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UNMA-FIT MOU IMPLEMENTATION

The first technical meeting to discuss the UNMA-FIT Uganda MOU implementation took place this week with an aim of identifying areas of execution like assessment of data in terms of quality and quantity. The PIT is also looking at the type of products to be derived from the data, the channels of dissemination and also plan the ICT aspect especially the power BMI, a platform which will upload services and products at different levels. While some of the products will be freely accessed, some will be under a pay wall. The team is also writing a concept paper focusing on capacity building for participants of the program.

The Meeting was attended by FIT-Uganda CEO, UNMA's Director of Forecasting Services, Senior Meteorologists, ICT Technical Team and Manager Applied Meteorology.

UNMA IN GREEN HOUSE GAS INVENTORY VALIDATION

The Directorate of Applied Meteorology, Data and Climate Services (DADCS) was last week in a workshop for validation of the green house gas inventory.

The workshop was aimed at verifying of data sets, demonstrate and discuss the progress of the Green house gas inventory assignments, review and assess selected activity data for the National Green House Gas inventory as well as presentation of the data processing and sources. Other sectors that converged for this activity at Ridar Hotel, Mukono included the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, National Forestry Authority, Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries, and Transport Sector. UNMA 6 members team was headed by the Director, Mr. Deus Bamanya.

MOBILE INFORMATION SERVICE IN OFFING

UNMA together with TTC Mobile Company are working on a project that is aimed at tapping into the existing digital technology and potential subscriptions to disseminate Weather and Climate information to farmers.

This will also be a good PR strategy that will open a channel of communication with some of our major stakeholders and most of all, receive feedback on UNMA's products and services. Specifications of the project include providing an interactive sms/voice based platform. This project that is funded by GIZ will result into a PPP between TTC Mobile and UNMA.

2017/18 BUDGETING PROCESS

The Director of Finance and Planning, Mr. David Elweru has said that the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning has issued the Budget Call Circular for the Financial Year 2017/18, that UNMA has already received.

Mr. Elweru is therefore calling on all Directorates to come up

with planned activities that are consistent with the UNMA strategic plan and the 2nd National Development Plan of Uganda.

UNMA DELEGATION ARRIVES IN CHINA

Twenty UNMA Staff up for a Training at the Regional Training Centre (RTC), Nanjing, China, have arrived in China. They are there for a course on "Training on Meteorology for Uganda". The training is being conducted at Nanjing University of Information Science and Technology.



Before take off: The Team at Entebbe Airport

POPULARISATION OF METEOROLOGY IN SCHOOLS

The second leg of the PoMS outreach took place from the 3rd to 5th October 2016 in Kabarole, Kyenjojo and Kyegegwa Districts in Western Uganda. The schools visited were Mpanga Secondary School and Kyebambe Girls' Secondary School in Kabarole District; Kyenjojo Secondary School and St Adolf's High School in Kyenjojo District and King Solomon's College and Humura Secondary School in Kyegegwa District. According to the Manager T&R, Margaret N. Serwanja, the program will be moving to other regions this quarter. *Below, Margaret and Joseph Balikudembe talk to students.*



UNMA 2ND QUARTER BUDGET MEETING HELD

UNMA held the 2nd quarter budget meeting this week where the budget performance for quarter one and planned activities for quarter 2 were reviewed and discussed respectively. It was noted that there is need to fast track the activities whose budget line for quarter one have not been utilized.

The meeting also heard that the wage shortfall has not yet been resolved and that is why September salaries are likely to be paid by mid October. In the same vain, the gratuity shortfall was also being sorted by the MoFEP, the reason why only a small installment was paid to staff during quarter one. Human Resource Office was then tasked to provide the details of the gratuity installment paid to staff.