



**Ministry of Water and Environment**  
REPUBLIC OF UGANDA



## National Workshop

### National workshop related to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes: Uganda's accession process

Protea Hotel, Entebbe, Uganda

## AGENDA

Day 1 – 15 February 2022

### SESSION 1: INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW OF THE CONVENTIONS

#### Opening session (9:30am – 10:00am)

- Ms. Sonja Koeppel, Secretary of the Water Convention (5 mins)
- Mr. Harry Liiv, Chair of the Bureau of the Water Convention (5 mins)
- Ms. Caroline Adriaensen, Head of Cooperation of the European Union to Uganda (5 mins)
- Ms. Elsie Attafuah, UNDP Uganda Resident Representative (5 mins)
- H.E. Hon. Sam Cheptoris, Minister of Environment and Water (5 mins)

*Chair / Facilitator: Mr. Alfred Okot Okidi, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Water and Environment*

#### Group Photo next to Lake Victoria (15mins)

#### Overview of the 1992 Water Convention and 1997 Watercourses Convention (10:15am-11:30am)

- *Why 2 UN global Water Conventions? Key provisions, similarities, differences & complementarities of both global legal frameworks for consideration by Uganda (15 mins)*
  - Mr. Remy Kinna, Legal Officer, Water Convention Secretariat
- *The institutional framework supporting the 1992 Water Convention, its Programme of Work and implementation on the ground (15 mins)*
  - Ms. Sonja Koeppel, Secretary to the Water Convention
- *Activities and experience from Estonia (15 mins)*
  - Mr. Harry Liiv, Chair of the Bureau of the Water Convention

Questions from the floor and discussion (30 Mins)

*Chair / Facilitator: Dr Florence Grace Adongo, Director for Water Resources Management*

Tea/Coffee break (11:30am – 11:45am)

**SESSION 2: UGANDA'S WATER CONTEXT: NATIONAL & TRANSBOUNDARY**

**Uganda's national and regional transboundary water management contexts and example of the Water Convention's role and relevance for Uganda's transboundary agreements (11:45 am– 1:00pm)**

- *Transboundary water cooperation between Uganda and neighbouring countries (15 mins)*
  - Mr. Sowed Sewagudde, Ag. Commissioner for International and Transboundary Water Resources Management
- *National Water Policy and the Conventions (15 mins)*
  - Mr. Edward Martin Rwarinda, Ag. Assistant Commissioner for Water Resources Planning and regulation
- *Uganda's transboundary cooperation agreements, institutions and activities and their alignment with the Water Convention: The Sio Malabi-Malakisi MoU Example (15 mins)*
  - Dr. Callist Tindimugaya, Commissioner for Water Resources Planning and Regulation, Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda

Questions from the floor and discussion (30 Mins)

*Chair / Facilitator: Mr. Isaac Nyarwaya, Acting Executive Secretary, Lake Victoria Basin Commission*

Lunch Break (1pm – 2pm)

**SESSION 3: CONVENTION PERSPECTIVES (COUNTRY & REGIONAL) & PRACTICAL APPLICATION**

**The UN global water conventions: Presentations on value add and lessons learned (2-2:30pm)**

- *The experience of Ghana: context of accession to both UN global water conventions, the value add for Ghana, and developing a road map to accede to the Water Convention (15 mins)*
  - Mr. Ben Ampomah, Executive Secretary of Water Resources Commission, Ghana (virtual)
- *Relationship between the Convention and Transboundary Basin Governance Arrangements: The Nile Basin Cooperative Framework Agreement, Nile Basin Initiative and activities (15 mins)*
  - Mr. Tom Waako, Program Officer, Nile Basin Initiative

*Chair / Facilitator: Dr Akwankwasah Barirega, Executive Director, National Environment Authority*

**The UN global water conventions: Panel discussion on perspectives and practical application in Q&A format (2:30-4pm)**

Panelists

- Estonia (Mr. Harry Liiv, Chair of the Bureau of the Water Convention)
- Ghana (Mr. Ben Ampomah, Executive Secretary of Water Resources Commission, Ghana) (Virtual)
- IGAD (Mr. Fred Mwango, Team Leader/Regional Water Expert)
- Regional Expert (Dr. Ali Said Matano, Expert and former Executive Secretary, LVBC)
- Nile Basin Initiative (Mr. Tom Waako, Program Officer)

Questions from the floor to the two presenters to begin discussions – Ghana, NBI (20 mins)

Example questions to three other panellists – Estonia, IGAD, Regional Expert (40 mins):

- What have been the benefits from being party to both Conventions?
- What do you see as the value add of the Water Convention within your regional context?
- What do you see as the challenges to implementation of the Water Convention?

