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Local Climate Solutions with Poverty Reduction in NDCs.

Experiences from the East African Civil Society for Sustainable Energy and Climate Action (EASE CA) Project in Uganda (2019 - 22)

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At stake:

- Africa accounts for **less than 4% of the global total of carbon emissions** but the continent is the **most vulnerable** in terms of the impact of climate change' – **Cyclones, floods and droughts**
- **Sub-Saharan Africa** alone needs climate adaptation finance of around **\$50bn (£37bn) annually by 2050** (**excl. the loss and damage costs) – **natural climate solutions receive ca. 2-3% of global climate finance**
- "Africa needs to receive means of implementation," **Tosi Mpanu Mpanu**, a lead negotiator from the Africa Group, said at a COP25 press meeting, prior to COP25 in Madrid – BBC News



Source: UCSD



Source: The Independent

Opportunities



- Vast nature – role of nature now recognised as a fundamental component of climate action – forests, wetlands and peat lands
- Youths and wider society interest to take climate action – need for guidance / inspiration on local solutions to take up
- Increasing political attention on climate change – AMCEN, RECs like the EAC and National Parliaments – need to be harnessed
- Emerging financing windows from Multilateral and Bilateral sources – need to open up for more multi-year adaptation support for local climate solutions
- Civil Society resolve across Africa to address climate change from a development angle (water resource mgmt, women and gender, health, agriculture & food security, regional cooperation, human rights, youths, etc).

Why the East Africa NGO Cooperation (EASE &CA)?

Overall Objective

- ✓ Increased access to **Sustainable energy** and other **Climate solutions** to local communities in **Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania** with both women's and men's full and effective and leadership for improved livelihoods and reduction of poverty
- ✓ **Key:** Reinforce East African CSO activities – local solns <---> regional & global climate policy | Contribute to SDGs (1,5,7,13,17)



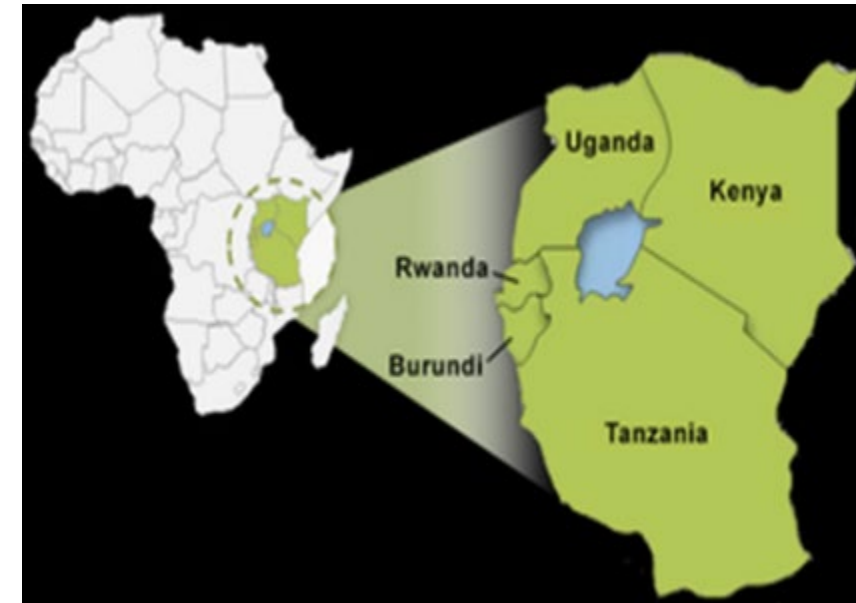
Immediate Objectives



- ✓ **Empower poor, rural communities in three districts in Uganda (Nebbi, Nakasongola and Nakaseke), and in East Africa more generally, to get access to clean energy and improved livelihoods in an economic and climate friendly way, as well as to refine methods from previous projects to realise this.**
- ✓ **Strengthen national CSO networking and advocacy for increased targets and financing of local, sustainable, pro-poor, and gender responsive climate and energy solutions in national development strategies and their implementation in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda. The strategies shall include NDCs and Long-term low Emission Development Strategies to the Paris Agreement, as well as national activities to implement SDG7 (clean energy), incl. the SE4ALL strategies**
- ✓ **Strengthen networking and participation of E. African CSOs for exchange of experiences and to give voice to East African CSOs to influence development of the international framework for the national strategies and for climate financing, including in the UNFCCC**

The EASE &CA Project Partnership in East Africa

- Kenya (**SusWatch Kenya**); Tanzania (**TaTEDO**); Uganda (**Uganda Coalition for Sustainable Development**) and **Joint Energy and Environment Projects**)
- **East African CSOs cooperating** (as members of the International Network for Sustainable Energy (**INFORSE – East Africa c/o TaTEDO**) in 3 year project (2019 -2022) – EASE &CA Project; sustenance of previous engagement & cooperation.
- **Partnership** with the International Network for Sustainable Energy (**INFORSE**) and the **Nordic Folkecentre for Renewable Energy** (Denmark).
- Support from the **Civil Society in Development (CISU)**, Denmark.



