWK2024 Attendance Analysis

Number of Participants who attended UWEWK Dialogues, Opening and closing ceremony



6.3 Organizing Committee Members UWEWK2025

NO	NAME	ORGANIZATION
1	Abaho Joseph	Ministry of Water and Environment
2	Abudallah Matovu	Ministry of Water and Environment
3	Acan Santa Grace	Walkers Association of Uganda
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5	Aheebwa Julius	Ministry of Water and Environment
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8	Akullu Lynn Tasha	Reach a Hand Uganda
11	Alison Ninsiima	Ministry of Gender, labour and social Dev't
14	Amina Mayole	Ministry of Water and Environment
15	Angwela Felix Othieno	Ministry of Water and Environment
16	Anne Namakula Serunjogi	Contour Consult Ltd
17	Arach Florence	Ministry of Water and Environment
18	Arima Zubair Isa	National Water and Sewerage Corporation
19	Arukudo Juliet	National Water and Sewerage Corporation
20	Asiimwe Michael	Ministry of Water and Environment
21	Atesa Abigail	Ministry of Water and Environment
22	Atuhairwe Christine Rachel	Ministry of Water and Environment
23	Atwiine Matthew Kariisa	Ministry of Water and Environment
24	Awori Maurine	Ministry of Water and Environment
25	Ayebazibwe Pedison	Ministry of Water and Environment
26	Ayeni Geoffrey	Walkers Association of Uganda
28	Barbra Apilli Ebal	Ministry of Water and Environment
29	Beatrice Akello	SOS CV
30	Bogere Robert	Ministry of Water and Environment

31	Boonabaana Shillah	Ministry of Water and Environment
32	Brenda Byekwaso A	GRO-Foundation
33	Brendah Ampaire	GRO Foundation Uganda
34	Bridget Nimusiima	WWF
35	Bulyaba Hanifa	Ministry of Water and Environment
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65	Edwin Muhumuza	Youth Go Green
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97	Kabonge Ivan	Ministry of Water and Environment
98	Kajimu Athmah	Ministry of Water and Environment
99	Kajumba Rosette	Ministry of Water and Environment
100	Kansiime Charity	Ministry of Water and Environment
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102	Kataratambi David	Ministry of Water and Environment
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104	Kerudong Acayerach Paskwale	Ministry of Water and Environment
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109	Kyomuhendo Agnes	Ministry of Water and Environment
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131	Musota Richard	Victoria University
132	Musiime Benjamin	Ministry of Water and Environment
133	Muyama Eve	Ministry of Water and Environment
134	Nabasirye Samantha Benitah	Victoria University
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139	Nambirige Monica	Ministry of Water and Environment
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147	Nkugwa Rose	Ministry of Energy and Mineral Dev't
148	Noel Muhangi	Ministry of Water and Environment
149	Odong Joseph	Ministry of Water and Environment
150	Ojuka Jalameso	Ministry of Water and Environment
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156	Phiona Boonabaana	Boona Inclusive Foundation
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160	Proscovia Vikman	Buganda Kingdom
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164	Raymond Ruyoka	YADNET AFRICA
165	Rev. Kabwana Samuel	NEW CHAPTER
166	Rev.Ssekasiko Wilberforce	UJCC
167	Richard Musota	Ministry of Water and Environment
168	Richard Okwera	Ministry of Water and Environment
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170	Robert Ouma	Ministry of Water and Environment
171	Robin Persha Gundo	Victoria University

