



2021

ANNUAL REPORT





LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



**Samantha Atukunda
K. Mwesigwa**

This year has been a year of learning, unlearning and reflection on the vision of our organization. I have been thinking about how project activities can be sustained during the times that we have not acquired funding or have to go through rigorous lengthy processes to acquire funding to implement planned projects. It is essential for our team to understand these dynamics so that expectations are met. We have been fortunate to receive five grants this year for projects to be undertaken in 2022 and 2023.

Our strategy is to exercise diligence, team work and build our social networks for the purpose of

achieving our targets and objectives. Over the past years Greenwatch has built strong collaborative partnerships with the Judicial Training Institution, Petroleum Authority of Uganda, National Environment Management Authority, Ministry of Water and Environment and sister Civil Society organization whose vision, mission and objectives are similar to ours.

This report is a reflection of working in partnerships to meet our objectives. We always embrace the fact that if we all did a little, we would do much. One of the things we would like to focus on in the coming year is reorientation and training of our team as well as , setting up effective administrative and management systems.



ACRONYMS

NEMA – National Environment Management Authority

PIEL – Public Interest Environment Litigation

TCI – True Cost Initiative

JTI – Judicial Training Institute

PAU – Petroleum Authority of Uganda

NFA – National Forestry Authority

LDC – Law Development Center

IGSD – Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development

MTI – My Tree Initiative

OCT – Our Children’s Trust

TIN – Tax Identification Number

UPR – Universal Periodic Review

EMLI – Environmental Management for Livelihood Improvement

NGO – Non-Governmental Organization

URA – Uganda Revenue Authority

EACOP – East African Crude Oil Pipeline

PFMA – Public Finance Management Amendment Bill

CSO – Civil Society Organizations

UFWG – Uganda Forestry Working Group

ACODE – Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment

ELAW– Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide

DPP – Directorate of Public Prosecution

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

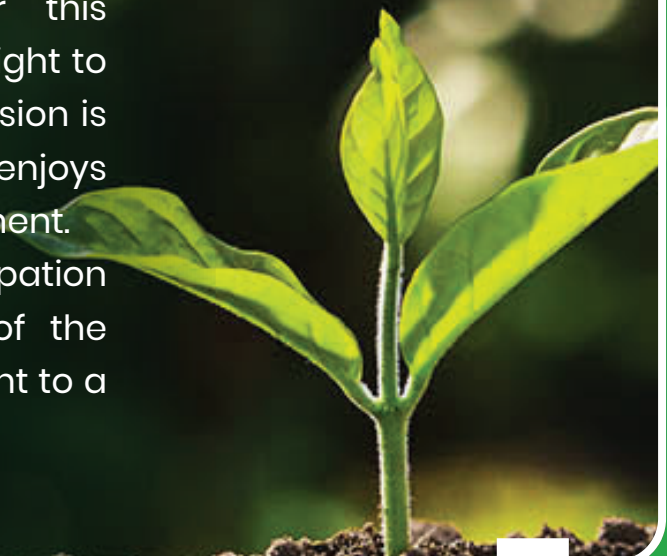


This activity report provides a summary of the events and project activities completed over a period of twelve-months, January-December 2021. Despite the challenges faced in implementing the said events and project activities due to the lock down because of the COVID 19 pandemic, the team at Greenwatch embraced the principles of team work and diligence, qualities that allowed us to align our work to meet the objectives and targets set for 2021.

Our events and projects included among others the third judicial training on climate justice, Public Interest Environment Litigation (PIEL), community sensitization, outreaches and capacity building, campaigns, research, establishment of our online environment resource center and joining a newly established initiative to protect the River Nile.

ABOUT GREENWATCH

Greenwatch is an environmental rights advocacy Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) founded by Justice Kenneth Kakuru in 1995. At the time of the organization's conception Uganda's progressive constitution had just been promulgated. Under this Constitution, Article 39 provided for the right to a clean and healthy environment. Our vision is to ensure that every person in Uganda enjoys the right to a clean and healthy environment. It is our mission to enhance public participation in the management and protection of the environment and enforcement of the right to a clean and healthy environment.





WHAT WE DO

We advocate for the right to a clean and healthy environment this in turn feeds into our focus to enhance public participation in the management of the environment. We discourage practices that degrade and deplete the environment, thus Greenwatch is an environmental “watchdog.”

HOW WE DO, WHAT WE DO

1. **Public Interest Environment Litigation (PIEL)**

Greenwatch has used strategic Public Interest Litigation as a means of encouraging public participation, access to information, access to justice and the enforcement of environmental rights. Article 50 (2) of the Constitution of Uganda provides that any person or organization may bring an action against the violation of another person’s or group’s human right. Greenwatch has been a focal symbol in the arena of PIEL.

