



# MINISTRY OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENT

## UGANDA WATER & ENVIRONMENT WEEK



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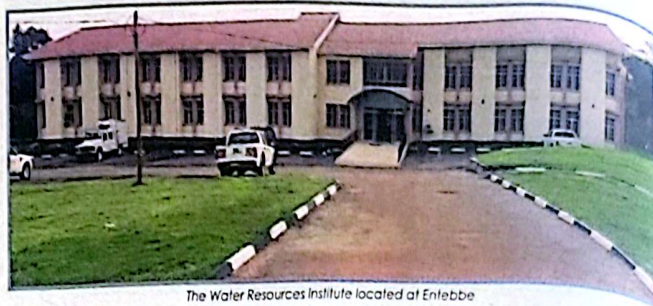
### Celebrating Water and Environment Week, 19th-23rd March 2018

*"Water and Environment a Catalyst for Achieving Middle Income Status 2020"*

Uganda through the Ministry of Water and Environment in collaboration with key Partners will join the rest of the world by organising the First ever Uganda Water and Environment Week 2018. The event will be held at the Directorate of Water Resources Management based in Enlebbe from 19th – 23rd March 2018 under the theme "Water and Environment a Catalyst for Achieving Middle Income Status 2020". The event will bring together key stakeholders in the Water and Environment sector to discuss strategic issues regarding the contribution of Water and Environment resources to the development of Uganda. The week will also host the commemoration of three important International Days: World Forest Day on 21st March, World Water Day on 22nd March and World Meteorological Day on 23rd March 2018.

The overall goal of the Uganda and Environment Week is to contribute to the National Development Goals through effective management of Water and Environment resources and distribution for sustainable socio-economic development of Uganda. This event will focus on the two Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) SDG 6, target 3 and SDG 12, target 5 respectively: "by 2030, improve water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping and minimizing release of hazardous chemicals and materials, halving the proportion of untreated waste water and substantially increasing recycling and safe reuse globally", substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse". These are just two of the 169 SDG targets, many of which along with the Paris Agreement highlight our challenge to achieve sustainable development in a changing world.

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The Water Resources Institute located at Enlebbe

The Uganda Water and Environment Week (UJWEK) builds on the foundation and principles of the World Water Week (WWWK), an event that is celebrated and organised every year in Sweden, organised since 1991 by the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), the world's leading water institute.

Uganda's fresh water resources are considered to be a key strategic resource, vital for sustaining life, promoting development and maintaining the environment. Access to clean and safe water and improved sanitation facilities and practices are prerequisites to a healthy population and therefore have a direct impact on the quality of life and productivity of the population. Besides domestic water supply, water is also vital for: Livestock Water Supply, Industrial Water Supply, Hydro power generation, Agriculture, Marine Transport, Fisheries, Waste Discharge, Tourism and Environmental Conservation. Water, therefore, significantly contributes to the national socio-economic development to meet Uganda's 2040 economic growth targets, the current water delivery must be tripled which will require careful management and substantive investments.

The Uganda Water and Environment Week will create a platform for the public sector, private sector, and civil society organisations to discuss and emphasise the importance of investing in the water infrastructure and research, continue to inform national policy makers about crucial water and environment related issues including high impact economic development and job creation, water waste governance and management, water quality management, sanitation and public health, protection, conservation and sustainability to a name a few and inspire National policy-makers to act. This will also stress the fact that access to clean, safe, reliable water is a vital need that touches every Ugandan without exception, everyday. It is critical to elevate water as a national priority and promote and protect clean water nationally.

One of the activities of the Uganda Water and Environment Week is to launch the Water Resources Institute on 21st March 2018. The Water Resources Institute under the leadership of the Directorate of Water Resources Management aims to offer integrated applied training for sector practitioners, conduct basic and applied research; implement outreach activities, and promote policy dialogue on water related issues.

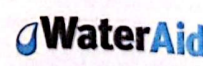
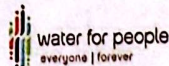
The Ministry of Water and Environment remains committed to developing, managing and regulating water and environment resources as our mandate demands. In so doing, we are guided by sound management and sustainable utilization of water and environment resource for the betterment of Uganda's population.

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Water Resources Institute training room



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