



Environment Alert's Profile

Environmental Alert (EA) was founded in 1988 and has contributed to improved livelihoods and development in Uganda through several interventions in sustainable agriculture, environment and natural resources management. EA is officially registered with the NGO Bureau as a Ugandan non-governmental organization, 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.

This profile presents more information about EA's competences, experiences and achievements over the years.

Vision- *'Resilient and dignified communities, managing their environment and natural resources sustainably.'*

Mission – *'EA exists to advocate for an enabling environment, sustainable natural resources management and food security for targeted communities through empowerment and policy engagement.'*

To accomplish its mission, EA specializes in policy engagement for better policies and delivery of services to poor communities in both rural and urban environments. EA undertakes structured service delivery mobilizing communities and facilitating development of their skills, approaches and technologies for the sustainable management of their agricultural systems, natural resources and Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) facilities and services. Furthermore, this interaction generates experiences, lessons and facts which inform EA's issue-based advocacy agenda at the community, local, national and international levels.

EA, as a host of the Secretariats of major national CSO Networks

EA has vast experiences in mobilizing and coordinating stakeholders for issue based joint engagements in the agriculture, environment, natural resources, water, sanitation and renewable energy sub-sectors.

EA has played and continues to play a representation and leadership role in structured CSO lobbying and advocacy engagements at the national, sub-regional and local levels. The following are some of them:

#	Area	Details
a	National Climate Advisory Committee	Within the framework of this committee through coordination by the Climate Change Department of the Ministry of Water and Environment, Environmental Alert among other stakeholders participated in several meetings and consultations that resulted into the formulation of the Uganda's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). But also related review and validation of the Implementation Plan of the NDCs of Uganda. Through these interactions, Environmental Alert provided technical inputs for consideration by

		Government in this process. The inputs were based on Environmental Alert's own experiences & lessons in addition to those of the other CSOs in the Water and Environment sector, with due consideration that Environmental Alert hosts the Secretariat for the Environment and Natural Resources Civil Society Organizations (ENR-CSO) network
b	National REDD+1 Technical Committee	
c	Technical Committee of the Agroforestry & Urban Forestry Sub-forum of the National Forestry Forum.	
d	<i>Environment and Natural Resources Sector Working Group</i> for the Ministry of Water and Environment;	
e	EA is a member of the <i>National Wetlands Advisory Group</i> ;	
f	Civil society coordination in the national consultative processes that resulted into the forest sector policy and institutional reforms in Uganda	These reforms gave birth to the new Forestry Policy, the National Forest Plan, the National Forestry and Tree Planting Act, and a new institutional structure for managing forestry in the country;
g	EA coordinates and hosts the secretariats of three major civil society networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The Environment and Natural Resource-CSO Network (ENR-CSO Network)¹; ii) The Uganda Forest Working Group (UFWG)²; iii) The Standards Development Group; iv) The Promoting Local Innovations for sustainable agriculture and sound Natural Resource Management (PROLINNOVA) Network – Uganda³

¹ The ENR-CSO Network is another civil society network that brings together local and international NGOs that work in the broader environment and natural resources sector. The ENR-CSO Network has an elected leadership and a secretariat that coordinates its activities. The Network is active in mobilizing its members' engagement in sub-national and national level forest policy process, including the national and district annual budget cycles. Further information about the ENR-CSO network is available at: <http://enr-cso.org/>

² UFWG is a platform with a broad spectrum of stakeholders who play different yet complementary roles in their individual, collective and institutional capacities. These include field technical support, small grants management, research and products development, awareness creation, piloting alternatives, media publicity of issues and policy processes, public debate, advocacy and legislative lobbying, budget analysis and advocacy as well as independently monitor the implementation of the Forest Policy commitments. Environmental Alert is the Secretariat of the UFWG. Further information about UFWG is available at: <http://ufwg.enaalert.org/>