2. **Research, Capacity Building and Community sensitization**

We undertake research on environmental laws issues with emphasis on the public participation in enforcement, conversation and management of resources. Our community sensitization, outreach programs comprise of dialogues with communities, workshop trainings and seminars. These are meant to educate the participants on their environmental rights, obligations and the prevalent issue of climate change. This initiative has involved:

- Development of bye laws and ordinances in environment which took place in Hoima, Tororo and Masindi

- Workshops on Land rights in Bullisa
- Training seminars on Oil and Gas in Bullisa
- Community leader's and Community dialogues on the EACOP (Monitoring of Environmental standards) in Rakai, Kyotera

3. Training

We work with communities, Government institutions like the Judiciary, the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), Police, the Directorate of Public Prosecution (DPP), Local Government, schools and Hospitals. In so doing we train administrators, judicial officers, lawyers, policy makers and communities. These trainings enable public participation and promote environmental awareness. We have conducted capacity building training workshops for the judiciary, lawyers, environmental officer, state prosecutors and police officers.

4. Resource Hub

Greenwatch is a resource center with a variety of environmental material, policies and laws, both local and international that can be easily accessible by anyone/organization who wishes to enrich themselves on matters pertaining to the environment. This is to disseminate information on environmental protection to as many people as possible.

5. Campaigns

Greenwatch has participated in environmental law campaigns that have greatly impacted a change in policy decisions. These campaigns are highly influenced by Article 39 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda. Some of these include;

- Save Mabiira Forest that was launched in 2007
- Anti-Kaveera Campaign that was launched in 2015
- Save Bugoma Forest that was launched in September of 2020

OUR TEAM



**SAMANTHA ATUKUNDA
KAKURU MWESIGWA**

Director and Legal Counsel

Samantha has been a part of Greenwatch since 2005. She was appointed Director in 2019. This year she has learned to lead with courage and vulnerability. “I greatly value professional development majorly through trainings and experiences that are able to change someone’s mind set and the way they perceive themselves and life in general.” Samantha believes that a good working environment enables one to thrive.”

You can read Samantha’s full bio here

<https://greenwatch.or.ug/team/samantha-atukunda-k-mwesigwa>



PRINCESS AYEBARE

Communications Officer

Princess is latest addition to our team; she has a background in communication and experience working as a comms officer in private companies and government institutions. Since she came on board, Princess has been able to activate all our social media platforms and increase our visibility. Princess is creative, enthusiastic and outgoing. She is definitely a value addition to the organization.

You can read Princess’s full bio here

<https://greenwatch.or.ug/team/princess-ayebare>



SAMUEL OKURUT

Research Officer

Sam is our biodiversity and climate scientist; he supports the team to make sense of the climate science. He is very good at coordinating community engagements and interacting with local leaders. He is a teacher and conservationist at heart. Samuel is currently pursuing a Master’s of Science in Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management from Busitema University

You can read Sam’s full bio here

<https://greenwatch.or.ug/team/okurut-samuel>

OUR TEAM



DAPHINE KAMUNTU

Legal Officer

Daphine joined Greenwatch about two years ago fresh from the Law Development Centre (LDC). She dived right into our judicial training program. She has been and continues to be instrumental in supporting the team to organize and successfully carry out our training programs.

You can read Daphine's full bio here

<https://greenwatch.or.ug/team/daphne-nuwasiima>



BRIDGET AMPURIRA

Legal and Research
Assistant (IGSD Project)

Bridget was a perfect fit for our team. She had completed her clerkship this year with Kakuru & Co. Advocates. While clerking Bridget worked on our climate change case. At the time she completed her clerkship, Greenwatch had received support from the Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development (IGSD) to facilitate legal capacity for the forest cover case. Bridget jumped for the opportunity to work under our PIEL program. She is the legal and research assistant working on the case to support the lead counsel.

You can read Bridget's full bio here

<https://greenwatch.or.ug/team/bridget-ampurira>

Our Board is comprised of:

1. Justice Kenneth Kakuru
2. Mr. Richard Karegyesa
3. Samantha Atukunda Kakuru Mwesigwa

Our board plays an advisory role to the team and ensures that all project activities undertaken by Greenwatch are aligned with her mission and vision. The board also helps to identify and link the organization to relevant stakeholders or experts who can support the implementation of our project activities.

