

# **CONCEPT FOR THE LAUNCH OF THE IN-SERVICE CURRICULUM ON SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT(SLM)**

DATE : 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2020

TIME :9.00am- 12 Noon

VENUE:Africana Hotel Uganda

## **Introduction:**

Landcare Network (ULN) is a national platform for landcare stewardship. The network entered a formal partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) under a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) dated 01/08/2017 to strengthen capacity of extensionists working with farmers, technical staff of local government authorities, and Research and Development R&D) partners on SLM.

Since 2017, ULN in collaboration with MAAIF directorate of extension has targeted agricultural extension services in the nine districts of northern Uganda (Acholi subregion including Adjumani) to identify, assess and disseminate sustainable land management (SLM) practices.

In addition, ULN under the support of GIZ is currently working with technical teams at district levels to promote Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) in Lango, Acholi and Karamoja sub regions. In the effort to mainstream SLM in state and non state operational structures, ULN has established an SLM database

(UGACAT) which is hosted by government (NARO) [www.slm.go.ug](http://www.slm.go.ug). This is also linked to the global database [www.qcat.wocat.net/en/wocat/list](http://www.qcat.wocat.net/en/wocat/list) to support and guide implementation of SLM activities at farm level and beyond.

Despite all these efforts by ULN, the need for capacity building of a wide range of stakeholders on SLM is still evident. Bridging this gap, has brought on board Bukakasa Agricultural College (BAC), one of the oldest and reputable government owned training institution with a mandate of training and skilling manpower using innovative approaches for sustainable agricultural transformation.

By virtue of its mandate, BAC has led the process of the SLM In-service curriculum design to ensure continuous capacity strengthening of key target audiences which include extension staff, researchers, farmers, and policy makers.

The hands-on in-service curriculum whose content was reviewed by the national SLM experts and was due for piloting before COVID 19 lockdown. The curriculum comprises a practical SLM package to adequately equip at least 500 extensionists annually on the current global threats of Climate Change (CC) and strategies to ensure food security and increased incomes to the farming households.

## **Purpose of the Launch**

The launch targets putting the SLM training package on offer to the public and other prospective customers. Specifically, it is intended to;

- Clearly introduce a new product (SLM short course) to the public
- Build awareness and credibility for the new product and the brands of its promoters
- Create immediate demand for the product

## **Event Mode**

Matching the current COVID19 – SOP guidelines, the SLM in service curriculum launch has been planned as a virtual webinar with several regional hubs to enable participation across the country and globally.

## **Chief Guest**

Considering the importance of SLM accorded by GOU, ULN is requesting the Hon Aggrey Bagiire, State Minister, MAAIF to preside over the launch as the chief guest.

## **Categories of other participants to attend the Launch**

Academicians, Farmers, Extensionists, policy makers, researchers and general public.