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REPORT ON THE YOUTH-LED DIALOGUE ON CONTEXTUALIZING THE LINK BETWEEN THE ENVIRONMENT AND MIGRATION NEXUS IN UGANDA.



Cavendish University Uganda, Nsambya Campus

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Activity Name:	YOUTH-LED DIALOGUE
Activity Date:	21 st June, 2024
Programme indicator/ outcome where activity falls:	The dialogue empowered participants with knowledge, advocacy, and coordination skills to influence policies and drive action on migration governance, fostered multi-stakeholder collaboration, enhancing youth-led efforts to demand accountability and sustainable solutions for climate-driven migration challenges, thus, equipping the youth as champions of change in a dynamic world.
Specific objectives of the activity:	<p>To provide a platform for stakeholders to engage in meaningful dialogue on the environmental and climate-induced migration nexus.</p> <p>To generate insights and evidence to inform policy development and implementation processes aimed at addressing the challenges of human mobility induced by environmental and climate changes in Uganda.</p>
Area of Implementation (Region/Country/ District):	Central Region, Kampala-Uganda
Sub-County / Venue where	Cavendish University Uganda (Nsambya Campus) –Main Hall

<p>activity was implemented:</p>	
<p>Names and organizations of key speakers</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Sarah Carl –Head of Programmes and Policy Development at IOM- UN Migration, Kampala (Chief Guest) 2. Anna Solveig Rye –Intern/Team Green Economy and Climate at Danish Embassy Kampala 3. Dr. Bob Natifu –Assistant Commissioner, Climate Change Department at Ministry of Water and Environment (Keynote Speaker) 4. Hon. Amongin Jackline –Chairperson EALA sub-committee and Climate Change, East African Parliament (Special Guest) 5. Rtd Amb. James Mugume –Board Member at Uganda Council on Foreign Relations. 6. Mr. Robert Turyakira –Climate Change Activist and CEO at Green Foundation Uganda (Panelist) 7. Mr. Crispus Mwemaho –Projects Director at Abayuuti Climate Action Network, Climate Mobility and Health Expert (Panelist) 8. Mr. Emmanuel Muliisa –Youth Representative, Climate Change Committee, Ministry of Water and Environment (Panelist) 9. Mr. Martin Maku –Sector Coordinator for Agriculture, Agribusiness and Forestry at Private sector Foundation Uganda (Paper presentation) 10. Dr. Alice Wabule - Dean of Faculty of Socio-Economic Sciences, Cavendish University Uganda

	<p>11. Dr. Richard Watenyera –International Relations and Diplomatic Studies -Senior Lecturer at Cavendish University Uganda</p>
<p>Brief background</p>	<p>Climate-induced migration is a growing global challenge, with over 216 million people projected to be displaced by 2050 (IPCC, 2023). Uganda, already home to 1.5 million refugees (UNHCR, 2024), faces increasing internal displacement due to droughts, floods, and environmental degradation. The Karamoja drought (2019-2022) left 500,000 people food insecure, while flash floods in 2022 displaced 5,600 people (FAO, UNDRR, 2023).</p> <p>International frameworks like the Global Compact for Migration (2018) and the Kampala Ministerial Declaration (2021) address climate-induced displacement, yet funding and policy gaps persist. Uganda needs stronger international cooperation, including climate finance, regional frameworks, and legal protections for climate migrants.</p> <p>The Youth-Led Dialogue on Climate Change and Migration convened policymakers, activists, researchers, and private sector leaders to discuss solutions. Key takeaways included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrating climate migration into Uganda’s National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) • Establishing a Climate-Migration Observatory for data-driven policies • Expanding access to international climate funds like the Green Climate Fund • Empowering youth for migration and development advocacy <p>It is important to note that addressing climate migration requires a multi-stakeholder, international response to</p>

	enhance resilience and sustainable development in Uganda and beyond.		
Total number of participants		Disaggregation by Sex	
		Male:	Female:
Disaggregation by Age			
0 -18		09	04
19 -25		43	38
26 -35		04	07
36 -50			
51+			
Total		56	49
Vulnerabilities (if data is available)			
Persons With Disability (PWD)	03	02	01
Displaced persons, migrants or refugees	19	07	12
Other - specify (e.g.: Persons affected by conflict, child soldiers etc)	04	03	01

<p>Key activity highlights and take aways:</p> <p>(What were the main issues discussed during the activity and who discussed the issue listed?)</p> <p>Quotes: Please list here some of the major quotes from participants.</p>	<p>Enhancing Community Adaptation to Reduce Climate-Induced Migration</p> <p>Discussed by: Panelists from Climate Impact Initiative Uganda, Ministry of Water and Environment, and civil society representatives.</p> <p>Key Issues: Community-based adaptation strategies, capacity-building workshops, early warning systems, integrated water resource management, and policy frameworks supporting land tenure security.</p> <p>Strategies for Mitigating Climate Change Impacts on Vulnerable Populations</p> <p>Discussed by: Uganda Council on Foreign Relations, policymakers, and gender advocacy groups.</p> <p>Key Issues: Gender-sensitive policies, child-centered interventions, social protection systems, and inclusive decision-making processes.</p> <p>Integrating Circular Economy Principles to Promote Sustainability</p> <p>Discussed by: Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSFU), Ministry of Water and Environment, and business leaders.</p> <p>Key Issues: Recycling, waste-to-energy initiatives, sustainable product innovation, and policy support for green business practices.</p> <p>Empowering Youth through Eco Clubs for Community Resilience</p> <p>Discussed by: Youth representatives, Cavendish University Climate Hub Club members, education sector leaders, and environmental organizations.</p>
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Key Issues: Climate education, practical environmental skills, youth-led initiatives, and policy advocacy.

