1.0 Background

The Ministry of Water and Environment with financing from the Adaptation Fund and through the Sahara and Sahel Observatory as an implementing entity is executing the four (04) year Enhancing Resilience of Communities to Climate Change through Catchment Based Integrated Management of Water and Related Resources in Uganda Project (EURECCCA). The specific assignment is to support implementation of capacity building and knowledge management actions, contributing to component 3 of the EURECCCA project that focuses on building capacities of extension services and institutions at sub-catchment, catchment and Water Management Zone (WMZ) level to support local communities and knowledge management. This component is intended to build the capacity of stakeholders at various levels (national, catchment, district, and local levels) with the aim of increasing resilience to climate change impacts in the three catchments (Awoja, Maziba, Aswa).

The context is that Ugandan communities are exposed to the effects of climate change and there is a need to enhance their resilience, but the interventions require their capacities to be enhanced. The project actions reflect logical coherence and accordance with national sustainable development, poverty reduction, and climate adaptation strategies and plans. These include but not limited to the Uganda vision 2040 that commits the country to put in efforts to attain a green and clean environment; the NDCs and IPCC reports; The National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA), undertook the first preliminary assessment of the country’s vulnerability to climate change, and identified its adaptation priority projects. The project is anchored firmly in the priorities identified in the NAPA. The project will contribute towards implementing NAPA Priority projects in Uganda such as Community Tree Growing, Land Degradation Management, and Water for Production and Development Planning; the National Development Plan III(NDP III 2020/21-2024/25) which promotes continuous integration of climate change and disaster risk reduction in planning, budgeting and reporting, and strategic climate change interventions have been included in the plan.

It is based on this background that the project will also support the on-going process and efforts towards mainstreaming climate change in Uganda in key sectors of the economy through considering issue of climate change during National and District strategic Development Planning processes. The project will also contribute to other on-going Catchment-based IWRM planning processes, and the new National Adaptation Plan (NAP) development process in Uganda.

1.1 Project Objectives
The overall goal of the EURECCCA project is to increase the resilience of communities to the risk of floods and landslides in Awoja, Maziba and Aswa catchments through promoting catchment based integrated, equitable and sustainable management of water and related resources.

The specific objectives of the project are to:

- Increase the resilience of ecosystems by supporting sustainable management of forests, wetlands and riverbanks
- Increase the resilience of agricultural landscapes by supporting communities to develop and implement sustainable water harvesting, soil bio-physical and flood control structures
- Increase resilience of other community livelihood systems by supporting income generating activities with credit and market access
- Build the capacity of extension services and institutions at local, catchment, water management zone and national level, to better support local stakeholders

The project goal will be achieved through compliance with the following key components:

**Component 1**: Establishing Frameworks for Climate Resilient Catchment Management in Awoja, Aswa, and Maziba catchments: This component is intended to strengthen the institutional capacity of the communities to adapt to climate change. Besides, the project will strengthen the existing Catchment management structures to facilitate the equitable and sustainable management of water and other natural resources.

**Component 2**: Implementing concrete adaptation actions for resilient and sustained ecosystems, agricultural landscapes and diversification of livelihood systems: This component aims at increasing the resilience of ecosystems, agricultural landscapes and livelihood systems to the impacts of climate change such as heavy rains by reducing the risk of floods, landslides, and mudslides.

**Component 3**: Building capacities of extension services and institutions at sub-catchment, catchment and WMZ level to support local communities and knowledge management. This component is intended to build the capacity of stakeholders at various levels (national, catchment, district, and local levels) to effectively support the implementation of the project. The component is contributing to building capacity of stakeholders with the aim of increasing resilience to climate change impacts in the three catchments (Awoja, Maziba, Aswa).

### 1.2 Objective of the Work

The objective of the consultancy is to train key government sector staff on integrating water security and climate resilience issues, develop a scaling up strategy and an action plan to integrate IWRM and Climate Change adaptation into national and sectoral development plans.

The specific objectives include:

1. To train key Government Sector Staff on integrating water security and climate resilience issues into National and Sectoral Development Plans.
2. To develop a scaling up strategy with key government sectors and agree on an action plan to integrate IWRM and CC adaptation into national and sectoral development Plans.

### 2.0 Scope of the work
The scope of work will comprise the following:

i. **Training key Government Sector Staff on integrating water security and climate resilience issues into National and Sectoral Development Plans.**

The Key activities will include:

a) Review the existing relevant tools to assess their adequacy in guiding the Ministry of Water and Environment and other key sectoral ministries in integrating water security and climate resilience issues into national/sectoral plans and budgets. Then, identify areas for further improving the existing tools. The consultant will develop additional-supplementary tool/guidelines for integrating water security and climate resilience issues into plans and budgets.

b) Based on the tools developed in the above, the consultant will conduct an analysis of the implementation of the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) development process in Uganda and or National Development Plan III (NDP III 2020/21-2024/25) in integrating Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) in planning and implementation. The consultant will identify gaps, challenges, opportunities and barriers to integrating and implementing climate change adaptation measures; And as well provide recommendations for taking this forward.

