

ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE- MAKERERE (EFD-MAK)

The EfD-Mak is a new Center at Makerere University established in Hanoi, Vietnam in 2018, under the Environment for Development Initiative (EfD), a global network of environmental economics research centers. EfD contributes to effective management of the environment in the global South through applied research, institutional development, academic training and policy interaction. EfD has 15 centers across the world, in Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Kenya, Nigeria, Sweden, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, USA and Vietnam. The network is coordinated by the EfD Secretariat, a special Unit at the School of Business, Economics and Law, University of Gothenburg, Sweden. The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) is sponsoring the Environment for Development Initiative.

EfD-Mak is on schedule to start its full operations in the financial year 2019/2020. The centre is headed by Prof. Edward Bbaale, the Director, from the School of Economics, College of Business and Management Sciences (CoBAMS), deputized by Prof. Johnny Mugisha, from the School of Agricultural Sciences, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES).

Vision

The Centre's vision is to become a hub for quality training, research and policy engagement in environmental economics and development in the Africa region and beyond.

Mission

The Centre's mission is to provide high quality policy-relevant research, graduate training support, policy engagement and outreach in the realm of environment and development economics in order to enhance sound environmental management and natural resource utilization for sustainable development.

The EfD-Mak will work with relevant government departments, the private sector, development partners and civil society to drive research and policy action that are underpinned by issues regarding environmental management and sustainable development.

The Center's teaching, research, technical support and policy engagement targets the development of skills in priority areas including climate change, energy, food, forests, water, fisheries, agriculture and sustainable development.

The project objectives and results will be achieved through a number of activities including:

- Enrolling Junior and Senior research fellows and conducting training and research in environmental economics;
- Establishing local and international research and policy networks with collaborating research institutions and policy makers in Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies;
- Monitoring and evaluating the performance of the individual researchers;
- Organizing international conferences, seminar series and meetings for Senior and Junior Research Fellows, academics, researchers and policy makers;
- Training researchers and staff in rigorous environmental policy analysis/ frontier methodological approaches to environmental questions;
- Holding high-level policy dialogues with policy makers, private sector actors, non-government organizations, academia and civil society organizations to exchange ideas and debate on the status, impact and direction of environmental policy in the country;
- Developing policy briefs out of every technical research done or policy dialogue in non-technical language, for sharing with relevant policy makers;
- Conducting short course for government officials and parliamentarians to enable them better appreciate environmental economics and hence mainstream environmental policy in their daily work;
- Organizing policy tours, policy research workshop and fieldwork in the four regions of the country to bring on board environmental policy makers in government, environmental activists in the private sector and civil society organizations followed by a policy-research workshop;
- Conducting policy-research review dialogue and fieldwork in different government Ministries, Departments and Agencies as well as private sector and civil society organizations to identify the policy gaps that need to be closed through empirical research and to bridge the gap between research and policy;
- Publicizing EfD activities in both print, electronic and non-conventional media.

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