

MINISTRY OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENT



CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

INTER-MINISTERIAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL INDUSTRY AND FISHERIES

MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINERAL DEVELOPMENT

MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT

MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

MINISTRY OF LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

MINISTRY OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COOPERATIVES

**MINISTRY OF FINANCE, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

AND

MINISTRY OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENT

**IN RESPECT TO GREENHOUSE GAS (GHG) EMISSIONS DATA AND
INFORMATION COLLECTION/PROCESSING/TRANSMISSION**

2020

This Agreement is entered into effective as of the day of2020 between the Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE) and the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM); the Ministries of; Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF); Energy and Minerals Development(MEMD); Works and Transport (MoWT); Lands Housing and Urban Development (MLHUD); Trade Industry and Cooperatives (MTIC); Finance Planning and Economic Development (MoFPED); Science Technology and Innovation (MOSTI); and Local Government (MoLG), hereafter collectively referred to as *'The Parties'*.

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS:

- I. By signing and ratifying the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Kyoto Protocol 2007 and the Paris Agreement 2015, Uganda has committed to the adoption and implementation of policies and measures designed to mitigate climate change and adapt to its impacts;
- II. Uganda as a Party to the UNFCCC, is required to periodically develop and submit national inventories of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of all greenhouse gases (GHGs) not controlled by the 1987 Montreal Protocol;
- III. Sustainable and equitable development is a key guiding principle for Uganda's Vision 2040, with a focus on preservation of natural resources, and to address the adverse environmental conditions associated with climate change. The Constitution of the Republic of Uganda (1995) provides the overall regulatory framework to address climate change impacts across the sectors, with the National Climate Change Policy 2015 as the guiding document. The Third National Development Plan (NDP III) aims to achieve Uganda's Vision 2040, and recognizes that key economic sectors of agriculture, energy, transport, and waste are among those being most affected by climate change, or affect climate change and the economy;
- IV. The National Climate Change Policy 2015 requires the MWE Climate Change Department (CCD), to develop an inventory of national aggregate GHG emissions, using existing and readily available data and resources;
- V. Cabinet, by Cabinet Minute 241 (CT 2009) assigned MWE CCD the role of coordinating the implementation of climate change actions in the country, including climate change reporting;
- VI. The National Greenhouse Gas Inventory (GHGI) report shows the country's level of GHG emissions for a given year, and, where reported, the trend of emissions over a certain time period;
- VII. Due to the volume and diversity of the information to be included in a National GHG Inventory, MWE CCD has identified the key GHG emitting sectors as Agriculture, Energy, Forestry, Transport, and Waste based on the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) categorization;
- VIII. MWE CCD is the central source for the information necessary for the preparation of the National GHG Inventory, and has developed sector based Memoranda of Understanding

- (MoUs) to facilitate transmission of emissions data and information from Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to the National GHG Inventory system;
- IX. MWE CCD shall engage with the sector institutions identified through the MoUs, addressing the broader policy issues, and sustaining the institutional engagement created;
 - X. The Office of the OPM is mandated to ensure harmony and coherence in policy and programme implementation, and promote and facilitate cooperation and collaboration among MDAs;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises and undertakings herein contained, the Parties agree as follows;

ARTICLE 1.

OBJECTIVES.

The objective of the Inter-Ministerial Co-operation (IMC) Agreement is to strengthen cooperation ties between the Parties for purposes of developing the National GHG Inventory, improve UNFCCC reporting and support national policy making and implementation processes. The Agreement also aims to clearly define the common areas of cooperation between the Parties towards accomplishing the common objective.

ARTICLE 2.

AREAS OF COOPERATION

1. The Parties, taking into account their mutual interest and the long-and medium term sustainable development objectives, undertake to cooperate inter alia in the following areas:
 - a) Assure continued implementation of sectoral MoUs signed between MWE and emitting sector MDAs for GHG data sharing;
 - b) Share and transmit GHG data and information for implementation of the National GHG Inventory;
 - c) Promote innovations in Information Technologies (IT) and the harmonization of methodologies and tools to improve GHG emissions data management;
 - d) Streamline the measurement of GHG emissions and tracking policy implementation in the NDP process (NDPIII);
 - e) Promote the interpretation and use of GHG emissions data for national policy development and planning;
 - f) Ensure coordination of all investments related to the measurement and tracking of GHG emissions.
 - g) Report on new initiatives and investments related to the objectives of the Agreement.

2. Without excluding any area from the outset, the Parties shall, in their mutual interest and with regard to their respective competences and capacities, determine by common agreement the spheres to be covered by the cooperation on GHG emissions.

3. In consultation with the Parties and other relevant stakeholders, a 10 year strategic and investment framework will be prepared purposed to provide policy guidance and highlight the investment areas for GHG data sharing and use based on the agreed cooperation areas. The framework will be complemented with annualized workplans and budgets.

ARTICLE 3

RESOURCES

In order to achieve the cooperation aims set out in this Agreement, the Parties undertake to make available financial and other resources within the limits of their budgets, to finance sectoral priorities and the activities agreed and defined in the 10-year cooperation strategic investment framework.