Paper Presentation by Mr. Martin Maku –Sector Coordinator for Agriculture, Agribusiness and Forestry at Private Sector Foundation Uganda

Key Issues: Economic resilience strategies, climate-smart business models, inclusive economic policies, and stakeholder collaboration.

Major Quotes

1. Dr. Alice Wabule, Dean of Faculty of Socio-Economic Sciences, Cavendish University Uganda

- a. *"Today's dialogue brings together diverse stakeholders to generate solutions that promote environmental sustainability and social equity."*
- b. *"Together, let us harness the power of education, innovation, and collaboration to build a resilient future for Uganda."*

2. Ambassador James Mugume, Uganda Council on Foreign Relations:

- a. *"This dialogue reaffirms the vital role of foreign policy in addressing climate-induced migration, which has far-reaching implications for regional stability, economic development, and human security."*
- b. *"By fostering cross-border cooperation, strengthening diplomatic engagements, and advocating for sustainable migration governance, we can turn climate challenges into*

opportunities for economic growth and resilience."

- c. *"Through inclusive platforms, we can harness expertise and creativity needed to forge communities resilient to climate uncertainties."*

3. Dr. Sarah Carl, Head of Programs, IOM:

- a. *"Uganda's vulnerability to climate change demands urgent action to integrate climate resilience into national policies."*
- b. *"Empowering youth through eco clubs aligns with global commitments and fosters sustainability at the grassroots level."*

4. Hon. Amongin Jacqueline, Chairperson, East African Parliament Sub-Committee on Environment and Climate Change:

- a. *"Women, children, and the elderly bear the brunt of climate change. We must push for gender-sensitive policies and inclusive governance."*
- b. *"Legislative actions must align with international frameworks to safeguard livelihoods and promote sustainable development."*

5. Mr. Bob Natifu, Assistant Commissioner, Climate Change Department, Ministry of Water and Environment:

- a. *"Localized efforts like Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration can restore ecosystems and build resilience."*
- b. *"Circular economy principles and climate-smart agriculture offer practical solutions to mitigate environmental degradation."*

<p>Key commitments: (What commitments were made during the activity and by who?)</p>	<p>Government Commitment to Strengthen Policy Frameworks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ministry of Water and Environment:</i> Pledged to enhance the integration of climate resilience strategies into national policies, with a focus on land tenure security and sustainable water resource management. <p>Uganda Council on Foreign Relations' Pledge on Migration Diplomacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ambassador James Mugume (Uganda Council on Foreign Relations):</i> Committed to advancing Uganda's foreign policy approach to climate-induced migration, advocating for regional and international cooperation to address displacement challenges through multilateral frameworks. <p>Private Sector Support for Circular Economy and Green Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSFU):</i> Announced plans to support sustainable business models, expand waste-to-energy initiatives, and collaborate with the government on policies that incentivize green entrepreneurship. <p>Youth and Education Sector Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Education Sector Leaders and Youth Representatives:</i> Agreed to promote climate education through eco clubs in schools and community programs, ensuring youth-led sustainability initiatives receive institutional backing. <p>International Organizations' Support for Climate Adaptation and Migration Management</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>International Organization for Migration (IOM):</i> Committed to strengthening Uganda’s capacity to manage climate-induced migration by supporting early warning systems, community-based adaptation, and climate-sensitive migration policies. <p>Parliamentary Advocacy for Gender-Sensitive Climate Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Hon. Amongin Jacqueline (East African Parliament Sub-Committee on Environment and Climate Change):</i> Vowed to champion legislative reforms that address gender disparities in climate resilience and migration, ensuring vulnerable groups, especially women and children, are prioritized in policy decisions. <p>Local Government and Community Pledges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Civil Society Organizations and Local Leaders:</i> Promised to facilitate grassroots climate adaptation programs, promote farmer-managed natural regeneration, and mobilize resources for sustainable community-driven climate solutions. 		
<p>Way forward and key actions:</p>	<p>Key Action</p>	<p>Timeline</p>	<p>Responsible stakeholder</p>

