The Environment and Natural Resources Civil Society Organizations Network (ENR-CSO Network) is participating in the 2017/2018 period in an attempt to strengthen the national knowledge base on policies, strategies and project implementation of ENR sector (Environment and Natural Resources) in Uganda. The Network is composed of the different National CSOs partners which are active in multiple ENR subsectors and others specific to the respective subsector. The main objective of this Position Paper is to provide an opportunity to the National CSOs partners to engage the Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE) on the prevailing situation, present opportunities for joint learning, and address the issues of security pertaining to ENR subsectors. The position paper is the result of consultation, review, and research conducted by the ENR-CSO Network in sectors highlighted in the sectors.

A major accomplishment of the ENR-CSOs this financial year has been the signing of the collaborative Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE) which formalizes engagements, presents opportunities for joint learning, and addresses the issues of security pertaining to ENR subsectors.

1. Introduction

This financial year, the Uganda National Forest Stewardship Standards (UNIFSS) was finalized and launched by the Forest Stewardship Council and the Ministry of Water and Environment. It is intended to set standards for forest management through voluntary certification of relevant ENR subsectors and the ENR CSOs.

i. Supported the review of the Uganda-Africa Forest Sector Roundtable (FRSRT) Forest Management Guidelines to include the Community Forestry Task Force recommendations.

ii) In 2014, MWE agreed to engage the power sector (Power Generation, Distribution and Transmission) on afforestation and reforestation and to garner international support in regulating the trade.

b) At District Local Government and Lower subsectors and others specific to the respective subsector.

v) Stakeholders are concerned about the fate of Uganda National Meteorological Authority (UgMoMA) and the Regional Climate Information Systems.

The Position Paper was produced by the ENR-CSO Network, C/O Environmental Alert, UCSD, UTGA, UWS and WWF-UCO. About the Environment and Natural Resources Civil Society Network (ENR-CSO Network) was founded for the purpose of collaborating with the Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE) to align its priorities to those of the government in the sector and articulate them to the Ministry. The network was founded for the purpose of engaging the Ministry of Water and Environment and other stakeholders in the formulation of policies towards achievement of the intended outcomes.

For the Forestry thematic area:

b) The proposed merger of National Forestry Authority (NFA) and National Forestry Futures (NFF) with National Forest Extension and Training (NFET) as a single entity by mainstreaming ENR considerations across high priority agenda issues related to good governance.

E) Contribution to the weather, climate and vulnerability thematic area:

i) MWE urgently expands the shortlist of high priority agenda issues related to good governance.

v) Stakeholders are concerned about the fate of Uganda National Meteorological Authority (UgMoMA) and the Regional Climate Information Systems.