ARTICLE 5.

IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

(I) Inter-Ministerial Cooperation Policy Committee (IMC-PC)

The IMC-PC is hereby created to assure the implementation of the agreed activities based on the set of common priorities agreed upon by the Parties. The PC shall comprise of a representative from each of the cooperating Ministries at the level of ‘Commissioner’, and these shall meet at least once in six months.

Specific roles of the IMC Policy Committee:

- (a) Provide overall policy and strategic direction to the cooperating Parties on GHG data management and governance;
- (b) Support where possible, the implementation of commonly agreed programs and activities;
- (c) Provide guidance on funding opportunities for the GHG inventory governance and to address the technical needs and priorities identified;
- (d) Identify and build GHG partnerships/networks for purposes of strengthening the IMC and developing the national GHG Inventory.

(II) The Inter-Ministerial Cooperation (IMC) Forum

The IMC Forum will be created as a multi-stakeholder forum with representation from the Parties. The objective of the IMC Forum is to enhance networking, interaction and exchange of information on GHG emissions data collection, processing, interpretation and use to inform policy, national planning and to meet UNFCCC reporting obligations. The Forum will be

organized every two years, and shall attract participation from the Parties, and stakeholders at national, regional and international levels.

(III) IMC Technical Committee (IMC-TC)

The IMC Technical Committee (TC) will be constituted with membership from the GHG emitting sector MDAs, academia and CSOs institutions, and will be structured along GHG and climate change thematic areas. The main objective of the IMC TC is to generate and share technical information on GHG data governance and management that will inform the IMC priorities and plans, as well as the Parties.

Specific roles of the IMC TC

- a) Generate and disseminate technical information on GHG developments inform of technical and policy briefs, to inform climate change policy formulation and implementation;
- b) Support research by Parties on topics related to GHG Inventory development and sectoral GHG activities;
- c) Support preparations for, and implementation of the IMC Forum events.

ARTICLE 6.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES:

A. Roles of MWE

MWE as the technical lead on GHG emissions data management shall assume the following roles under this Agreement:

- a) Provide an IMC Secretariat and support the IMC structures (PC and TC), as well as the IMC Forum to perform their role as defined in the Agreement;
- b) Collaboration with Parties to develop innovative methodologies and tools to improve GHG data management and implementation of the national GHG Inventory.
- c) Support the Parties involved in implementation of sectoral MoUs on GHG data collection, processing and sharing with MWE to undertake their respective roles and responsibilities;
- d) Support the public agencies under its ambit, including; the National Forestry Authority, National Environment Management Authority, Uganda National Meteorology Authority, National Water and Sewerage Corporation and Directorate of Water Resources Development, to undertake their specific responsibilities related to GHG data collection, processing and sharing, and development of the national GHG Inventory;
- e) Prepare periodic reports on the status of implementation of the IMC activities, including the national GHG Inventory and the process of the sectoral MoUs with MWE.

B. Roles of the Office of The Prime Minister (OPM)

The Office of the Prime Minister shall, base on its mandate for overall coordination of government policies and programmes, undertake the following responsibilities;

- (a) Support the OPM Climate Change Focal Person to identify opportunities inherent in ongoing Government programmes, for purposes of leveraging the resources to address GHG data and information management and use as defined in the IMC GHG strategic investment framework;
- (b) Strengthen coordination for implementation of climate change policies and programmes through the National Institutional Coordination Framework.

C. Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF)

MAAIF, given its mandate to formulate and implement national policies, strategies, regulations and standards and enforce related laws and regulations in crop, livestock and fisheries categories, and as the agricultural GHG sectoral lead shall undertake the following roles in implementation of this Agreement:

- a) Prioritize climate change mainstreaming in agricultural policy and related planning processes;
- b) Support the MAAIF Climate Change Focal Point to strengthen the collection, processing and transmission of agricultural emissions data to MWE;
- c) Ensure implementation of the sectoral MoU on GHG data sharing between MAAIF and MWE;
- d) Streamline the collection, processing and transmission of livestock emissions data in collaboration with Uganda Bureau of Statistics and primary GHG data suppliers, for purposes of implementing the national GHG inventory and UNFCCC reporting on the livestock subsector;
- e) Support GHG research and development across the MAAIF agencies for purposes of improving GHG data management at MAAIF, and sharing with MWE.

D. Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development (MEMD)

MEMD is mandated to promote the sustainable exploitation and utilization of energy and mineral resources for social and economic development, and currently the energy GHG emissions sectoral head.

MEMD shall undertake the following under this cooperation Agreement:

- a) Lead and ensure implementation of the MWE-MEMD Sectoral MoU of GHG data sharing;
- b) Strengthen the MEMD Climate Change Focal Point to coordinate the collection, processing and transmission of emissions data in the energy sector, in the categories of energy generation, and distribution/utilisation;
- c) Support the engagement MEMD agencies to collection and processing GHG data in accordance with MWE CCD and UNFCCC requirements;
- d) Strengthen cooperation and collaboration with Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives in the collection, processing and sharing of industrial energy consumption and utilization data;
- e) Mainstream climate change concerns and priorities in related energy policy and planning processes;

E. Ministry of Works and Transport (MoWT)

MoWT is mandated to plan, develop, and maintain transport infrastructure and engineering works, and is currently the transport sector lead for GHG emissions data collection, processing and transmission to MWE for purposes of UNFCCC reporting.

