

THE NATIONAL LANDCARE CONFERENCE AND AWARDS (NLCA) 2019

Towards resilient landscapes and livelihoods through
the landcare approach

SUMMARY REPORT





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The 2019 National Landcare Conference and Awards (NLCA) was organized in Uganda for the first time. It emerged as a big success for various reasons, majorly because of Government of Uganda (GOU) committed and supported in line with the importance attached to land and its care illustrated in the national prayer -Anthem (below). The power of partnerships across scales also made it possible to harness lots of opportunities, support and interest towards a successful event.

At local level, Uganda Landcare Network (ULN) worked closely with Kabale Agroforestry Network (KAN) executive committee; specifically Mr. Gershom Bahika and Mr. Jimmy Musiime. The KAN site team collaborated with Local Government Authorities (LGAs); including Kabale District LCV 5 chairman, Mayor – Kabale Municipality, also Chair Kabale District landcare Platform (KADILC) to provide the necessary coordination and mobilization to make the conference and awards smooth.

At national level, Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) is appreciated for playing a leading role in ensuring the conference and Awards was government owned, as supported and made visible among key partners active in land management in Uganda. Specifically, Hon. Vincent Ssempijja – landcare champion from Masaka, staff of Directorate of Extension: Director – Mrs. Beatrice Byarugaba; Commissioner- Dr. Patience Rwamigisa and contact Ministry staff on ULN/MAAIF ongoing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Ms. Eve Luvumu as well as UNCCD focal point (Mr. Stephen Muwaya) and Mr. Robert Sabiiti. The National Agricultural Research Organization (NARO) contributed substantially to the conference success, specifically- Dr. Wilberforce Tushemereirwe -Director National Agricultural Research Laboratories and Dr. Drake Mubiru – Principal Research Scientist and part of National Expert Group (NEG) – Sustainable Land Management (SLM).

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*Oh Uganda!
May God uphold Thee,
We lay our future in thy
hand, United, free, For
liberty, Together we'll
always stand.*

*Oh Uganda!
The land of Freedom,
Our love and labor we give,
And with neighbours' all,
At our Country's call,
In peace and friendship,
we'll live.*

*Oh Uganda!
The land that Feeds us,
By sun and fertile soil
grown,
For our own dear land,
We'll always stand,
The Pearl of Africa's Crown*



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

NLCA (2019) was co-hosted between ULN and MAAIF from 24th to 28th November, 2019 in Kabale, South West Uganda. The purpose of the forum was to provide a platform for knowledge sharing and networking while recognizing landcare success stories for scaling across the country. Over 600 participants attended the two in one conference: (i) Junior landcare (JLC) week launch comprising of a street walk, exhibition of success stories, awards giving presided over by Mr. Sentaro - Mayor, Kabale Municipality and; (ii) main conference with speeches, presentations, side workshops, field trip and award giving, officially opened by the Minister for Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) Honourable Vincent Ssempijja, represented by Ms. Eve Luvumu, from -MAAF Directorate of Extension. Participants were drawn mainly from across Uganda with country representatives from Kenya, Malawi, South Africa, Australia, Sweden and USA. Participants comprised of farmers - part of landcare groups, policy makers, private sector, researchers, extension agents, school children, teachers and undergraduate students with a few University Professors.

The chairperson of LI presented the key note address on **Landcare across scales: Leading in the EverGreening the Earth Campaign**. Other key presentations included replicable success stories including one on **Catchment Management- Corner Inlet Australia** <https://vimeo.com/219676155> presented by ALI executive and herself recipient of Landcare Victoria Inc. Heather Mitchell memorial fellowship award. Case studies on enabling factors for scaling SLM included a country position paper on **Institutionalizing SLM through extension innovations** by the commissioner- Agricultural Extension, MAAIF. Landcare approaches were dominated by sharing SLM project outputs while popularizing Uganda's success story from <http://www.ugacat.ug/> - a primary recommended database by the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) from IFAD funded



project on scaling SLM in Northern Uganda. In addition, research results were shared from Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) funded project on **Innovation platforms and agroforestry in Mt. Elgon** by the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF). Individual champion farmers grassroot institutions groups' and Junior Landcare testimonies included **Bionergy innovations in Kenya, innovative local financing based landcare in Masaka, scalable technologies and practices for banana productivity in Uganda, Total landcare movement** in Malawi, Landcare groups in Kenya, **Government driven Landcare programme** in South Africa presented by the Director, Landuse and Soil Management, and ALI executive

Side events were organized on 5 themes: (i) **Collective action and Bylaws- Policies** by Commissioner Emeritus, MAAIF; (ii) **Catchment management**, by the Partnerships and Engagement Team Leader at West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority - Australia (iii) **Savings for Landcare** – Chairperson –LWEDE SACCO (iv) **Bio energy-Gliricidia** – CEO Zero Two Heroes Limited from Kenya (v) **SLM challenges and opportunities-** NARO Scientist with PhD student from Stockholm Resilience Centre. Numerous landcare groups exhibited products associated with landcare activities, including women coffee exporters from Mt Elgon, Kapchorwa District Landcare Chapter - oldest chapter in Uganda, Kabale University, Uganda Christian University, Scaling SLM project in Northern Uganda.

