

This bulletin updates you on what is going on in UWS, towards its goal of promoting wildlife and environment conservation in Uganda. This is also a forum for us members to dialogue on pertinent concerns within our society.

Message from the Chairman



I write on behalf of the entire Executive Committee, to say that we were very pleased to have been elected and we continue to pledge our resolve to do our best in steering the Uganda Wildlife Society to greater heights. So far, we have been able to learn and appreciate the challenges that the Society faces. Some of

the challenges are simple and will be resolved quickly, but others are so intricate that we will need support and understanding of all members as we search for ways and means to resolve them. I would like to remind members that our strength as a Society very much depends on your involvement; and that's what it will take for us to resolve the intricate problems at hand.

Of course our ultimate aim is to help enhance the conservation of Uganda's environment in general, and wildlife in particular; and I believe we can best deliver this through team effort. As we read this issue of UWS Today, I hope each one of us will be thinking of how we can contribute not only to the newsletter, but to the Society as a whole.

I encourage readers to send articles and illustration for publications; and members to renew their membership and enlist new members; and those who can volunteer skills, time or materials to do so. That way, UWS Today, will become a better quarterly medium for us to interact and exchange knowledge and experiences; and UWS will become a vibrant Society that we all can be proud to be members of.

WISH EVERY ONE A GOOD READ

Dr. Eldad Tukahirwa

Chairperson

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Review of the 2011 annual general meeting



One of the strategic planning meetings held in Kampala before the 2011 annual general meeting.

During the well attended, recent - 9th annual general meeting of UWS held on the 15th of February 2011 at the Uganda Museum; Dr. Tukahirwa highlighted substantive progress in research, policy, advocacy and partnerships that have taken place in the last one year.

The chairman informed members that the management structure of UWS, including terms of reference for secretariat jobs have also been changed.

Members envisage that the changes effected will enable the society serve better in its position as a leading NGO working for wildlife and environment conservation in Uganda.

In this issue we report to you details on changes that have taken place in the last one year.



Members discussing issues during the annual general meeting of 2011 held at the Uganda museum in Kira Road Kamwokya, Kampala

Recent and past projects, research and advocacy activities

Our membership officer Ms Nabulumbi Julie attended the recent past annual exhibition held by Makerere University on the 14th – 28th August 2010 at Mitchell Hall.

Julie exhibited and distributed our publications to interested public and recruited new members to the Society.

We also participated in the Annual Environment and Biodiversity Day held in June 5, 2010 in Kanungu.

We attended the Wetlands Day on the 2nd of February 2010 at the wetlands department offices in Luzira, Kampala.

Internally, UWS conducted one workshop on Climate Change Awareness and Capacity building in Kanungu on the 23rd of April 2010 at Holy Cross Guest House in Nyakatara in Kanungu.



Julie distributing publications in at the Mitchell hall ground exhibition in August 2010.



Uganda Wildlife Society stall at the environment and biodiversity day in Kanungu on June 5, 2010.



Uganda Wildlife Society workshop on climate change in Kanungu on 23rd of April 2011.

Extending wetland protected areas through community conservation initiatives

Extending wetland protected areas through community conservation initiatives (COBWEB) project aims to establish and strengthen community based regulations and sustainable resource use in wetlands with important biodiversity.



Stakeholders of COBWEB, engage in one of the public talks related to the project.

The COBWEB project is operational in Pian Upe basin-Opeta and Lake Mburo-Nakivale System where, conflicts and community activities already threaten wetland resources' sustainability. This project is implemented by a consortium of NGOs and governmental agencies, which include, Nature Uganda, IUCN, UWA and WMD. Funding for this project comes is from GEF, UNDP and GOU.

For its part in COBWEB, Uganda Wildlife Society conducted stakeholders' consultative workshops and inventory to identify socio economic uses of wetlands in Kabale, Bushenyi, Mbarara, Kiruhura, Bandai and Lyantonde.

Supporting civil society coalition and advocacy for good governance in mining and extraction in the Albertine Rift

Funded by Ecosystem grants Program/International Union for conservation of Nature Netherlands (EGP/IUCN- NL), this project aims to establish an Albertine Rift regional civil society coalition to advocate for good governance in the mining and extraction industry.



Some of the stakeholders engaged in the EGP/IUCN- NL project supporting civil society coalition and advocacy for good governance in mining and extraction industry in Uganda.

For its role in EGP/IUCN-NL, Uganda Wildlife Society conducted a baseline survey on the status of mining and extraction industry in Kigali, Bunia and Darasalam in 2009.

Findings of this study were desiminated in a regional workshop in Kampala on the 26th of November 2010. Participants were drawn from Uganda, Rwanda, Congo, Tanzania, Burundi, Nigeria, Cameroon.

Promoting community participation and benefit in forest and wildlife protected areas in Uganda

With financial support from Ford Foundation, this project was implemented by Uganda Wildlife Society, in villages around Bwindi Impenetrable National Park.

The activities of this project were aimed at promoting community participation and benefit in forest reserves and included introduction of taungya system and assisting communities add value to their existing conservation enterprises.

Strategies used to in the project involved but were not limited to

- Developing community guidelines for taungya and wildlife use in protected areas.
- Demonstrating practicability of the community guidelines for taungya systems.
- Adding value to community wildlife use rights.
- Policy advocacy for re-introduction of taungya system and operationalization of community wildlife use rights.

