



ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN ENVIRONMENTAL ALERT (EA) AND BUKALASA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE (BAC) ON THE OPERATIONALISATION OF MEMORANDUM OF PRINCIPALS (MOU)



1.0 Introduction.

On the 31st January 2020, **Environmental Alert (EA)** (Box 2) and **Bukalasa Agricultural College (BAC)** (Box 1) held their first meeting at the College to devise means on how to implement the Memorandum of Principles (MoU) that was signed on 11th April 2019. The MoU provided the framework for collaboration and partnership between **Bukalasa Agricultural College (BAC)** and **Environmental Alert (EA)** to advance development and implementation of collaborative and mutually beneficial programs at the **Environmental Alert Agribusiness and Incubation centre (EA-ABIC)**.

2.0 Background.

EA-ABIC is a 10 acre farm land located at Kyevunze village in Wobulenzi in Luweero district off Bombo road. Currently the centre has various crop enterprises including: *eucalyptus*, *bananas*, and *coffee*. EA is interested in further developing this farm as an **Agribusiness and Incubation Center** that is self-sustaining while generating income and demonstrating appropriate environment and natural resources management technologies, innovations and practices. The target groups are students, interns and youths of the neighboring communities. A graduate intern from BAC was however recruited by the EA administration to support the establishment of the centre.

3.0 The purpose of the meeting was;

To discuss how best the MoU can be implemented.

4.0 List of participants.

No	Name	Role
1	Joshua Zake (PhD)	Executive Director.
2	Peninah Atwine	Business development Assistant
3	Kiryowa Abdul	Business Development intern EA-ABIC
4	Walugembe Godfrey	Office assistant/ Driver
5	Gelvan Kisoro Lule	Principal Bukalasa Agricultural College
6	Sserwanga Joseph	Deputy Principal Bukalasa Agricultural College
7	Galiwango Samuel	Lecturer Bukalasa Agricultural College.

5.0 Results.

- The meeting identified the two focal persons from EA and BAC and they will meet more often to discuss issues concerning the centre.
- The Principal BAC said the college will render necessary support to open the access road if by August it's not opened.

- c) BAC will give the necessary support in the drafting of a physical plan, strategic plan and so on for EA-ABIC.

6.0 Follow up actions.

- a) The meeting resolved that focal persons from both parties will meet more often and discuss further developments on the EA-ABIC and some of which included;
 - i. Drafting physical plan for the centre.
 - ii. Drafting EA-ABIC 10 year's strategic plan.
 - iii. Making Feasibility study for potential enterprises at the centre.
 - iv. Set Criteria of selecting the students, interns and youths to be skilled at the centre.
- b) Establishing of an access road at the centre.
- c) Mapping of potential funding partners to aid establishment of the centre.



Representatives from Environmental Alert and Bukalasa Agricultural College attending a meeting (on the left), and having a group photo (on the right). Photo credit: Environmental Alert.

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Box 1. Bukalasa Agricultural College (BAC).

BAC is located 50 km a long Kampala Gulu highway is a Public tertiary institution whose mandate is to produce quality graduates both at certificate and diploma levels with practical skills and capacity to sustainably manage agricultural value chains,

Currently BAC runs;

- a) 4 two-year certificate Programs in Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Agri-business and Horticulture.
- b) 4 two-year Diploma Programs in Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Agribusiness, Horticulture and Human Nutrition & Dietetics.

BAC Vision.

A leading training institution in skilling Agricultural professionals, practitioners and Agro-entrepreneurs.

BAC Mission.

To train and skill using innovative approaches for sustainable Agricultural transformation

Box 2. About Environmental Alert

Environmental Alert (EA) was founded in **1988** and has developed and transitioned into a National Non-Governmental organization contributing to an enabling policy environment for sustainable agriculture and sound environment and natural resources management at community, local, national and international levels. EA is officially registered with the NGO Board as a Ugandan non-governmental organization (NGO), incorporated as a company limited by guarantee. EA is governed by an Independent Board that is responsible for providing strategic oversight of the organization including ensuring its integrity as a voluntary service organization.

EA is a **1st prize winner of the Energy globe award for environmental sustainability-2005 under the category, earth.**

EA is a member of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and a Member of The IUCN National Committee for Uganda.

EA envisions, *'Resilient and dignified communities, managing their environment and natural resources sustainably.'*

EA's mission is to, *'Contribute to improved livelihoods of vulnerable communities by enhancing agricultural productivity and sustainable natural resources management'*

Program and institutional Components:

1. Environment and Natural resources management;
2. Food security and Nutrition;
3. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene;
4. Finance and Administration;
5. Resource mobilization and Investment.

Scale of Implementation:

EA operates in selected districts for generation of evidence to inform policy engagements on agriculture, environment and natural resources at National and International levels. Currently EA's operations are in 40 districts across the country. EA undertakes area wide targeted awareness on selected issues in agriculture, environment and natural resources engagements

EA is a Secretariat for following networks:

- a) The Network for Civil Society Organizations in Environment & Natural Resources Sector (ENR-CSO Network) - <http://enr-cso.org/>;
- b) Uganda Forestry Working Group - <http://ufwg.entalert.org/>;
- c) The Standards Development Group (for promotion of Sustainable Forest Management in Uganda); and
- d) Promoting Local Innovation in ecologically oriented agriculture and natural resources management (PROLINNOVA-Uganda Network) - [http://www.prolinnova.net/uganda](http://www.prolinnova.net/uganda;);
- e) The Renewable Energy CSO Network.

Further information about Environmental Alert is available at: <http://entalert.org/>