

CSBAG BUDGET NEWS



Prioritize Financing for Climate Change Interventions: Gov't Urged.



Julius Mukunda Executive Director CSBAG-left moderating the discussion on Financing Water, Environment and Climate Change that took place on 24th March 2022 at Ministry of Water Auditorium #FINANCINGWASH #UWEK22

Financing of Climate change is a primary concern for most countries especially developing countries such as Uganda, This is exacerbated in the current fiscal environment of tight budgets and strong fiscal consolidation, as public funding provides the lion's share of financial resources for water management.

"Due to climate change, the frequency of natural disasters like drought, flooding, landslides have increased, the disasters have consequences on the budget in case unplanned or emergence funding is required and its prudent for Government to provide finances to address causes of climate change " Dr.Fred Muhumuza emphasized.

Underfunding according to him remains a major challenge; the budget allocation in the Mid-Term Expenditure Framework is far below the projected funding to achieve the outcomes and implement the interventions as outlined in the Third National Development Plan (NDP III) and Programme Implementation Action Plan.

The allocation to the Natural Resources Programme according to the National Budget Framework Paper is estimated at UGX794.8 billion in the FY 2022/23, which represents a 3.3% of the total budget. This is an increase from UGX 577.16bn from the previous FY 2021/22. Only 115.76bn (14.6%) has been

allocated to recurrent expenditure and 678.946 (85.4%) for development expenditure.

This week CSBAG in collaboration with IRC organized a parallel dialogue on Financing Water, Environment and Climate Change at the ongoing 2022 Uganda Water Week, which brought together key actors from civil Society and Gov't, Ministry of Finance, Water-Kenya, Private Sector Foundation-UG, Community International Development Limited who interrogated the financing and performance aspects on water, climate change and environmental management. The following recommendations were made to enhance financing Climate change in Uganda;

There is need to lobby Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development to allow Ministry of Water and Environment to retain at least 50% of the environment levy.

There is need to market the water and environment sector as an investment not a sending sector.

Embrace investment that doesn't affect our water resources and condemn deforestation and degradation in all its forms.

There is need for regulations that are stable and avoid policy reversals in order to attract private sector funding streams.

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CSOs in their different thematic groups analyzing the Ministerial Policy Statement FY2022/23 during the CSO retreat organized by CSBAG in partnership with ACF-UG, UWONET, SEATINI-UG, Right to Grow-UG on 22nd March 2022 at Esella Country Hotel .

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Source: National Budget Framework FY2022/23 by MoFPED