c) Review the existing systems and procedures being applied by the Ministry of Water and Environment, focusing on tools for integrating CCA into National and Sectoral development plans;

d) Identify the points in the relevant policies at national level where resilience principles could be mainstreamed and contextualize it to the MWE;

e) Mapping out the most practicable way to engage MWE to develop adaptation costing work e.g. Climate Change, Environment and Natural Resources Management Sector Working Group (SWG);

f) Identify international best practices in integrating climate change adaptation into national development plans and how best these can be localized and adapted to the Uganda context;

g) Review cases where attempts were made to integrate CCA into sector plans. The consultant will also investigate this with specific reference to catchments and sub-catchments where the EURECCCA project is intervening

h) Develop a scaling up strategy with key government sectors and agree on an action plan to integrate IWRM and CC adaptation into national and sectoral development Plans

i) Organise/facilitate a follow-up workshop/meetings to develop a scale up strategy with key government sectors and agree on an action plan to integrate IWRM and CC adaptation into national and sectoral development Plans

**3.0 Outputs/ expected deliverables**

The expected deliverables of the assignment are as follows:

a) Inception report with a clear workplan on how the consultant will undertake the assignment;

b) Draft gender transformative and responsive supplementary tools/guidelines for integrating climate change adaptation into National and Sectoral Development Plans;
The consultant will subsequently prepare final report following a discussion/input from stakeholders;

c) Report on the review of the National Development Plan III identifying gaps, challenges and lessons for integrating and implementing CCA including identifying areas/opportunities to integrate CCA into the planning process, with respect to MWE.

d) Analysis Report of existing systems and procedures with identified entry points in the national policy for mainstreaming adaptation, and recommendations of practical ways for engaging line ministries to develop adaptation costing work and incorporating lessons from international and local best practice of integrating CCA in plans and budgets;

e) Training report on integrating climate change adaptation into national and sectoral development plans;

f) A scaling up strategy and an action plan to integrate IWRM and Climate Change adaptation into national and sectoral development plans.

4.0 Approach

The approach is to train key Government Sector Staff on integrating water security and climate resilience issues into National and Sectoral Development Plans. Before the actual integration of water security and climate resilience issues into national and sectorial development plans, desk assessment, interviews and key informant discussions will be analysed to understand the extent in terms of Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices. This will identify the existing gaps to be able to design the appropriate actions. Therefore, the training will be aligned to the needs of the targeted audience.

Training and cross learning will be used during a one-off training workshop bringing together key Government Sector Staff - including staff from MWE, Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF), Ministry of Trade and Cooperatives, Ministry of Wildlife, Animal Industry and Antiquities (MTWA) and other agencies such as National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Action (NAMA), MWE Zonal staff as well as selected district focal persons and planners that are involved in drafting plans at different levels in integrating water security and climate resilience issues into national and sectoral development plans.

- The local government staff through the sub-catchment management committees will be part and parcel of this training due to their role in sustaining the interventions after project exit. At subcounty level, there are some gaps identified because there are no responsible officers to handle key issues in relation to climate change. Therefore, we will target 1-2 people from the sub-counties for this purpose.

- Catchment is another planning level- so need to involve the persons at catchment planning committees. It’s vital that they also understand the issues of incorporating the CC issues from these committees. Therefore, identify people that are responsible for planning e.g. from the catchment management committee.

The other persons targeted for the training would include: MWE Planning department, Planners at district level and selected personnel from the Ministry of Finance Planning and
Economic Development (MoFPED) that is currently the National Designated Authority (NDA) for Climate Finance in the country.

5.0 Reporting arrangement

The consultant will report to the GWPEA Project Manager with overall guidance of GWPEA Regional Coordinator.

6.0 Time Schedule

The Assignment shall be expected to be completed within a maximum of 3 months from date of signing the contract in a space of 25 consultancy days. The consultant will provide a detailed time schedule for the task and delivery of the outputs. The schedule will be agreed upon by the two parties (consultant and Client/GWPEA) during the Inception Phase.

7.0 Required expertise and qualifications

The Consultant required to undertake the assignment described in these TORs should possess the following minimum qualifications and experience:

a) Minimum of Master’s Degree in either of the following or related fields: economics, environmental economics, Environmental planning & Management, development and economic planning, development studies or policy development and analysis;
b) A strong knowledge of best practices in integrating climate change adaptation in development plans and budgets;
   a) Demonstrated knowledge and experience of more than 10 years in policy formulation, national development planning and budgeting processes;
b) Demonstrated knowledge of climate change issues, institutional and policy environment;
c) Experience of working with diverse stakeholders including governments, civil society and communities in Uganda;
d) Demonstrated experience in developing planning tools and integrating gender issues;
e) Hands-on experience of developing training manuals and facilitating adult trainings;
f) Domiciled and with at least four (4) years of working experience in Uganda;
g) Knowledge of Uganda’s government institutional set-up is a requirement;
h) Excellent analytical and writing skills and demonstrated teamwork skills and ability to work independently;
i) Excellent written and oral communication skills in English language is a must.

Applications

Individual consultants meeting the above requirements are invited to submit their CV’s, Cover Letter, specifying their interest and availability for the task and clearly highlighting how the assignment will be undertaken to deliver the outputs of the task. Applications may be submitted to the address Procurement Officer, Nile Basin Initiative Secretariat on email gwpvacancy@nilebasin.org not later than 15th September 2021