Questions from the floor and discussions (30 Mins):

*Chair / Facilitator: Prof Emmanuel Kasimbazi, Makerere University*

Coffee / Tea Break (4-4.15pm)

#### SESSION 4: BENEFITS & CHALLENGES FOR UGANDA IN ACCEDING TO THE WATER CONVENTION

##### **Key issues to address and milestones to cover in Uganda's accession process (4:15-5:00 pm)**

Group Work (45 mins)

- Break out groups to build on key points highlighted in Session 3 and discuss in more detail the benefits and challenges for Uganda in joining the Water Convention, the main milestones and laws/events/procedures that must be incorporated into developing the road map for Uganda

*Chair / Facilitator: Fred Mwangi, Regional Water Specialist, IGAD Secretariat*

#### SESSION 5: WRAP UP

##### **Close of Day 1 (5-5.05pm)**

- *Conclusions from Day 1 and Outline of Agenda for Day 2 (5mins)*
  - Mr. Callist Tindimugaya, Commissioner for Water Resources Planning and Regulation, Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda

Dinner reception (6-8pm)

### **Day 2 – 16 February 2022**

Arrival/Registration (9:00am-9:30am)

#### SESSION 6: ASSESSING THE ROAD MAP TO ACCESSION

##### **Developing Uganda's integrated road map to accession (9:30-11.15am)**

Plenary to discuss the different milestones and develop integrated road map (75 mins)

- Each group briefly presents back from Session 4 with their key points for the road map with main milestones and laws/events/procedures to keep in mind for planning (10 mins each)
- Questions from the floor after each group presents (5 mins each)

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- *Basic common steps in the accession process summarized from previous experiences, as outlined in the Convention FAQs publication (10mins)*
  - Mr. Remy Kinna, Legal Officer, Water Convention Secretariat
- *The experience of Ghana: Sharing their road map to accession as well as key challenges and advice to share (10mins)*
  - Mr. Ben Ampomah, Executive Secretary of Water Resources Commission, Ghana (virtual)Legal requirements for Uganda in the road map for accession (10mins)
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  - Representatives of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Justice, Uganda

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Tea/Coffee break (11.15 – 11.30am)

#### SESSION 7: AGREEING THE ROAD MAP TO ACCESSION, NEXT STEPS & RESPONSIBILITIES

#### **Plenary discussion on road map and roles and responsibilities plus immediate next steps to take (11:30-12:45pm)**

Plenary discussion (15 mins) while integrated Accession Roadmap is developed for presentation

- *Links with global water processes such as the World Water Forum 2022 and the UN Water Conference 2023.*
  - Ms. Sonja Koeppel, Secretary to the Water Convention

Sharing of the integrated Accession Roadmap and discussing the steps, milestones and responsibilities (15 Mins)

- Mr. Callist Tindimugaya, Commissioner for Water Resources Planning and Regulation, Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda
- Mr. Remy Kinna, Legal Officer, Water Convention Secretariat

Questions from the floor and discussion (45 Mins)

*Chair / Facilitator: Dr Florence Grace Adongo, Director for Water Resources Management*

#### **Remarks and Closing (12:45pm-1pm)**

- Ms. Sonja Koeppel, Secretary of the Water Convention (5 mins)
- Mr. Harry Liiv, Chair of the Bureau of the Water Convention (5 mins)
- Mr. Alfred Okot Okidi, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Water and Environment (5 mins)

End of Day 2 / Workshop (1pm)

Lunch (1-2pm)