172	Rodgers Muzahura	Ministry of Water and Environment
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174	Rubangakene Patrick	Water Aid Uganda
175	Sekindi Isaac	Ministry of Water and Environment
176	Sempabuka Michael	Ministry of Water and Environment
177	Sewagudde Sowed	Ministry of Water and Environment
178	Solomon Kyeyune	Ministry of Water and Environment
179	Stephen Emor	Ministry of Water and Environment
180	Suleiman Ngondi	Uganda Breweries
182	Susan Akampurira	Ministry of Water and Environment
183	Teddy N. Galiwango	Buganda Kingdom
184	Tibirusya Rolands	TAA-ARTS Academy
185	Tukam Dixon	Cashewnut Value Chain
186	Tumwesige Stephen	Ministry of Water and Environment
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190	Wandera Connie	Ministry of Water and Environment
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17	Brenda Achiro	Water for People
18	Faith Kanyago	Uganda Management Institute
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21	Vikiman Proscovier	Buganda Kingdom
22	Cotilda Nakyeyune	CARE-U
23	Leo Mwebembezi	Ministry of Water and Environment
24	Carol Kagaba	Ministry of Water and Environment
25	David Kataratambi -MWE	Ministry of Water and Environment
26	Prof Charles Niwagaba-MUK	Makerere University
27	Gwendolyn Kyoburungi - WRI	Water Resources Institute
28	Eng Stephen Ogwete -MWE	Ministry of Water and Environment

29	Muramira Lynnette Joan	Ministry of Water and Muvironmmut
30	Solomon Kyeyune	UNOPS
31	Stacey Natukunda	Ministry of Water and Environment
32	Francis Xavier Kizito	Ministry of Water and Frvironmftr
33	Wilbrod Turimaso	IRC
34	Prof. Yazidhi Bamutaze	Ministry of Water and Prvironmptr
35	Suresh Kumar Rohilla	Ministry of Water and Suvironmsut
36	Acuba Firmina	Ministry of Water and Environment
37	Sseruwo Maria	Ministry of Water and Environment
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40	Fortunate Kemigyisha	Ministry of Water and Environment

Table 4:

UWEWK2024 PROPOSED COMMITTEES AND KEY ROLES

	Committee	Key Roles
1	National Organising Committee (NOC)	• Oversee the preparation, implementation and reporting on UWEWK 2024 • Create synergy within MDAs; private sector, NGOs, Academia, DPs, and Individuals • Plan and achieve political buy-in • Constitute and coordinate sub-committee operations • Mobilise resources for the UWEWK 2024 • Convene meetings and make key decisions for UWEWK 2024 • Decide on Key Guests and Invite them
1	UWEWK Secretariat	• Keeping the team/stakeholders informed of UWEWK progress • Source for suppliers of goods and services • Take NOC minutes and follow up key actions with various sub-committees • Support NOC chair in scheduling and organising meetings • Consolidate sub-committee information, develop and distribute UWEWK information materials. • Prepare awards and certificates with support from other sub committees • Support the events committee in procuring and managing event managers • Support the protocol committee to prepare the list of invitees and coordinate invitation of participants • Manage and coordinate registration of participants • Support all the UWEWK subcommittees where and when required • Coordinate implementation, follow up actions for UWEWK 2024 and arrange timely preparation for subsequent events. • Coordinate printing of reports, summary outcomes and all proceedings with the publication committee. • Support the communication subcommittee in development of communication messages and provision of Information technology services
2	Technical Sub-Committee	• Develop templates, issuing the call for abstracts, papers and follow up on presenters • Coordinate key note speakers and discussants to ensure presentations are in line with the themes • Support capacity building of the presenters • Review all papers and provide feedback to authors; ensure quality of papers and presentations • Assign presentations to relevant themes • Assign and coordinate session chairs and conveners • Coordinate note taking and reporting UWEWK 2024 activities • Develop the program for the entire event • Coordinate hosting of side events (Such as the Career talk for young professionals) • Organise and coordinate field visits • Harmonise criteria for the provision of awards to ensure value to recipients and the providers in respective categories • Institute independent judges to identify individuals and institutions qualified to receive awards

