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PEJA-EA / VAISALA MEET UNMA MGT

A delegation of two executives from PEJA-East Africa, (which is a joint venture with VIASALA meant to supply weather radars to Uganda), visited UNMA last week.

It was composed of Mr. Rinze Leeverink, the Managing Director and Mr. Herbert Muyinga, the Regional General Manager. The reason was to meet Top Management of UNMA to discuss issues related to the Radar Project. The delay in completing payment for the Radar and UNMA promised to fulfill this obligation. Mr. Leeverick was also concerned about the possible interference of the UNMA Radar signals with those from the Civil Aviation one.



The team and UNMA Management in a Group photograph (middle is ED Festus Luboyera and Mr. Rinze Leeverink on left)

UNMA-MEDIA TRAINING HELD

UNMA last month held its first Media training in weather and climate dissemination. The training which was conducted at Esella Country Hotel in Kira for two days was opened by UNMA's ED, Dr. Festus Luboyera. He called on the Media to utilize weather and climate information that is scientifically generated by disseminating it to the public.



(Left): Closing function and group photo of Media participants

One of the facilitators and Manager Data Center, Mr Mujuni requested broadcasters to work with UNMA because the forecasts given are of great importance to planning and that they are valid, reliable and relevant.

While closing the training exercise, Mr. Jimmy Okello, an Executive Member of National Association of Broadcasters of Uganda (NAB) appreciated UNMA for training the media who will act as focal point persons in their respective media houses in interpreting and dissemination the forecasts. Over 25 people attended including Reporters, Presenters, Managers and Media owners.

JOINT SECTOR REVIEW, 2017

The ED UNMA, Dr. Festus Luboyera has said that a successfully implemented UNMA mandate will require a number of funding streams. In his presentation to the 9th Joint Government of Uganda/partners in water and environment sector review 2017, Dr. Luboyera requested the meeting to consider providing additional support in terms of grants and other means to UNMA in its efforts to make a difference in the lives of Ugandans and the global community at large.

Dr. Luboyera said this while presenting a paper, "Strategic scenarios/issues to support Uganda National Meteorological Authority (UNMA) to deliver its mandate". The Water and Environment Sector Review was held in Munyonyo from 26th to 28th of September, 2017 and the theme was "Exploring financing opportunities for water and environment sector investment".

GENDER IN STRATEGIC PLAN

UNDP Uganda has facilitated UNMA with Gender Mainstreaming training in order to enable the Authority and staff design Climate Change Adaptation program as well as incorporate Gender in the Strategic Investment Plan that is in offing. The 2 days training that took place at Ridar Hotel in Mukono was requested by UNMA to build its capacity in engendering policy actions on adaptation to climate change.

The main objectives of the training were to improve the capacity of both men and women to access and utilize weather and climate information, improve the capacity of both men and women in disseminating weather and climate messages, improve the ability of women to use climate and weather information to guide them in planting in improving agriculture and food security and to enable UNMA staff, both men and women learn to utilise the gender skills in planning and organizing their operations.



↑Almaz Gebru, UNDP Country Director Addresses the Gender Workshop at Ridar, sitting on right is ED Dr. Festus Luboyera.