



World Environment Day Celebrations 2019 Concept Note

1.0. Introduction

World Environment Day (WED) was formally designated by the United Nations Environment Programme on 5 June 1972, the opening day of the first World Environment Conference in Stockholm, and the first World Environment Day was held in 1974. Since then, nearly 150 countries have been involved every year, with activities that range from **raising awareness for environmental protection to encouraging action for recycling, sustainable development and consumption, fighting global warming, cleaning up pollution and many other issues**. UN Environment has aided in the formulation of guidelines and treaties on issues such as the international trade in potentially harmful chemicals, transboundary air pollution, and contamination of international waterways.

As the world gets hotter as a result of climate change and more crowded because of the ever growing world population, our engines and industrial plants continue to pump out dirty emissions in the earth's atmosphere, while residential biomass burning is becoming the lead contributor to disease burden in low income communities – due to lack of access to clean fuels or technologies. The very air we breathe is growing dangerously polluted – nine of out of ten people now breathe polluted air, which kills 7 million people every. According to the World Health organization (WHO), climate change could potentially increase the number of deaths from air pollution by hundreds of thousands between 2030 and 2050.

2.0. Global Theme

The World Environment Day 2019 will be celebrated globally under the theme “**Air Pollution**”. The theme urges governments, industry, communities, and individuals to come together to explore renewable energy, green technologies and improvement of air quality in cities and regions across the world. The Global celebrations will be hosted by **China**.

3.0. National theme

The national celebration will be hosted by **Moroto District Local Government** on Wednesday, 5th June 2019 under the National theme “**Fight air pollution to Protect Human Life and the Environment**”.

4.0. Objective

In Uganda, the WED celebrations will focus on raising awareness on the dangers of **air pollution** and other issues affecting our environment as well as a call to action to reduce pollution.

5.0. How the CSOs and Networks and the General Public can participate

Table 1: Activities organized by NEMA

#	Activity	Contact details
1	Clean up activity in 4 regions	For details contact NEMA via 1. Dr. Daniel Babikwa (PhD), Daniel.babikwa@nema.go.ug 0772-667066 2. Aiden J. Asekenye Aidan.asekenye@nema.go.ug 0772-579683
2	Tree planting	
3	Radio Talk shows	
4	TV Talk shows (National)	
5	WED Marathon(Moroto)	

Table 2: Activities organized by Greenpeace & Advocacy Uganda

#	Activity	Comment	Contact details
1	Green Match	Will begin from Green park opposite the Railways and end at Centenary park.	For details contact Greenpeace & Advocacy Uganda 1. Akabwai Ogulei Emmanuel, akabwaiemmanuel@yahoo.com 0783-372 789 or 0701-555 451