3	Publication sub- Committee	• Prepare, Review and update all proceedings of UWEWK 2024 • Publish Proceeding for UWEWK 2024 • Prepare and Design summary report for UWEWK 2024 • Preparation of evaluation reports • Prepare summary of outcomes of UWEWK 2024 • Prepare, design and ensure publication of the Ministry of Water and Environment Magazine –UWEWK 2024
4	Communication and Publicity	• Develop Communication Strategy and Action Plan for UWEWK 2024 • Manage communication during the pre-event, during the event and post event communication activities • Develop and share widely communication materials for use before, during and after the event with support from the UWEWK secretariat • Secure space for media activities and identify discussants • Develop the format for daily updates on the UWEWK 2024 • Prepare and share daily updates on UWEWK 2024
5	Events and Exhibitions	• Venue site planning and set up • Collaborate with secretariat on sources for suppliers of goods and services • Plan and budget for events and exhibitions with support of the secretariat • Reach out to potential exhibitors with support of the secretariat • Evaluate exhibitions and identify winners • Identify and allocate space in line with the planned sessions and exhibitions • Support Secretariat in assessment and organising awards for the exhibitors; • Ensure that there is appropriate sanitation and hygiene facilities at the venue • Manage and coordinate ushering of guests and delegates
6	Security and Transport	• Secure the venue and premises • Organize travel of participants to and from the venue • Manage protocol for VIPs • Mandated to Protect the Guest of Honour • Protect guests, VIPs delegates and support staff. • Ensure security of conference halls and events • Secure routes to and from the conference venue • Ensure security of conference halls and events • Provide accreditations/name tags
7	Finance and Resource Mobilisation	• Identify potential sources of funds within and outside MWE • Mobilising funds for the UWEWK 2024 event • Prepare budget for the UWEWK 2024 conference through consolidation of the various sub-committee budgets into one overall budget • Manage the financial resources for the UWEWK 2024 conference • Sanction requisition of funds to facilitate sub-committees' operations • Maintain up to date financial statement for the operations of the conference

		• Ensure disbursement of funds in accordance with the approved guidelines • Receive and manage payments • Follow up on accountability for funds advanced for the conference activities • Prepare final financial report for the conference and ensure proper closure of the account.
8	Sector Day Celebrations	• Plan and coordinate the organising of the International sector days (World Water Day, World Forest Day, World Meteorology Day) • Liaise with the respective sector leads to ensure adequate participation and involvement of relevant stakeholders • Support and mobilise relevant resources • Identify and follow up the participation of relevant dignitaries including the guest of honour • Identify and coordinate participation of schools and neighbouring communities following SOP's • Liaise with the secretariat and events in the sourcing of goods and services
9	Regional Participation	• Plan and coordinate the participation of the ministry regional structures in UWEWK 2024. • Develop activities and budget for the regional activities. • Mobilise relevant stakeholder and partners to participate and support UWEWK 2024 activities at the regional level. • Provide regular update to NOC on progress and provide a report at the end of the events.
10	Protocol	• Collaborate with Security and transport on protocol issues and coordinate with the transport team on the movement of the delegates to ensure timely and orderly participation; • Make and send invitations. • Create suitable seating arrangements. • Schedule and book transportation • Arrange lodging and accommodation for delegates who will be in need of accommodation • Keep a list of key business leaders and government officials. • Liaise with secretariat to ensure that appropriate and reliable information on accommodation for foreign and upcountry delegates is sourced and provided
12	Walkers	• Develop a concept note for the walkers activities • Develop a budget for the walkers' activities. • Develop a plan on how the walking activities are going to be. • Coordinate the walking activity with the regional offices. • Publish documentation for the walking activities. • Map the walk routing and activities along the route
13	Awards and Recognition	• To identify the awards categories to be presented • Bring forward nominations for consideration. • Together with secretariat and technical sub Committee, assess the merit of the nominations • Evaluate nominations and score on an evaluation rubric • To prepare and present certificates and awards for the nominations.

