

From the Executive Director.

We are pleased to present the first annual report of EMLI Bwaise Facility's work in achieving a sustainable livelihood. As this report brings up the first intervention to our 5 year strategic plan (2008-2012) which focus at addressing environmental issues at local, national and transnational levels, education and HIV/AIDS, it is our mandate to inform you about what we have done.

During the last 2 years, EMLI Bwaise Facility has developed greater partnership with multi national organizations including United Nations agencies, World Bank civil society forum and African Environmental platform. Our extensive and thoughtful dialogue on environment and natural resources is a clear evidence of growing interest in addressing pertinent issues. This has been reflected in the increasing number of EMLI Bwaise Facility's participation at UNEP-Global Civil Society Forum, World Forest Congress, TUNZA African Regional Conference on climate change and the latest UN climate change conference in Copenhagen, Denmark (COP15). It is in this just period that we have witnessed extensive consultations on the issues of environmental governance, climate change and civil society organizations engagement with World Bank and other multi national agencies. This has improved EMLI Bwaise Facility's international cooperation and further network engagement such as the GEF NGO network, Stockholm Convention on POPs, UNEP Climate Neutral Network and UN Convention to Combat Desertification. At national level, dialogue and consultations have been held on a lot of development issues including representing CSOs during the United Nations Development Assistance Framework for Uganda (UNDAF), World Bank Uganda country office engagement with CSOs and consultations on Uganda's contribution to the recent World Development Report 2010 (WDR 2010) and drafting Kawempe Division Environment Strategy.

As civil society maintains fame in Uganda, EMLI Bwaise Facility looks at better engaging others to empower communities implement development plans and programmes that promote sustainable development through thinking global and acting local.

We look forward to explicating all frontiers to achieve sustainable livelihood through better managing our environment.

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