<p>(What was the way forward and key action agreed? Make sure to mention all actions, person responsible and timelines)</p>	<p>Action 1: Incorporate climate-induced migration into Uganda’s national climate policy and enhance frameworks for cross-border migration governance.</p>	<p>Draft proposal to be developed by <i>September 2024</i>, with official integration into Uganda’s climate policy framework by <i>March 2025</i>.</p>	<p><i>Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda Council on Foreign Relations (UCFR), IOM.</i></p>
	<p>Action 2: Uganda to advocate for climate mobility financing and adaptation solutions at regional and international forums, including COP 29, the African Union, and IGAD.</p>	<p>Advocacy efforts to be initiated at COP 29 (November 2024), with continued regional discussions through 2025.</p>	<p><i>Hon. Amongin Jackline, Uganda Council on Foreign Relations, Ministry of Water and Environment</i></p>
	<p>Action 3: Implement incentives for sustainable businesses, expand waste-to-energy projects, and integrate circular economy principles into Uganda’s economic policies.</p>	<p>Policy framework to be developed by January 2025, with pilot programs launching in 2025.</p>	<p><i>Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSFU), Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Trade and Industry.</i></p>

	<p>Action 4: Strengthen early warning systems.</p>	<p><i>Ministry of Water and Environment</i></p>	-
	<p>Action 5: Expand Eco Clubs in schools and launch community-based climate education initiatives.</p>	<p><i>Youth Representative, Cavendish University Uganda.</i></p>	July 2024
	<p>Action 6: Push for gender-sensitive climate policies that prioritize women, children, and vulnerable communities in climate adaptation planning.</p>	<p><i>Hon. Amongin Jackline (East African Parliament), Civil Society Networks</i></p>	Draft legislative amendments by at least next year (2025)
	<p>Action 7: Conduct comprehensive studies on climate-induced migration and adaptation strategies to inform policy decisions.</p>	<p><i>Cavendish University Uganda, Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda Council on Foreign Relations,</i></p>	

		<i>Climate Impact Initiative</i>	
<p>Opportunities to leverage: (What are some of the key opportunities that can be leveraged in the implementation of key actions/ the way forward?)</p>	<p>The dialogue presents strategic funding and partnership opportunities to advance Uganda’s climate adaptation and migration policies. Aligning with global climate finance mechanisms like the Green Climate Fund can unlock funding for community resilience projects. Uganda can position itself as a regional leader in climate mobility governance, attracting support from IGAD, AU, and IOM.</p> <p>Private sector investment in the circular economy and green business models offers growth opportunities, while youth-led climate innovation can attract backing from UNESCO and global foundations. Gender-focused climate finance can support women-led resilience projects, and data-driven research collaborations will strengthen Uganda’s influence in global policy discussions.</p> <p>With COP 29 insights enhancing global discourse, Uganda is primed to secure funding, drive impactful policies, and expand partnerships. We invite funders, governments, and private sector actors to collaborate in scaling climate adaptation solutions for a resilient future.</p>		
<p>Highlight any immediate successes/</p>	<p>The dialogue significantly enhanced awareness and knowledge-sharing among key stakeholders, fostering a deeper understanding of climate-induced migration and</p>		

achievements from this activity if any:	adaptation strategies. Participants, including policymakers, civil society, and private sector leaders, engaged in critical discussions that informed national and international climate resilience efforts. The event also strengthened multi-sectoral collaboration, laying the groundwork for future partnerships and funding opportunities and ensuring that climate migration remains a priority issue on the global agenda.
Lessons learnt: (List any lessons learnt that will be useful for improving implementation)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Engaging policymakers, civil society, and the private sector fosters holistic solutions to climate-induced migration. Strengthening partnerships will enhance implementation effectiveness.2. Localized solutions, such as farmer-managed natural regeneration and eco-clubs, empower communities to take ownership of climate resilience initiatives.3. Aligning climate adaptation policies with migration governance ensures a more coordinated national response to displacement caused by environmental changes.4. Knowledge-sharing platforms like this dialogue are essential for shaping policies, securing funding, and ensuring climate resilience remains a priority.5. Youth Engagement is a Powerful Catalyst – Investing in youth-led environmental initiatives fosters innovation and long-term commitment to climate resilience.

<p>Challenges: What were the key challenges encountered during this activity and/or during the implementation of the activity?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Late Mobilization: Limited time for outreach affected attendance and stakeholder engagement. 2. Time Constraints: The half-day dialogue was insufficient as discussions extended beyond the scheduled time. 3. Late Arrival of Participants: Since the event was held at a university, students prioritized classes before attending. 4. Limited Financial Resources: Insufficient funding constrained logistics, outreach, and facilitation.
<p>What strategy will you use to address these challenges and ensure they are avoided/mitigated next time?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Early Mobilization: Initiate outreach at least a month in advance, leveraging social media, email campaigns, and partnerships to maximize participation. 2. Extended Dialogue Duration: Allocate a full day for future events to allow in-depth discussions and productive networking. 3. Strategic Scheduling: Host events during less busy academic periods or engage universities to integrate dialogues into learning schedules (particularly, migration studies, International Relations, Foreign Policy, Law and other relevant departments) 4. Enhanced Fundraising: Secure financial support from international donors, corporate sponsors, and grant-making institutions to ensure sustainability and impact.

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Mr. Bob Natifu, Assistant Commissioner
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Delivering remarks



Panelists (L-R) Mr. Robert Turyakira &
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