³ PROLINNOVA Uganda is an NGO-led multistakeholder initiative to build a national learning network on promoting local innovation in ecologically oriented agriculture and natural resource management (NRM). PROLINNOVA-Uganda envisions, 'a world in which women and men farmers play decisive roles in agriculture and NRM innovation processes for sustainable livelihoods. Further information about Prolinnova Uganda is available at: <https://www.prolinnova.net/uganda>

H	<p>EA is part of the <u>Southern Voices on Climate Change Adaptation initiative</u> coordinated and supported by Care International and partners to monitor country level processes for implementation of the <u>National Adaptation Plans, Nationally Determined Contributions and the Sustainable Development Goals.</u></p>	<p>The objective is to advance structure evidence-based engagements with the Government and other stakeholders to influence decision making towards delivery of the commitments made with these frameworks. Besides, the participating CSOs benefit greatly through awareness and training on how to sustain effective lobbying and advocacy on this initiative</p>
I	<p>EA is a member to several <u>CSO networks at national and local levels</u> for effective issue-based policy engagements to deliver common interests and goals through collaboration for tapping into synergies and pooling resources.</p>	<p>These CSO networks include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. <i>International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)</i> - https://www.britannica.com/topic/international-Union-for-Conservation-of-Nature ; ii. <i>The Uganda National Committee for the IUCN;</i> iii. <i>The Global Environment Facility CSO Network</i> - http://www.gefcso.org/www.gefcso.org/index.html; iv. <i>The Civil Society Coalition on Oil and Gas (CSCO)</i> - http://oilinuganda.org/civil-society-coalition-for-oil/; v. <i>The National NGO Forum</i> - http://www.ngoforum.or.ug/ ; vi. <i>Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM) Uganda</i> - https://www.pelumuganda.org/ vii. <i>The Land Actors Platform hosted at PELUM Uganda;</i> viii. <i>The Uganda NGO Network on Water and Sanitation</i> - http://www.uwasnet.org/Elgg/address ; ix. <i>The Southern Voices on Climate Change Adaptation</i> - http://www.southernvoices.net/en/ ;

EA operations and outreach

EA scale of engagements currently involves stakeholders in **40 districts across the country** (i.e., 20 in the Albertine graben --*Arua, Nebbi, Koboko, Moyo, Adjumani, Maracha, Masindi, Hoima, Buliisa, Kagadi, Kyenjojo, Kibaale, Kasese, Bushenyi, Rubirizi, Mitooma, Rukungiri, Kabarole, Kisoro and Bundibugyo, Rakai*); Kampala, Arua, Kyegegwa, Kyenjojo, Wakiso, Mukono, Jinja, Buikwe, Luweero, Isingiro, Rakai, Kyegegwa, Gulu, Masindi, Kabalole, Kyenjojo.

EA as a host for Secretariat of various CSO networks mobilized and coordinated **over 250 CSOs/CBOs** for joint action engagement at national and local levels through CSO Networks such as ***Uganda Forest Working Group*** - <http://ufwg.ervalert.org/>; ***Standards Development Group; Environment and Natural Resources -CSO Network*** - <http://enr-cso.org/> ; ***PROLINNOVA-Uganda Network*** - <http://www.prolinnova.net/uganda> ; and **Renewable Energy CSO Network in Uganda.**

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EA Strategic and development partners

Care International in Uganda; The World Wide Fund-Uganda Country Office; Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA); Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD); The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization; The International Union for Conservation of Nature; Water Aid Uganda; Ministry of Water and Environment; The United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization (UNFAO); The United Nations Development Program (UNDP); GIZ-Uganda; The Ministry of Water and Environment; The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development; The National Agricultural Research Organization; The Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovations; The National Environment Management Authority (NEMA); The National Forestry Authority (NFA); Makerere University; Bukalasa Agricultural College; Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group (CSBAG); Trac FM; Uganda Coalition for Sustainable Development (UCSD); The Climate Action Network – Uganda; SUDWIND; Federal Ministry Republic of Austria Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection.

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Websites for Networks:

UFWG: Website: <http://ufwg.envalert.org/> Twitter: @UFWG_UG; Face book: **Uganda Forestry Working Group**

ENR-CSO Network:

Website: <http://enr-cso.org/>

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