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SNEAK-PEEK : UNDP HANDOVER OF EQUIPMENT TO UNMA

Mr. Luboyera Festus, Executive Director Uganda National Meteorological Authority (UNMA) representing the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Water and Environment, and Eng. Wobusobozi Nebert Commissioner representing the Director, Directorate of Water Resources Management (DWRM), signed an MoU for Data sharing. This was witnessed by Ms. Rosa Malango the UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative, during the Joint UNDP/MWE Projects Board, wherein equipment and stations worth over 1.6 m USD were commissioned and handed over to UNMA and the DWRM;



UNMA REVISES FEES FOR METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES

Management at UNMA has undertaken an exercise to review and revise meteorological services fees. The rates, which were inherited from department of Meteorology in the 60's did not cover all products on top of being overtaken by events. This will help raise revenue for UNMA as well as cover the costs of production.

The services include among others Climate Data (Rain fall, Temperature, Relative Humidity, Wind etc), Area Specific Forecasts, Insurance Reports, climate reports, Media forecasts among others. The committee also separately added the fees that will be embedded in UNMA Regulations that include; Importation, License and Operations fees. It also looked at the advertising rates to be charged in the UNMA Quarterly Magazine in the offing

NMTS TRANSITION PROGRESSING

The Directorate of Training and Research is progressively advancing in the Transition of the National Meteorological Training School (NMTS). A Transition Committee was put in place to oversee a smooth transition of the school into UNMA comprising of UNMA and the Ministries of Water & Environment and Public Service. The Fifth Transition Committee sat on Wednesday 5th, 2016 at UNMA Boardroom, according to Director DTR Teddy Tindamanyire, there is good will among all stakeholders and the process will be successful.

DISSEMINATION WORKSHOP IN MBARARA

UNMA has Identified Weather and Climate Champions in Western Uganda Districts who will be assisting UNMA in Disseminating products to the grassroots level. At a dissemination

workshop held in Mbarara last week, one champion was selected from the sector of Production, Environment, Information, Civil Society Organizations and Radio Presenting from the Districts of Kamwenge, Kiruhura, Kasese, Isingiro, Kisoro and Kabale making a total of 5 Champions per District. The Dissemination exercise sponsored by African Climate Change Resilience Alliance (ACCRA) was attended by Manager Data Centre, Godfrey Mujuni assisted by an official from NARO. The team disseminated the SONO seasonal outlook and also had a vibrant radio program on Radio West.



Mr. Mujuni addresses a group of stakeholders and right, in the studios of Radio West.

UNMA RESEARCH PAPER INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED

The Directorate of Training and Research had a training workshop in September 2015. The workshop came up with a manuscript (research paper) entitled: **Characteristics and Changes in rainfall over Uganda (1901-2013)**.

The paper has been successfully published (**August 2016**) in the Journal of Environmental and Agricultural Sciences. We hope such publications will increase UNMA's visibility and may attract some support eventually. [Can be found at [Characteristics and Changes in SON Rainfall over Uganda \(1901-2013\)](#)]

EXTREME RAINFALL REGISTERED IN WEDNESDAY'S RAIN

The records in the Directorate of Forecasting indicate extreme rainfall occurrence on 5th of October, 2016 with the highest at a station in Kampala of 75.9mm by 9:00am. The rain that was continuous from 3:00am was spread in most parts of the country.

According to Mr. Musa Ssemuju, a Weather Analyst at National Meteorological Center (NMC) other places recorded with high amounts of rain were Tororo with 30.0mm, and Entebbe with 15.9mm by 9:00am.

As predicted, the forecast is spot on because the Lake Victoria Basin, for example, was predicted as having onset of rains in late September, with the peak around late October/ November and cessation in December.