Progress

Empower poor, rural communities in three districts in Uganda:

- **Nakaseke district** (Nakaseke) and Kasangombe sub county;
- **Nakasongola district** (Kakooge and Nabiswera Sub County);
- **Nebbi district** (Parombo and Kucwiny sub counties)

Awareness seminars for: District leaders, Sub county leaders
Community members, NGOs / CBOs

Training TOTs in all the 3 districts in:

- **Energy saving stove construction | Backyard gardening**
- **Tree nursery establishment & mgmt | Training in hay basket making**
- **Income generating activities | Water accessibility**



Source: JEEP

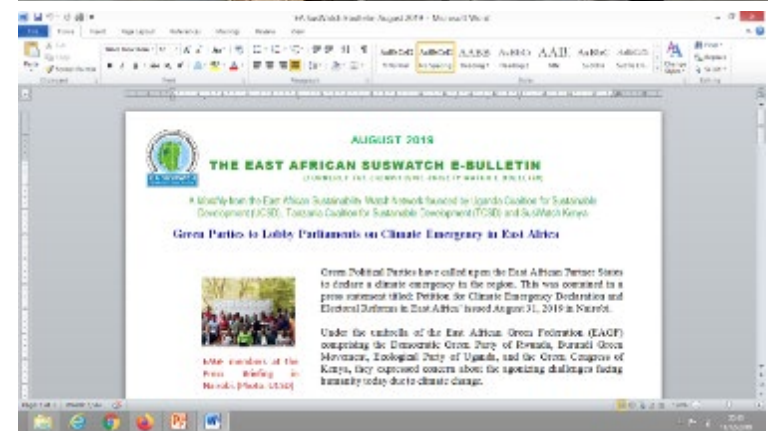
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International Climate Voice

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- CSO voice at the **UNFCCC COPs (COP25 now)** by build up meetings with other CSOs networks for joint positions; preparing policy briefs, exhibitions and organising (joint CSO) side events.
- Participation in East African regional events related to sustainable energy and climate action – SE4ALL Forum 2020 in Kigali, Rwanda.
- Knowledge and Information exchange
 - Online: newsletters, WhatsApp, FaceBook, Googlelists, Websites
 - Prints: Newsletters, Joint policy briefs,
 - Media engagement



Planned activities / outputs

- Development of strategies and Scenarios for 100% RE for input to national strategies and local government strategies.
- Document and publish East Africa catalogue of local solutions (print, web, mobile) and use it to inspire action to promote sustainable energy and climate solutions in the region and beyond.
- Organize CSO to develop joint proposals for NDCs, LEDS, and SDG7/SE4ALL implementation in each country.... position/policy paper for attention of relevant authorities and other stakeholders.
- Networking and internal capacity strengthening: National INFORSE meetings are organized by national INFORSE Coordinators to discuss joint inputs to national processes.
- Take active part in relevant UNFCCC meetings - side-events and exhibitions.



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Recommendations for COP25

1. NDCs reviews (2020) (Timeframes?) should take up local, sustainable, pro-poor, and gender responsive climate and energy solutions → improve livelihoods, avert climate crises and disasters in East Africa. For example, Opportunity by the NDC Partnership's Climate Action Enhancement Package (CAEP) - Uganda.
2. Climate Finance (scale up provision & access to adaptation finance for CSOs, Communities, Women, Youths and other groups for the above solutions and for nature based solutions - have remarkable society-wide dividends (contributing to SDGs for example).
3. Listen / Explore: The heightened interest created by youths, to mobilise and engage ALL society to widely engage in both practical & strategic climate change adaptation and mitigation plans.



Source: Fridays for the future Uganda

Recommendations for National level

- 1. Timely and broader stakeholder engagement in NDC review processes (including CSOs, Private sector)** – awareness and knowledge on NDCs vital to mobilise resources; mainstreaming of climate finance into institutional budgets and plans
- 2. Capacity building** - alignment with other development strategies & reporting; technology transfer
- 3. Cross-sector coordination** for efficiency and effective implementation
4. Take advantage of **emerging hubs as supplements** – NDC Partnership’s CAEP, African Development Bank, World Bank, UNDP, etc.) – share, learn

More information:

- **EASE & CA Project:**
www.inforse.org/africa/EASE.htm
- **TaTEDO – Centre for Sustainable Energy Services:** www.tatedo.org/
- **SusWatch Kenya:** www.suswatchkenya.org/
- **Uganda Coalition for Sustainable Development:**
www.ugandacoalition.or.ug
- **JEEP:** www.jeepfolkecenter.org/

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