



## WHAT WAS YOUR BEST CEPA INTERVENTION IN THIS TRIENNIUM?

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## What was your key message?

Restoration and wise use  
of Lake Wamala Wetland  
resources

### Your Position/Role and Country:

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Association

### Title of your CEPA activity/ product

Community Education for the  
conservation and management of the  
Lake Wamala Wetlands resources in  
Central Uganda

### Other collaborators – please identify other organizations that assisted you or were your partners

Uganda Wetlands Forum,  
Environmental Teachers' Association,  
Mityana District Local Government

### Key stakeholder group(s) targeted by your product/ activity (e.g. decision- makers, teachers, families, journalists etc.)

Communities around Lake Wamala,  
Mityana District Local Government,  
Mityana District Technical team,  
Civill society Organisations in  
Mityana District, Primary Schools,  
the Nile Basin Initiative, Water  
Environment Federation, Uganda  
Wildlife Education Centre, National  
Environment Management Authority  
(NEMA), Media houses in Mityana,  
and Religious Institutions particulalry  
Mityana Diocese, Church of Uganda.

### When did this event take place/when was your product launched?

May 2010 up to April 2011

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## Brief description of your product/ activity / material you used

Major activities included Stakeholders and threat analysis, visits to schools and landing sites, production of awareness materials, designing and airing radio messages, community awareness workshops, Music Dance and Drama festivals for schools, awareness bicycle and canoe races, formation of Wetlands Clubs, community dialogues on conservation issues on Lake Wamala, tree planting, starting up conservation enterprises, identifying private partnerships, designing and implementation of a monitoring and evaluation plan, sharing lessons learnt with stakeholders and documentation of project activities.

### What was your intended outcome from this product/activity? (e.g. change in behaviour of target group; volunteer help with a wetland project; newspaper article)

Change of behaviour and attitude towards management of the lake and Wetland resources.

Restoration of Lake Wamala Wetland Resources

Start up of alternative income projects for the community.

### What kind of impact did this activity/product have on the target audience?

- Through facilitation with fruit trees seedlings as a conservation enterprise of their choice, communities were able to restore the catchment of the lake and in the long run earn a living through selling of the fruits and wood.
- Through engagement with the media the stakeholders are continuously providing information on the status of the lake and its wetland resources including other environmental aspects like hygiene, water and sanitation and malnutrition.
- With minimum resources there is continuity in the efforts started by Uganda Wetlands Forum due to the confidence that the stakeholders were built into the project right from the start.

### Is there a follow-up activity/product planned, if yes briefly describe

Yes, expanding the project to cover the rest of the Districts within the Lake Wamala region. i.e Gomba and Mubende Districts. Monitoring of trees planted in the schools and communities.

### Why do you identify this as your best CEPA intervention? What makes it stand out?

There was a high level of stakeholder involvement including schools, media, community and technical people right from the start of the project which contributed to its success and ownership.

### What was the source of your funding?

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