The field trip organised by a local landcare group-KAN that captured a post consecutive 2016/17 Landslides community in Ikamiro Rubanda district where 17 lives, many animals were lost as well as wide scale destruction of farmland. The community used a landcare approach while mobilising and facilitating communities to harness landscape level impacts. Predominantly, the community operate on self-help voluntary basis, backstopped by KAN and local Government and visibly have transformed the landscapes and livelihoods to impressive levels. In addition, impact of partnerships and empowerment of grassroots communities were illustrated.

Awards were given to outstanding efforts illustrated by passion, volunteerism and willingness to share success. These included: Junior Landcare schools, facilitators, community landcare and District Landcare platforms and Individual Landcare champions.



PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AT A GLANCE

Presentations steered by a process lead team: Ms. Mieke Bourne, and Dr. Willy Kakuru

Theme	Title	Presenter / Guest
Junior Landcare	Street walk, exhibitions, speeches, awards giving Shaping youth attitude and stewardship to nature	6 schools- Kabale Mayor Mr. Sentaro
Conference opening	Linking landcare to Uganda's Vision 2040 and the National Development Plans by Hon, Ssempijja	Ms. Eve Luvumu
Key note Paper	Landcare across scales: Leading in the EverGreening Earth Campaign.	Dr. Dennis Garrity
Case studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovation platforms and agroforestry Mt Elgon Institutionalizing SLM through extension innovations -Dr. Patience Rwemigisa Catchment Management- Corner Inlet Benefits of SLM at farm level 	Dr. Clement Okia Mr. Robert Sabiiti Ms. Belinda Brennan Dr. Drake Mubiru
Success stories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UGACAT - UNCCD recommended database ALI promoting landcare overseas Uganda Landcare Network Junior landcare in Masaka and Kabale African Landcare Network Kapchorwa District Landcare Platform (KADLACC) Coffee Innovation Platform Total Landcare : Restoring Land and livelihoods in Malawi Scalable technologies and practices in Banana -UG Challenges and successes of Landcare groups in Kenya Farmers LWEDDE SACCO Kabale Agroforestry Network Creation care through SLM- Diocese of Kigezi Government led Landcare in South Africa Commonwealth of Learning's (COL) L3F model 2 Kabale University - Live Laboratory - Farmer Field 	Dr. Tukahirwa & Rick K. Ms Belinda Brenan Dr. Joy Tukahirwa Mr. Wakulira; Musiime Ms. Lydia Bosoga Mr. Simon Nyangasi Mt Elgon women Group Mr. Richard Museka Dr. Okurut Mr Boniface Kithae Mr. Kibuuka Mbaaga Mr. Musiime Rev Reuben Byomuhangi Ms. Lydia Bosogo Mr. Ninsiima Dr. Wilson Bamwerinde
Side workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collective action and bylaws - Policies Catchment management Bio energy-Gliricidia SLM challenges and opportunities- Savings for Landcare 	Mr. Mutabazi Ms. Brennan Mr. Kandila Dr. Mubiru and Luigi Mr. Mbaaga



LANDCARE AWARDS :

GROUP	RECIPIENT	Champion
Junior Landcare - Success stories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mpuggwe Primary School Masaka • Kabale Primary School Kabale • Mukyahi Primary School Rubanda • Nyakyeera Primary School Ntugamo 	Mr. Francis Sematimba Mr. Minyeto Godian Ms. Serina Kagimb Mr Paul Natuhumuriza
Landcare Community Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ikamiro Lake Bunyonyi slopes • Kigezi Diocese • Kamusiime Memorial • Kabale Agroforestry Network 	Mr. John Bosco Rev Leuben Byomuhangi Mr. Beshobeho Mr. Musiime and Mr Bahika
District Landcare Platforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bukwo District Landcare Platform • Masaka District Landcare Platform • Ntungamo District Landcare Platform • Kapchorwa District Landcare Platform • Omoro District Landcare Platform 	Mr. Patrick Mutai Mr. KibukaMbaaga Mr. Henry Ahimbisibwe Mr. Nyangas and Mr. Awardh Ms. Ange Doreen

CATEGORISED LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

No	Description	Total
1	Junior Landcare Launch: 9 Schools participated 1. Kabale Primary School (Host) – 147 2. Rugarama Primary School- (15) 3. St Pauls Muchaahi – (15) 4. Bubaale primary School – (15) 5. Rwere Primary School – (15) 6. Kijuguta Primary School -(15) 7. Hornby High School- (15) 8. Bushambo Primary School – (15) 9. Nyabikoni Primary School – (15) Teachers (15) Policy Makers – (12); Media (4)	298
2	Country representatives (Australia (2); Kenya (4); SA (2); Malawi (1)Sweden (1); USA (1)	11
3	Government of Uganda MAAIF STAFF- (8); Emeritus (1); NEMA (2) ; NARO (7); ACADEMIA -University – Undergraduates (43)- Prof-(1); Policy Makers LC5 (8)	70
4	NGO Scientists (ICRAF (2); ULN (6); CRS (3) L3F (2); Media (1) Land Alliance (2)	16
5	Central Uganda Landcare Platforms Masaka: Policy makers (2) ; Farmers (24) ; Private sector (3) ; Extension (2)	31
7	Northern Uganda Landcare Platforms Policy Makers(2); Extension (9) ; Farmers (19)	30
8	Mt Elgon – Eastern Uganda Landcare Platforms Policy Makers(2); Extension(6); Farmers (21)	29
9	Southwest Uganda Landcare Platforms (Hosts) Policy Makers(25); Extension (14); Farmers (152) ; Private sector(16)	207





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