MoWT shall undertake the following under this Agreement:

- a) Lead and ensure implementation of the MWE-MoWT Sectoral MoU on GHG data sharing;
- b) Strengthen the MoWT Climate Change Focal Point to coordinate the collection, processing and transmission of transport emissions data in the sub-categories of aviation, rail, road and water to MWE;
- c) Mainstream climate change priorities in MoWT sectoral priorities and plans.

F. Ministry of Local Government (MoLG)

MoLG is mandated to provide guidance and the overall vision of Government in local governments.

MoLG shall undertake the following roles under this Agreement:

- a) Collaborate with NEMA as GHG lead for the waste sector, to ensure that municipalities and townships collect and transmit data on solid waste emissions to NEMA;
- b) Support Kampala City Council Authority (KCCA) to implement the Kampala Climate Change Action Strategy 2014;
- c) Support climate change initiatives led by Parties and being implemented in the local governments.

G. Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development (MLHUD)

MLHUD is mandated to ensure a rational, sustainable and effective use and management of land and orderly development of urban and rural areas. MLHUD shall undertake the following roles in this Agreement:

- a) Support the MLHUD Climate Change Focal Point to enhance your engagement in GHG emissions tracking, and the use of GHG information to inform policy;
- b) Share with MWE, MLHUD data and information related to GHG emissions tracking, to inform the GHG national inventory;
- c) Support integration of climate change concerns and priorities in MLHUD policy and strategy processes.

F. Ministry of Trade Industry and Cooperatives (MTIC)

MTIC is mandated to provide policy oversight and coordination for trade, industry and cooperatives in the country. The MTIC's Department of Industry and Technology although currently not selected among the MWE priority sectors for UNFCCC reporting is relevant to the Industry Processes and Product and Use (IPPU) category of GHG emissions. MTIC shares emissions data on industrial energy consumption with MEMD and industrial waste effluents with NEMA for transmission to MWE for UNFCCC reporting.

MTIC shall take on the following role in implementation of this Agreement:

- a) Continue to share energy and waste emissions data with MEMD and NEMA respectively, to support implementation of the national GHG Inventory and to inform UNFCCC reporting by MWE;
- b) Support the Department of Industry to develop a sectoral hub for GHG data collection and transmission for the IPPU sector, and coordinate the participation of the MTIC agencies, such as Uganda Cleaner Production Centre, Uganda Bureau of Standards, and Uganda Industrial Research Institute.
- c) Promote sustainable industrial and technological growth by mainstreaming climate change in MTIC's Industrial Policy and related strategies.

G. Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development

MoFPED is a cabinet level government ministry mandated to mobilize financial resources, regulate their management and formulate policies that enhance overall economic stability and development. The ministry also supervises autonomous agencies of relevance to climate change and GHG data management, and these include National Planning Authority (NPA), Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS), and Uganda Revenue Authority (URA).

MoFPED shall within their mandate undertake the following roles under this Agreement:

- a) Support the Parties to adopt programme based planning and budgeting model for the integration of climate change priorities and concerns in sectoral activities;
- b) Support Parties to mobilize and attract climate change financing to address climate change effects and improve transparency data collection and reporting;
- c) Facilitate implementation of the national GHG inventory development through the following activities;
 - (i) Support UBOS and URA to improve data management processes including methodologies and tools to respond to national planning needs and UNFCCC reporting requirements.
 - (ii) In collaboration with NPA and MWE, support the Parties to streamline the measurement of GHG emissions and tracking policy implementation in the NDP process.
 - (iii) Support NPA to integrate the Uganda Green Growth Development Strategy 2017/18 – 2030/31 and implementation plan into the GHG national development process.

H. Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MoSTI)

The mandate of MoSTI is policy guidance and coordination for scientific research, development and innovation.

MoSTI shall undertake the following roles in the implementation of this Agreement;

- (i) Provide guidance to Parties on aspects of ICT research, development and innovation for climate change mitigation and adaptation;
- (ii) Support Parties to identify and promote ICT based innovations for GHG data collection, processing and transmission.

ARTICLE 7

MODIFICATION AND AMENDMENTS.

This Agreement may be amended or modified at any time by written mutual consent of all Parties.

ARTICLE 8

ENTRY INTO FORCE AND NOTIFICATION

1. This Agreement comes into force upon signature and will remain in force for ten years. It will be renewed upon mutual consent of all the Parties, based upon successful past implementation.
2. Each Party shall promptly notify the other Parties in writing of any anticipated or actual material changes that will affect the execution of this Agreement.

Signatures:

For the Ministry of Water and Environment

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For the Parties:

Office of The Prime Minister

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