

Norwegian investors, tree farmers partner to start wood factory

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DOKOLO. Norwegian investors under their company Better Globe Forestry (BGF) have partnered with tree farmers in northern Uganda to establish a tree processing factory in Dokolo District.

The investors unveiled their plan during a fact finding mission to introduce a forestry project in the districts of Dokolo, Amolatar, Kaberamaido, Alebtong and other districts in the northern part of the country.

According to Mr Julius Peter Odwee, the chairman, Yele Ikom Can

farmers Association (YICAFA) based in Dokolo District, a 10- year master plan has been established that should contribute to a local economic development of the mentioned districts.

“The micro economic policy objective of YICAFA is a deliberate attempt to generate increases in economic sustainability in an environment where economy should move naturally towards maximum economic sustainability and full employment when its markets are allowed to operate freely,” Mr Odwee said during a meeting with the district leaders last week.

Mr Odwee also said the organisa-

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Tree production. In 2010, YICAFA stated their vision of producing a tree called Lira, commonly known as Lira or *Melia azaderach* in Uganda. BGF then visited Uganda to study the tree that matures in 8-10 years and they later decided assess Dokolo, Kaberamaido and Alebtong.

BGF chairman Rino Solberg said they came in and support the establishment of commercial plantation of *Melia azaderach* through contract farming in Uganda.

tion has been able to cooperate with BGF, a Norway tree firm, they were also able to engage the National Forestry Authority, National Agricultural Research Organisation and African Innovation Institute who will help them to ensure that the project does not collapse.

In an interview with *Daily Monitor*, BGF chairman Rino Solberg said: “We made an agreement with the national forestry authority many years ago to plant trees in northern f Uganda. We are in Kenya people are benefiting out of the partnership, let’s all believe in trust and we shall end poverty in this region.”