Sharing oil and gas revenue in Uganda

With support from Irish AID through World Resources Institute, UWS conducted a study to identify practical ways through which communities, central and local governments could fairly and equitably share revenue from oil and gas in Uganda. Specific objectives of this study were to:

- Define the concept of revenue sharing, its rationale and key features.
- Review oil extraction models and revenue control, existing institutional, policy and legal frameworks that have implications for the establishment of oil revenue sharing schemes.
- Explore relevant international experiences, challenges, key measures and approaches to establishing successful revenue sharing scheme.

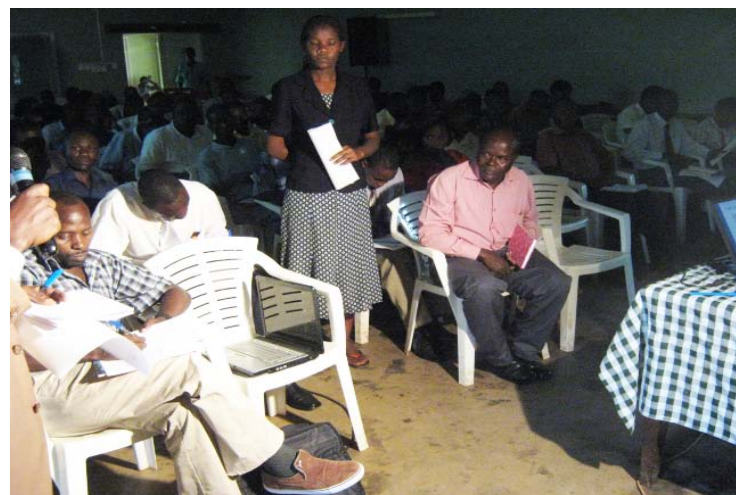
Our findings reveal oil and gas derivation funds establishment is feasible in Uganda and could be integrated within the framework for national petroleum fiscal system.



Some of the publications on oil and gas issues. These publications are available at UWS secretariat library for the interested public.

Maintaining conservation and tourism value of protected areas in petroleum development zones

Uganda Wildlife Society continues to disseminate findings from the oil and revenue sharing study through public talks held regularly at the Uganda National Museum. The next talk will take place on the 31st of March 2011 from 3.30 pm. Endeavour to attend.



Stakeholders engage in past one of a series of UWS public talks on conservation issues in petroleum development zones in Uganda. Our talk series are usually held at the Uganda Museum located in Kamwokya Kira Road.

We also developed an extension manual aimed at stimulating discussions on issues related to upstream and down stream oil and gas development in Uganda. Copies of this manual can be obtained free of charge from our resource centre at the Secretariat.

Secretariat news: towards institutional and human resource capacity building

There is, as of 8th March 2011 a new executive secretary to UWS. Dr. Nyadoi Priscilla joins the society with a wealth of knowledge and experience gained from over 10 years research and teaching activities locally within Uganda, East Africa regional and internationally.



Priscilla is a conservation biologist, having obtained her Bachelors, MSc. and PhD in Forestry (ecology, biodiversity and genetics). She replaces Ms Anne Nakyeeyune who leaves us after three years of service.

We welcome Priscilla and thank Anne for service and wish her success in future career engagements. Also to alert you members, UWS will in the near future recruit new programme officers, volunteers and interns. These come in line with the society's institutional objectives and new organogram.

Uganda wildlife society's new organogram

In the new UWS organogram, the General Assembly is the supreme body and, following the assembly is a 9 member executive committee headed by a chairman. Below this the executive, is the secretariat; the activity implementing body of UWS, headed by an executive secretary.

Dr. Tukahirwa the current chairman of the executive, is deputised by Mr. Alex Muhwezi. The other members of his committee and their designation are here in table for your information.

Uganda wildlife society executive committee 2010-2012

Position/Title	Names of position holder
Chair Person	Dr Eldad Tukahirwa
Vice Chairperson	Mr. Alex .B. Muhwezi
Treasurer	Ms.Pauline Nantongo K
Committee Members	Dr Ipulet Perpetua Ms Carol Aguti Hon. Kigyagi Arimpa John Prof. Pomeroy Derek Dr. Chris Bakuneeta Mr. Byaruhanga Herbert

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Expect updates on the COBWEB projects, Public talks on oil and gas in Uganda and others.

Come join UWS if not yet a member or, renew your membership early to read the next issue. Even more, choose membership category you like.

Uganda wildlife society membership requirement			
Membership Category	Geographic coverage of member and cost of membership		
	East Africa (UGX)	Rest of Africa (USD , GBP, Euros)	Outside Africa
Student	5,000	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Individual Ordinary	20,000	\$20, £ 11, €14	\$70, £ 37, €50
Individual Donor	150,000	\$100, £ 53, €71	\$150, £ 80, €106
Corporate Ordinary	200,000	\$150, £ 80, €106	\$200, £ 106, €142
Corporate Donor	500,000	\$350, £ 186, €248	\$400, £ 212, €284

As a member, you will receive free publications, invitation to public talks, high-level policy dialogues and participation in our projects. Even more, you are free to come and use our library facilities at the secretariat.

To join and or renew your membership, contact us by telephone or send an email and our membership officer will be of help. Alternatively you can come to the secretariat open Monday- Friday, 8. 00 am to 5.00 pm.



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