



# Introduction- UGANDA



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- **Roles of the Institutions**
- UNDP is the lead UN agency in the implementation of NDC Support Project
- Climate Change Department is the lead implementing Partner
- Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development is the lead agency in promotion of Women’s Empowerment and Gender Equality.



# Gender analysis of the national context, or, of specific sectors



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## Gender Analysis

- Uganda has initiated the work on conducting a gender analysis of the NDC – the priority sectors are:
  - Energy
  - Agriculture
  - Waste
  - 2 private sector companies
  - 2 district local governments ( Moroto and Mbale)
  - Line Ministries of Gender, Labour and Social Development, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Ministry of Water and Environment and National Planning Authority

## Progress of the consultancy

- Inception workshop was conducted on 1st March 2019
- Field work in the two districts of Moroto and Mbale carried out from 10th April to 19th April 2019.
- The desk review process is ongoing
- Consultations with the key line Ministries and private companies is on going



# Gender issues in the priority sectors



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- Access to energy efficient technologies by women, youth, PWD and men
- Inadequate skills for using biomass in efficient way eg. Energy saving stoves, making briquettes
- Access and control of land as asset for smart agriculture production for women and Youth
- Access to finance by women, youth and PWD is a challenge to the adoption of mitigation technologies
- Cost of current weather information for women, PWD, and youth for use for smart agriculture production
- Inadequate skills for reuse, recycle the wastes generated for income generation
- The results for the gender analysis will be utilized to mainstream gender in the priority sectors through participatory approach involving both technical and political leadership in the priority sectors
- The gender gaps will be used to design the gender action plan for implementation of Ugandan NDC



# Governance/ institutional coordination



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- There is a gender thematic group at national level that takes on negotiations in Gender and climate change during the COPs and they meet on Quarterly meetings
- Gender technical team has been formed ( Government, civil society, private sector and Development Partners) for coordination of gender and NDC programming in Uganda.
- Whereas the country has existing Institutional frameworks and coordination mechanisms in place for climate change action, there is no institutional frameworks and coordination mechanisms already in place for gender responsive climate action.
- Therefore, the programme will establish and enhance the existing Institutional frameworks and coordination mechanisms for gender integration into climate planning and policy processes for NDC implementation.
- Decision-makers' knowledge and institutional capacities on gender equality will also be enhanced in order to deliver gender-responsive mitigation and adaptation policies, plans and actions and in order to develop a sustainable foundation for on-going gender-responsive actions in the future.



# Opportunities and challenges for coordination



- **Gender focal points-** in the various line ministries offer opportunity for mainstreaming gender in to the priority NDC sectors
- **Political will-** Uganda has strong political for promotion of gender equality and women's empowerment
- **Ministries and agencies** responsible for gender programing (MGLSD, Equal opportunities commission and Ministry of Finance and Economic Development)
- **Challenges are;** inadequate skills for mainstreaming gender and climate change, perceptions on importance of gender, funds for coordination.
- **Gender focal points major role** is to mainstream gender in their sectors, build capacity of staff on gender mainstreaming and coordinate gender and climate change programming in their various sectors.
- **Capacity building and mentoring** of the gender focal points on gender and climate change and provision of funds for the gender and climate gender programming for the various line Ministries.



# Planning



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- The inception meeting for gender analysis had very consultative process, the 32 participants were from (Ministry of Water and Environment, Climate Change Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Uganda National Meteorological Authority, Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, National Planning Authority, Private Sector Foundation, private sector companies, CSO's both Women and Youth NGOs and Development Partners- UNDP, GGGI)
- The consultant is currently having consultations with the relevant line Ministries, two private companies, two district local governments ( Moroto and Mbale)
- Consultations will feed into the final report of the gender analysis for the NDC and the gender action plan for the implementation of the NDC
- Plan to have an innovative grant scheme for Women and Youths for climate smart actions
- Plan to establish a climate fund to facilitate gender responsive climate actions
- **Funding-** No specific funding have been made available for gender and climate change actions for national and sub- national levels.



# Monitoring, Reporting and Verification



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- The national MRV framework does not have gender disaggregated data.
- NDC SP programme is supporting the development of sectoral MRV systems for energy and waste sectors and gender issues are incorporated in the MRV development process.



# Policy



- National Climate Change Policy of Uganda acknowledges “The greater vulnerability of women is mostly due to gender inequality” but does not provide any clear pathway for action to tackle gender inequality in the country
  - The NDC support Project Annual workplan 2019 is gender responsive
  - NDC implementation Plan has gender considerations
  - The gender analysis of the NDC is on going and the results will determine the next steps for mainstreaming gender and development of the gender action plan for implementation of NDCs.
  - Challenges for gender responsive climate change policy- is the process of reviews of the laws is long, it requires funds to facilitate which most ministries do not have in their budgets.
- **Linkages of NDCs, SDGs and UNFCCC Gender Action plan**
  - The gender analysis of the NDCs will link NDC and SDGs especially goal 5 and 13 including goal 1-10 because of their interlinkages.
  - We have an opportunity for linking the gender action plan with UNFCCC Gender Action plan especially priority area one on capacity building, two on gender balance and women’s participations, three gender responsive implementation and five Monitoring and Evaluation.





# Leadership



- The lead agency for promotion of gender equality policies is Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development – the Minister and state Minister of Gender have offered strong leadership for gender responsive policies e.g Uganda Gender Policy, Gender Based Violence Policy, Gender Equity and Budgeting Frame work etc and other Ministries are Ministry of Finance and Economic Development and Equal Opportunities Commission.
- The Head of State has offered strong leadership for gender equality in Uganda for example 34% of women in parliament, many gender and climate change policies have been passed e.g Climate Change Bill, Climate Change Policy.



# Capacity



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- There are no major capacity building initiatives that have taken place in the country.
- Plan to build capacity of the relevant line Ministries, Private sectors and CSOs on gender and climate change implementation after the gender analysis report. Because the gender analysis will give us the capacity needs gaps to inform the design the training materials.
- Capacity of MDAs and CSOs including Private Sector on basics (gender concepts, gender mainstreaming, planning and budgeting gender and climate change(their linkages) of gender and climate change)
- How to develop gender responsive project concepts/proposals.
- How to develop gender responsive MRV. This can be made easy if there is a national gender and climate change tool/checklist to facilitate monitoring and evaluation of gender responsive actions



# Capacity



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- What constitutes a gender-sensitive response to climate change action?
- Systematic integration of gender perspectives/ considerations in climate change actions at the, national and subnational levels.
- Enhanced knowledge, understanding and expertise on gender-responsive policy, planning and programming among other stakeholders.
- Capacity building can be done through workshops, short or long term specialized trainings in Climate Change and gender for individuals like for gender Focal Points in the different MDAs



## Other messages



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- There is need for strong leadership and commitment from all the relevant stakeholders for gender and NDC implementation
- Capacity and skills in gender and climate change action is a very important asset
- There is need for gender responsive adaptation and mitigation policy
- There is need for funds and budgeting for gender and NDC programming
- Strong legal framework and strong financing systems will enhance gender and NDC implementation