		• To select award winners from nominations. • To create new awards as needed • To identify individuals who have shown exceptional commitment to their roles and have significantly contributed to the Water and Environment sector in research, policy and practice communities. • To arrange and execute the award and recognition ceremony and other recognition-related events •
14	Youth Sub Committee	• Support in involving all youth in the UWEWK activities • Coordinate youths to see that they are involved in the UWEWK activities during the pre-event and the main event • Subcommittee should report issues concerning the youth • Encourage, interest and mobilise youth to participate in the event at regional and main event • Organise activities meant for the youths •

6.4 UWEWK 2024 Programme

26 th February - 16 th March 2025			
UWEWK 2025 PRE-EVENT ACTIVITIES			
PRE-EVENT #1: 317km Walk for Water and Environment for Climate change from Bulisa to Kampala (3rd March to 14th March 2025)			
PRE-EVENT #2: UWEWK regional activities in 6 regional de-concentrated structures of MWE (24th February to 15th March 2025)			
PRE-EVENT #3: Regional Youth Debates in 5 regional de-concentrated structures of MWE (Lira, Mbale, Fort portal, Kabale and Kampala) (2nd to 15th March 2025)			
PRE-EVENT #4: Environment restoration, cleaning and awareness programmes (24th February to 17th March 2025)			
PRE-EVENT #5: Launch for UWEWK 2025 (28th January 2025)			
PRE-EVENT #5: Miss Climate Change Awareness Uganda 2025 (8th March 2025)			
PRE-EVENT #6: Buganda Kingdom Water Day - Ssisa Busiro (14th March 2025) by Buganda Kingdom			
PRE-EVENT #7: Clean up exercise in Luzira (14th March 2025) by MWE management and staff and other stakeholders			
PRE-EVENT #8: Prayers for UWEWK by churches under the Uganda Joint Christian Council (16th March 2025)			
Monday 17 th March 2025			
OPENING CEREMONY: @ MWE Auditorium (Physical) and Live on UBC or NBS TVs. and ZOOM + YouTube			
08:30 - 09:00	Arrival of Guest of Honor, tour and launch of the UWEWK 2025 Exhibitions		-
09:00 - 09:10	Formal start of UWEWK 2025 opening ceremony (welcome, anthems and prayer)		-
09:10 - 09:20	Overview of UWEWK 2025: Video and remarks from Dr Alfred Okot Okidi- Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Water and Environment		
09:20 - 09:30	Remarks by H.E Leonard Zulu- United Nations Resident Coordinator		
09:30 - 09:40	Remarks by Dr. Robin Nandy- UNICEF Representative to Uganda		
09:40 - 09:50	Remarks by His Grace, Archbishop Paul Ssemogerere -Archbishop of Kampala		
09:50 - 09:55	Entertainment: Dance and Poem		
09:55 - 10:10	Welcome Speech by Hon Beatrice Atim Anywar - Minister of State for Environment/Holding Fort for Minister of Water and Environment		
10:10 - 10:30	Opening Speech by Hon. Thomas Tayebwa - Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda		
10:30 - 11:00	Music Interlude		
11:00 - 12:00	Key Note Presentations: "water and environment resources for enhanced resilience and improved incomes and livelihoods"	Key Note Speakers: Dr Nagaraja Rao Harsh, Global Lead – Disruptive Technology, World Bank and Prof Letha Deacon- Associate Professor, Rural Planning and Development, University of Guelph	Moderator: Mr Maurice Mugisha (DMD, UBC) and Ms Jane Nabunya Mulumba- Country Director, IRC
12:00 - 13:30	Panel Discussion: Mr Julius Kakeeto – Managing Director, Post Bank; Hon Herbert Arko- Chairman, Natural Resources Committee of Parliament of Uganda; Mr Paul Flynn Mukalazi- Founder and Patron, Gro Foundation; Ms Nwanne Vwede-Obahor, UNDP Resident Representative; Dr Patrick Moriarty – CEO- IRC and SWA Steering Committee member; Prof Alex Artho - Director General, Africa Agribusiness Incubators Network		

