

THE GREEN MATCH

The 5th June of every year is the world environment day, a day designated by the United Nations to highlight the need for environmental protection and action. The United Nations Theme this year is "**AIR POLLUTION**". In Uganda there is fast disappearance of forests at the rate of more than 100,000 h.a per year, forests are being cut down and parcelled out to private persons. Forests such as Bugoma forest, zoka forest, mabira forests are under constant pressure from private persons who want to turn such forests into sugar cane plantations, illegal logging among others. There are many individuals who depend on the continued existence of forests for their livelihoods. Forests have rear species of animals such as chimpanzees which attract tourist and help boosts the local economy.

There are few green parks within the city due to pressure from development activities and yet green parks are important spaces for a more organized, robust, resilient, healthy and beautiful city.

We commend the work done by government agencies like NEMA, KCCA, and UWA in protecting and conserving our environment but more remains to be done. More green parks must be gazetted to reduce the effects of pollution in our city because they filter pollutants and dust from the air, green parks also reduce urban heat, and they also help reduce crime rates because young people have places to interact and are kept off the streets. We have green parks such as Centenary Park, city square, and railways Green Park, more green parks must be created or designated.

We as **Greenpeace & Advocacy Uganda** are organizing and mobilizing THE GREEN MATCH on the 5th June 2019 of this year to highlight the need to conserve forests and rejuvenate green parks in our city. To combat stop the destruction of forests we need to build a mass movement, a critical mass necessary to cause real change and enforce a spirit and culture of environmental conservation in every person not only in Uganda but also in the whole world. Our life as a people is at stake and more must therefore be done to preserve our environment and natural resources.

Objectives of the Match.

1. Highlight the need to conserve forests and stop the giveaway of Budongo Forest.
2. To encourage actions towards rejuvenation and conservation of green parks.
3. To mobilize the critical mass required to cause the necessary change towards environmental protection and conservation.

Theme

1. Conservation of forests and green parks for a greener, healthier and more resilient city and country.

Our Message.

1. Our forests must be conserved and more areas demarcated for tree planting nationally.
2. More Green parks be demarcated by the city.
3. We should participate in conservation efforts.

TARGET GROUP

Our target group are all persons because everyone must be involved in something that impacts on their life, the different communities, the secondary school students, university students, companies, civil society organizations and others.

Results to be achieved.

1. Disseminate information on the need to conserve our forests
2. Build a new consensus on how preserve our forests and demarcate more green parks.
3. Build a movement, the critical mass need to engineer the we's behaviour towards environmental conservation.
4. Interest the public in environmental conservation.

There will be a 2 hour green talk after the end of the match

Guest Speakers

1. **Mr. Onesmus Mugenyi**, Deputy Executive Director & Manager Environmental Democracy Programme.
2. **William Amanzuru**, Winner Of The Human Rights Defenders Award 2019 For Advocating For The Protection Of Zoka Forest.
3. **Ms Anette Kironde**, Programmes Manager Care International
4. **Dr. Tom Okurut**, Executive Director of NEMA.
5. **Dr Okello Ayeni Daniel**, Director Public health and Environment, KCCA

The match will begin from the green park opposite the railways and end at Centenary Park where there will a short green talk of 2 hours because it's among the few preserved green parks/Belts, after members by there signature will commit to conserve forests and green parks, and there will be a tree planting ceremony to mark the event.

PROGRAMME.

ACTIVITY	TIME
Arrival and registration	8:30-9:00 Am
Match	9:30-10:30 Am
Breakfast at centenary park/lunch	10:30-10:45 Am
Opening remarks	10:30-10:40 Am
Speeches by guest speakers	10:40-12:30 Pm
Departure at will	12;00 Pm

BUDGET

ITEM	QUANTITY/NUMBER	PRICE(UGX)
Printing banners and flyers	3 banners, capes and 600 flyers	1000,000
band	1	500,000
Tshirts	100	1,500,000
Water and soft drinks	Water and soft rinks, 600	600,000
breakfast	200	2,400,000
Photography	1	300,000
Media	2	300,000
Police facilitation	2	200,000
Honoriums	4	1,500,000
coordinators	5	1,000,000
Airtime and Transport		300,000
Tents		300,000
Address system		300,000
Total		9,700,000