



Announcement and call for Abstracts
Towards resilient landscapes and livelihoods through
Landcare approach

Inaugural Biennial National Landcare Conference & Awards

Uganda, November 26-28, 2019 Kabale SW Uganda

Conference Invitation and Thematic Scope

Uganda Landcare Network (ULN) – A national landcare platform for land care stewardship in partnership with local, continental and global Landcare platforms is launching a Biennial National Landcare Conference and Awards (NLCA) in Uganda in November 2019. This unique event is positioned to bring together landcare platforms, champion farmers / land users, academia and other stakeholders from grassroots organisations, local and international NGOs, and researchers, to multilateral organisations and government agencies from around the world to advance understanding of the 'landcare approach' and its linkages to food security, environment conservation and landscape restoration. Convening the NLCA creates opportunities for participants to learn from each other and contribute towards scaling sustainable land management (SLM) practices across landscapes. The conference programme is strategically structured to provide opportunities for participants to share experiences, successes, and strategies while building synergies for new emerging perspectives on SLM. Further, the conference is an opportunity for the national Landcare fraternity in Uganda to adopt a declaration with common commitments to pro landcare actions during the ULN General Assembly.

Thematic Scope

The NLCA has its thematic focus on building resilient landscapes and livelihoods through a Landcare approach that encompass :(i) Community based (for decisions and actions)through local level groups as local groups; (ii) Improving natural resource management (NRM) for production and conservation; (iii) Partnerships for information sharing, funding and other opportunities; (iv) Individual groups autonomous in their management. Resilient landscapes and livelihoods provide a foundation for healthy environment and people – ensuring food security, climate adaptation and mitigation and resilience for coping with natural disasters. As such, the conference theme provides key elements for contributing to achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development particularly for SDG 15 on sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems and SDG target 15.3 on Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN). At country level, the conference pivots directly into Uganda's national development agenda, the Vision 2040 and the National Development Plan (NDP 2) which recognizes investment in SLM as one of the key focus areas that can facilitate the country's transformation.

Landcare fraternity

Landcare is a global movement with success stories spreading widely across the five continents. While the movement remains community driven, in some countries like South Africa, landcare has been mainstreamed into government programmes. In Australia, where the Landcare movement is most widespread, it remains private but innovatively in close partnership with Government. Elsewhere, the movement is spreading fast steered by Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), supported by local and overseas partners, albeit government recognised/ endorsed for official functioning.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

PART 1: LAND CARE WEEK

This National Landcare Week Nov- 24th – 30th, 2019 will be an annual celebration that acknowledges the great work being carried out by the young generation in schools voluntarily caring for land as a key asset of Uganda's economy.

Main goal:

To create awareness, demonstrate and showcase success stories on Junior Landcare programmes in Uganda.

Topics:

- Landcare awareness walk along side a band – Main Street of Kabale Municipality
- Exhibitions, Music/ Poems and dance presentation Gala and awards in schools
- Exchange visits

PART II: NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Main goal: To popularize scaling sustainable land management practices - creation synergies between resilient landscapes and livelihoods.

CONFERENCE THEMES

- Community Landcare Initiatives
- Nurturing Junior Landcare in schools
- Policy frameworks towards scaling landcare innovations
- Managing land related to human induced catastrophes
- Partnerships in landcare
- Addressing cross cutting issues in Landcare

Call for abstracts

Participants are invited to submit a short abstract (max 400 words) in English for a thematic contribution (plenary and poster presentation). Presentations shall address at least one of the above themes, illustrate it through the concrete example and derive conclusions that are relevant to communities / landscapes.

Plenary and breakout sessions

These will be organised by ULN and its partners to engage the audience and encourage lively discussions.