13:30 - 14:30	Lunch Break		
14:30 - 17:30	Feedback from regional mini-UWEWK events followed by formal responses and discussions. a) Karamoja and Mbale Region focusing on sub theme 1 (Water and environment for a peaceful and sustainable future) Responses to the presentation: (Mr Simon Odong, UNHCR; Mr Ivan Tumuhimbise, WWF; Ms Yunia Musaazi -UWASNET) b) Central (Wakiso) and south western (Mbarara) focusing on UWEWK sub theme 4 (Equitable and sustainable use of water and environment resources for improved incomes and livelihoods) Responses to the presentation: (Mr Emmanuel Mullisa, NYC; Prof Charles Ntwagaba, MUK; Ms Pamela Katoero Nyamutoka, IIRR) c) Western region (Fortportal) focusing on UWEWK sub theme 2 (Water and environment for climate action.) Responses to the presentation: (Mr Moses Egaru, CD IUCN; Eng Diana Keesiga, Water for People; Dr Albert Byamugisha, SDG Secretariat; Eng Wilberforce Kimezere, UNICEF) d) Northern Region (Lira) focusing on UWEWK sub theme 3 (Water and environment innovations, knowledge and capacity for empowering a new generation.) Responses to the presentation: (Dr Irene Nansubuga, NWSC; Mr Oslgal Walter Etepesit, Youth; Prof Nicholas Kiggundu, MUK) e) Walk for water, environment and climate change: responses to the presentation: (Owek Marlam Mayanja Nkalubo, Buganda Kingdom; Dr Rosemiria Burungi, FAO;Mr Sam Mutono, Retired Water Expert; Mr Patrick Allan Awene, UpEnergy Uganda)	Side event: Meet and greet session by the Water and Environment sector Elders - Zooka Boardroom (Mr Richard Musota- AC, WRPR and Eng Frank Kweronda- AC, WURD)	Moderators: Ms Cate Nimanya- Regional Director, Water for People and Ms Denise Ayebare (Youth Activist); and Ms Anne Namakula -Director, Contour Consult and Mr Howard Mwesigwa-Team Leader, EES at Kalkumutima and Co. Advocates
17:30 - 20:00	Meet and greet the water and environment elders during the cocktail		
END OF DAY ONE			
Tuesday 18 th March 2025			
Dialogue Sub-theme No. 1 Water and environment for a peaceful and sustainable future - MWE Auditorium (Physical and ZOOM)			
09:00 - 09:30	Key Note Presentation: "Water and environment for a peaceful and sustainable future"		Key Note Speaker: Dr Joakim Harlin- Director, UNEP-DHI Centre on Water & Environment in Copenhagen
09:30 - 10:45	Panel Discussion: Dr. Michael Nkambo Mugerwa – General Manager, Uganda National Oil Company; Maj General Felix Kulayigye – Director of Defence Public Education, UPDF; Mr Gareth O'hagan - Partner and Chief Operating Officer Instiglio; Dr Florence Grace Adongo - Executive Director, Nile Basin Initiative; Dr Akankwasa Barirega- Executive Director, National Environment Management Authority; Ms Sarah Rosengaertner – Deputy Managing Director, Global Center for Climate Mobility		Moderators: Dr Fred Muhumuza (Senior Lecturer, MUBS) and Ms Prithvi Atulhale (ICRP Project)
10:45 - 11:00	Discussions and Feedback		
TEA BREAK			