Keynote presentation

Global renown keynote speaker on Landcare have been invited to provide perspective on the conference themes, followed by engaging discussion with participants

Breakout sessions/ Side events

Break-out sessions are focused on learning and building the skills of those attending them. They are self-organised, with organisers responsible for modulating the sessions. These include: (i) Bioenergy; (ii) PIP approach- Integrated Farm Planning Approach; (iii) Catchment management

PART II NATIONAL LANDCARE AWARDS DURING DINNER 28TH NOV. 2019

ULN in collaboration has established distinguished landcare awards to focus and recognise landcare champions who are implementing in an outstanding manner one or many landcare initiatives demonstrating people-centred landcare and, as a result positively influencing a critical mass of adopters under the following 6 subthemes

- 1: Sustainable and resilient communities
- 2: Conserving biodiversity and natural resources across boundaries
- 3: Scaling up and scaling out innovation in sustainability –

- 4: Water, IWRM, catchments and the landcare model of integrated NRM
- 5: Climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction - enabling local responses to global risks
- 6: Food security - linking the NRM and food security agendas through local landcare value chains

PART IV : FIELD TRIP ON 29TH NOVEMBER, 2019 (1 DAY)

The field trip is to show case sites of successful implementation and achievement of landcare approach.

PART V : LANDCARE BUSINESS MEETING (BY INVITATION) Evening of 29th November, 2019 - ULN Trustees, African Landcare Network (ALN) ; Landcare International (LI) and Australia Landcare International ALI

Organization Information

Venue

Bunyonyi Safaris Resort

Hotel Location: Lake Bunyonyi, Kabale District. Only 25 minutes drive from town.

Bunyonyi Safaris Resort

Chabahinga, Kabale, Uganda

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ARRIVAL

Participants should make bookings to arrival on Sunday 24th November through either Entebbe or Kigali International Airport. NB Those arriving in Entebbe unless their flights are in the morning else better they arrive on Saturday overnight in Entebbe and Sunday travel to Kabale by road. Through Kigali day time flights, participants can make it in 1 hour to Conference venue in Kabale.

Coordination office will provide contacts of reliable transport Kigali to Kabale and Entebbe to Kabale

DEPARTURE:

Plan your departure from conference venue on Friday 29th or Saturday 30th November, 2019. There is an option of visiting Bwindi National Park to view Mountain Gorillas from 29th November, 2019

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Visa can be obtained on arrival at Entebbe Airport; Kigali and Katuna Board

LANGUAGE

The language during the conference will be English

ORGANIZER /HOST

The National Conference will be hosted by Uganda Landcare Network (ULN) in collaboration with the Ministries of Local Government; Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries in partnership with Kabale University; African Landcare Network (ALN) and Landcare International (LI)

PARTICIPANTS

Stakeholders involved sustainable land management including Farmers, Researchers, and Academia, Extension agents, Policy makers, NGO staff and Private sector.

REGISTRATION

A registration fee is \$ 100 or UGX equivalent participants covering meals.

ACCOMMODATION:

Accommodation will be charged separately at negotiated rates with Bunyonyi Safaris Resort which has a range of rooms to fit various categories.

HEALTH INSURANCE

All participants are encouraged to obtain a health insurance during the period of the conference.

REGISTRATION

Please fill out the online registration form

OVERALL TIME TABLE

DAY	ACTIVITY	KEY PARTNERS
DAY 1 Sunday 24 th	Arrival and Registration	ULN Secretariat
DAY 2 Monday 25 th	Junior Landcare Programme & Exhibitions	LANDCARE Partners –Local Regional and Global
DAY 3 Tuesday 26 th	Conference	
DAY 4 Wed 27 th	Conference	
DAY 5 Thurs 28 th	Field Trip and Awards Dinner	Local planning committee
DAY 6 Friday 29 th	Business meeting (ALN) & Departure	ALN and LI
Saturday 30 th	BWINDI NATIONAL PARK VISIT Individually planned	UWA https://www.ugandawildlife.org
Sunday Dec1		

Looking forward to your participation.

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On behalf of Conference organizers and Host Institutions