11:30 - 13:00	Session 1: Water and environment for a peaceful and sustainable future - Policy, Practice & Scientific Papers Presentation - Part I, (DWD Board room) refer to annex I	Session 2: Better Evidence, Better Policies -Makerere University and Eawag/Sandec/IRC (Nile Board room)	Session 3: Solutions for practical water challenges in Uganda - IWMI (WeiS Room)	Session 4: Outcome from COP 29 and roadmap to COP 30 - MWE/CN-Climate Change Department (Auditorium)	Session 5: Status and the intricacies in implementation of the national O&M of rural water supply infrastructure in Uganda-Rural Water and Sanitation Department, IOM Division / MWE (Rwizi Room)	(IREC-NWSC 2)	Session 7: Breaking Barriers: Advancing Gender-Responsive WASH for Inclusive Access - WaterAid Uganda (Zooka Boardroom)
LUNCH BREAK							
Parallel Sessions (Physical and ZOOM)							
14:00 - 17:00	Session 8: Sustainable access and utilization of water and environmental resources for economic development - Policy, Practice & Scientific Papers Presentation - Part I, (DWD Board room) refer to annex I	Session 9: Joining Forces to Anticipate & Address Climate Mobility in Uganda: A Blueprint for Action-Global Centre for Climate Mobility (GCCM) (Zooka Board Room)	Session 10: Urban Faecal Sludge Management Policy Proposals and Operation & Maintenance curriculum along the sanitation chain – MWE/ UWSS/GIZ – Sanitation for Millions (Rwizi Room next to MWE Library)	Session 11: Graduation ceremony of the 4th cohort of graduate trainees-MWE/WRI & UNHCR (Auditorium)	Session 12:Digital Transformation in Planning, Monitoring and Reporting for Rural Water and Sanitation through: WEMIS, WAS-MIS, RUWAS -WSLD/RWSD WeiS Room	Session 13: Side Event: Launch of the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Indicator Monitoring Guide for Uganda - IRC, Water for People &MWE (Nile Board-room)	Session 14: (IREC-NWSC 2)
END OF DAY TWO							
Wednesday 19 th March 2025							
Dialogue Sub-theme No. II - Water and environment for climate action - MWE Auditorium (Physical and ZOOM)							
09:00 - 09:30	Key Note Presentation: “Water and environment for climate action”			Key Note Speaker: Dr. Daniel Odiba – Research Fellow, Stockholm Environmental Institute			
09:30 - 10:45	Panel Discussion: Dr Daina Atwine- PS, Ministry of Health; Mr Andrew Kilonzo- MD, Uganda Breweries Ltd; Dr Chiji Ojukwu- Managing Director and CEO, Africa Projects Development Centre; Mr Fred Onduri- Chairman, Climate Technology Centre and Network; Ms Margaret Athieno Mwebasa - Nation Focal Point - UNCCC/ Commissioner, Climate Change; Dr. Abdulkarim Seld -Senior Manager (IWMI)						Moderators: Ms Mary Namukose (GIZ) and Ms Bridget Nimusiima (Youth Activist)
10:45 - 11:00	Discussions and Feedback						
TEA BREAK							

11:30 - 13:00	Session 15: Water and environment for climate action - Technical Presentation Policy, Practice & Scientific Papers Presentation, (DWD Board Room) refer to annex I	Session 16: Innovative Financial Mechanisms: The potential of Integrated Water and Sanitation Investment Programmes in Uganda - Water for People, Conrad Hilton Foundation, Instiglio, The Nature Conservancy (Nile Board Room)	Session 17: Poldaw Riser Pipe Configurations: What are the opportunities and lessons learned - WaterAid Uganda (Zooka Board Room)	Session 18: Lokere Project (Phase 3) Launch - Welthungerhilfe (Auditorium)	Session 19: Uganda Red Cross Society (IREC-NWSC 1)	Session 20: (IREC-NWSC 2)	Session 21: Best practices for communicating water and environment sector impact to non-technical audiences Training - Water Resources Institute (Rwizi Room next to MWE Library)
LUNCH BREAK							
Parallel Sessions (Physical and ZOOM)							
14:00 - 17:00	Session 22: Water and environment for climate action - Technical Presentation Policy, Practice & Scientific Papers Presentation, (DWD Board room) refer to annex I	Session 23: Strategic Partnerships for Innovative Financing - Water.org (Nile Boardroom)	Session 24: Career Talk - Ministry of Water and Environment (Zooka Board Room)	Session 25: Consultative meeting with all stakeholders involved in Dam Safety Management MWE/ITWA & NELSAP (IREC-NWSC 1)	Session 26: (IREC-NWSC 2)	Session 27: Graduation ceremony of the 4th cycle of mentees - MWE/WRU (MWE Auditorium)	Session 28: Training -Applied Water quality training for effective water resources management WQMD (Rwizi Room next to MWE Library)
END OF DAY THREE							
Thursday 20 th March 2025							
Dialogue Sub-theme No. III - Equitable and sustainable use of water and environment resources for improved incomes and livelihoods - MWE Auditorium (Physical and ZOOM)							
09:00 - 09:40	Key Note Presentation: "Equitable and sustainable use of water and environment resources for improved incomes and livelihoods"			Key Note Speakers: Prof Edward Bbaale – Director, EID Makerere Centre, School of Economics, Makerere University			
09:40 - 10:45	Panel Discussion: Mr Peter Kula - Africa Agribusiness Incubators Network; Mr Charles Ocici – Executive Director, Enterprise Uganda; Mr Wilbrod Humphreys Owor - Executive Director, Uganda Bankers Association; Dr. Joyce Mpallanyi Magala - Country Director, WaterAid Uganda; Mr Crispus Mwemaho - IOM Youth Representative; Dr. Rose Christine Kaggwa - Senior Director Business and Scientific Services –National Water and Sewerage Corporation						Moderators: Ms Brenda Achiro (CD, Water for People) and Mr Edwin Muhumuza (ED, Youth Go Green)
10:45 - 11:00	Discussions and Feedback						
TEA BREAK							

11:30 - 13:00	Session 29: Equitable and sustainable use of water and environment resources for Improved Incomes and livelihoods - Technical Presentation Policy, Practice & Scientific Papers Presentation, (DWD Board room) refer to annex I	Session 30: Sustainable Utilization of River Kagera for socio-Economic Transformation of Isingiro and Mbarara Districts -RWSD, Rural Water and Sanitation Regional Centre-6 (Nile Board room)	Session 31: Side Event: Environmental monitoring of community health (EMoCH) in Kampala -Makerere University and Eawag/Sandec (Zooka Board room)	Session 32: Innovations and impact of the programs at Water Resources Institution to the water and environment sector - Water Resources Institute - (Auditorium)	Session 33: Policy Dialogue on Natural Capital Accounting for Nature-Positive Economic Planning - DIAPOL-CE and EIO Mak Centre- (IREC-NWSC 1)	Session 34: Empowering the Next Generation: Youth Leadership in Water Conservation, Sanitation, and Environmental Sustainability -IWA Young Water Professionals Uganda Chapter/ NWSC (IREC-NWSC 2)	Session 35: Integrated solid waste management Training - Appropriate Technology Centre (Rwizi Room next to MWE Library)
TEA BREAK							
LUNCH BREAK							
Parallel Sessions (Physical and ZOOM)							
14:00 - 17:00	Session 36: Equitable and sustainable use of water and environment resources for Improved Incomes and livelihoods - Technical Presentation Policy, Practice & Scientific Papers Presentation, (DWD Board room) refer to annex I	Session 37: National Adaptation Plan for Water - MWE/ UNICEF (Nile Board room)	Session 38: Innovation for Enhanced Climate Resilience and Sustainable Water and Environmental Resource Management in Mpanga Catchment -Water for People,AWMZ, Conrad Hilton Foundation and Join For Water (Zooka Board room)	Session 39: Peatlands as Nature Based solution to Climate Change: experiences from Uganda and Rwanda - Peat4People- GIZ- DIAPOL- CE, Micheal Succow Foundation (Auditorium)	Session 40: Tackling Inequity in Water Supply in South Western Region a case of Exim Bank funded Water Supply Projects in Kisoro and Rubanda District - RWSD, Rural Water and Sanitation Regional Centre-6- (IREC-NWSC 1)	Session 41: (IREC-NWSC 2)	Session 42: Enhancing the management of data and technology in the Ministry of Water and Environment through the Water and Environment Information System. -MWE/WEIS (Rwizi Room next to MWE Library) Field Visits: 1. (Kampala area)
END OF DAY FOUR							
Friday 21st March 2025							
Dialogue Session No. IV - Water and environment Innovations, knowledge and capacity for empowering a new generation - MWE Auditorium (Physical and ZOOM)							
09:00 - 09:30	Key note presentation: Water and environment Innovations, knowledge and capacity for empowering a new generation			Key Note Speaker: Dr Silver Mugisha, Managing Director, National Water and Sewerage Corporation			

09:30 - 10:45	Panel Discussions: Dr. Linda Strande, Eawag- Sandec, Switzerland; Prof Charles Kwesiga- Executive Director, UIRI; Patrick Mutwonya - Managing Director, Davis & Shirtliff; Mr James Kisekka - Executive Director, Aid Environment; Prof Saphine Bilra- Deputy Vice Academic Affairs and Research, Busitema University; Mr Lalit Patra- WASH Manager (Climate, Environment and WASH), UNICEF							Moderators: Dr Felix Twinomuguzi- AC, Urban Water and Sandra Namirembe- Green Futures
10:45 - 11:00	Discussions and Feedback							
TEA BREAK								
Parallel Sessions (Physical and ZOOM)								
11:30 - 13:00	Session 43: Water and environment innovations, knowledge and capacity for empowering a new generation Technical Presentation - Policy, Practice & Scientific Technical Presentation (DWD Board room) refer to Annex 1	Session 44: International Forest day - MWE/FAO/ EU/ Danish Embassy etc (IREC- NWSC 1)	Session 45: Enhancing ESG and Sustainability Strategies for Socio-Economic Transformation Through Public-Private-Community Partnerships - Gro Foundation (UNMA Board room)	Session 46: Sustainability of Private Sector engagement in Natural Resources Management; Is this shift sustainable? through Private Sector engagement; Fact or Myth? - AidEnvironment /UBL (Auditorium)	Session 47: Side event: Launch of National Sanitation Design Manual - Water for People (Nile Board room)	Session 48: Tools and approaches for realizing gender equitable access and use of water and environment resources -CARE Uganda (Zooka Board room)	Session 49: National Youth Debate - MWE/ Youth-Go-Green (IREC - NWSC 2)	Session 50:Outcomes of Hilton Foundation support to MWE - MWE (Rwizi Room next to MWE Library)
LUNCH BREAK								
<u>COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECTOR DAYS, UWEWK2025 WRAP UP & CLOSING CEREMONY: @ MWE Auditorium (Physical) and Live on UBC or NBS TVs. and ZOOM</u>								
12:30 - 13:30	Marching in celebration of three international sector days (marching by schools, MWE staff and stakeholders from Kintale to MWE Headquarters)							-
13:45 - 14:30	Arrival of the Guest of honor and tour of the sector days exhibitions and general exhibitions							-
14:30 - 14:45	Formal start of commemoration of sector days and UWEWK 2025 closing ceremony (welcome, anthems and prayer)							
14:45 - 14:55	Entertainment: Song and poem							
14:55 - 15:15	Summary Outcomes of UWEWK2025 - UWEWK Organizing Committee							
15:15 - 15:30	Overview and implications of the themes of International Forest Day, World Water Day and World Meteorological Day:(Com-Met, Partner and Youth Representative)							Moderators: Mr Maurice Mugisha (DMD, UBC) and Ms Jane Nabunnya Mulumba- Country Director, IRC
15:30 - 15:45	Speech in line with the themes of international days to commemorate the days (Dr Antonio Querido, Country Representative, FAO)							
15:45 - 16:10	Giving of Awards and launch of key sector documents							
16:10 - 16:20	Remarks by speaker: Dr Katja Kerschbaumer, Head of Austrian Development Cooperation Office, Uganda							
16:20 - 16:30	Remarks by speaker: Ambassador, Danish Embassy (Lead Donor for ENRCC)							
16:30 - 16:40	Remarks by Hon. Aisha Sekindi - Minister of State for Water							
16:40 - 17:00	Closing Speech by Guest of Honor, Hon Dr. Ruth Nankabirwa Ssentamu. Minister of Energy and Mineral Development							

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