EVENTS, PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES 2021



January - April 2021

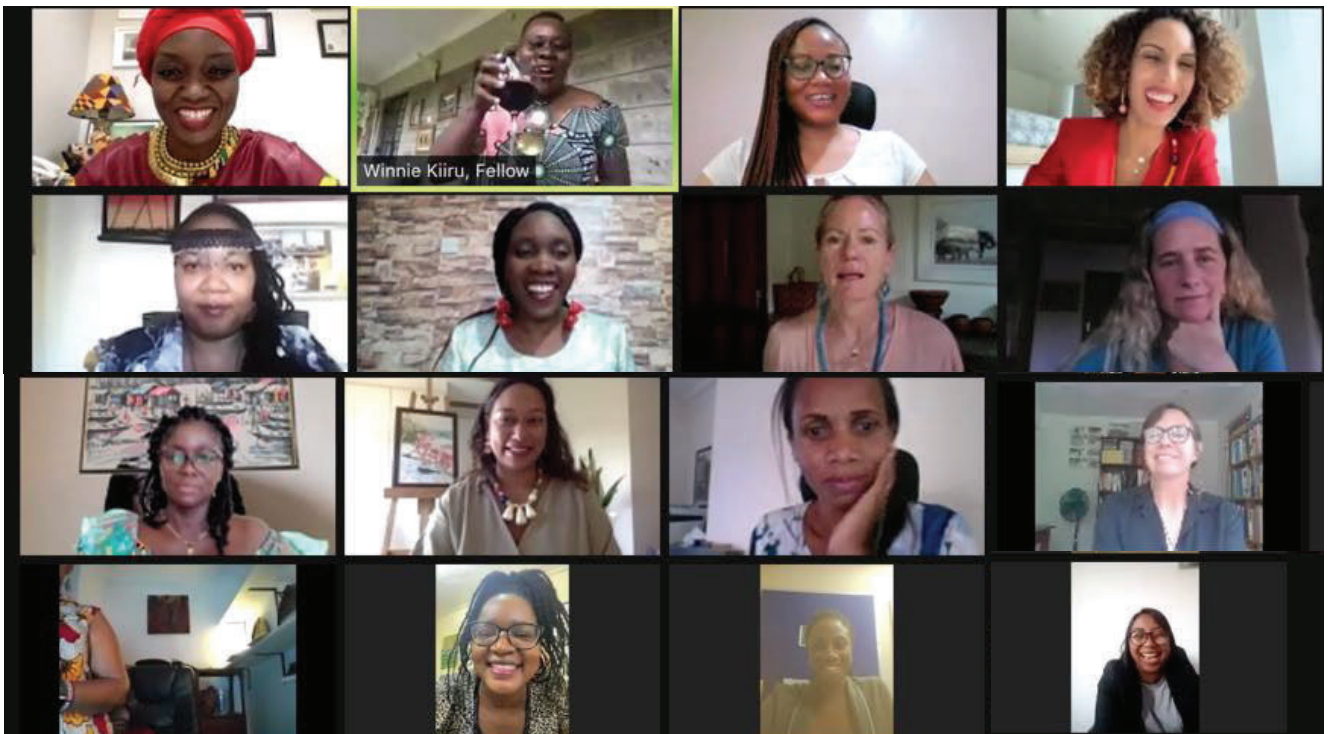
The Forest Cover Case:

On the 8th of January 2021, Greenwatch instituted a case High Court Civil Suit No. 11 of 2021 against the Attorney General, National Forest Authority and National Environment Management Authority. Uganda has been losing an average of 122,000 hectares of forests every year, considering the importance of forests as carbon sinks in the mitigation of climate change. Greenwatch contends that the Government, NFA and NEMA have failed to discharge their mandate under the law by failing to take measures to curb the rapid forest cover loss in Uganda and its associated impacts.

On 1st July 2021, the matter was scheduled for parties to be heard on the summons for directions but due to the lockdown imposed by the Government of Uganda in a preventative measure to stop the rapid spread of COVID 19 the matter was not heard on that day, it was

adjourned to 4th October 2021, the court directed all the parties to file Joint Scheduling Memorandum and a Trial Bundle (all the documents brought together by the claimant for a trial) by 25th October 2021 and thereafter appear for first mention on 26th October 2021. On the 26th October, Greenwatch and her representatives appeared in court for first mention but all of the defendants and their representatives were absent. The matter was adjourned to 4th November to enable the parties conclude and file the Joint Scheduling Memorandum and Trial bundle. On 4th of November, Greenwatch filed their trial bundle and appeared before the Registrar for mention, the file was forwarded to the judge and a hearing date was fixed for 23rd March 2022.

WE Africa Fellowship



Women for Environment Africa was created to remedy this imbalance by empowering women leaders in African conservation to transform their own and others' leadership, creating strong mixed gender teams that will achieve greater environmental outcomes. The cohort is designed to scale into a contagious movement for women's environmental leadership benefitting people, wildlife, and ecosystems across the continent and then around the world. WE Africa's 2021 cohort included leaders from 12 African countries with a diverse range of backgrounds, disciplines, and strengths, Greenwatch's director Samantha Atukunda, was one of the selected applicants to join the first of its kind women leadership program and graduated from the program in December 2021.

You can read more about this fellowship at <https://womenforenvironment.org>

Creation of an Index for Books, Journals, Reports, Magazines for the Greenwatch Library

A digital inventory of all books, journals, magazines, resource books, report and other documents that are stored in Greenwatch's resource center was created. The digitalization of the resource center enabled the creation of Greenwatch's online Library. Users of Greenwatch's digital resource center can request for material online. The particular material requested can be scanned and sent to the user or a physical visit to Greenwatch's resource center can be arranged.

Participation in the Exhibition of a Tree Nursery and Launch of Tree Planting Activities Hosted by MY TREE INITIATIVE

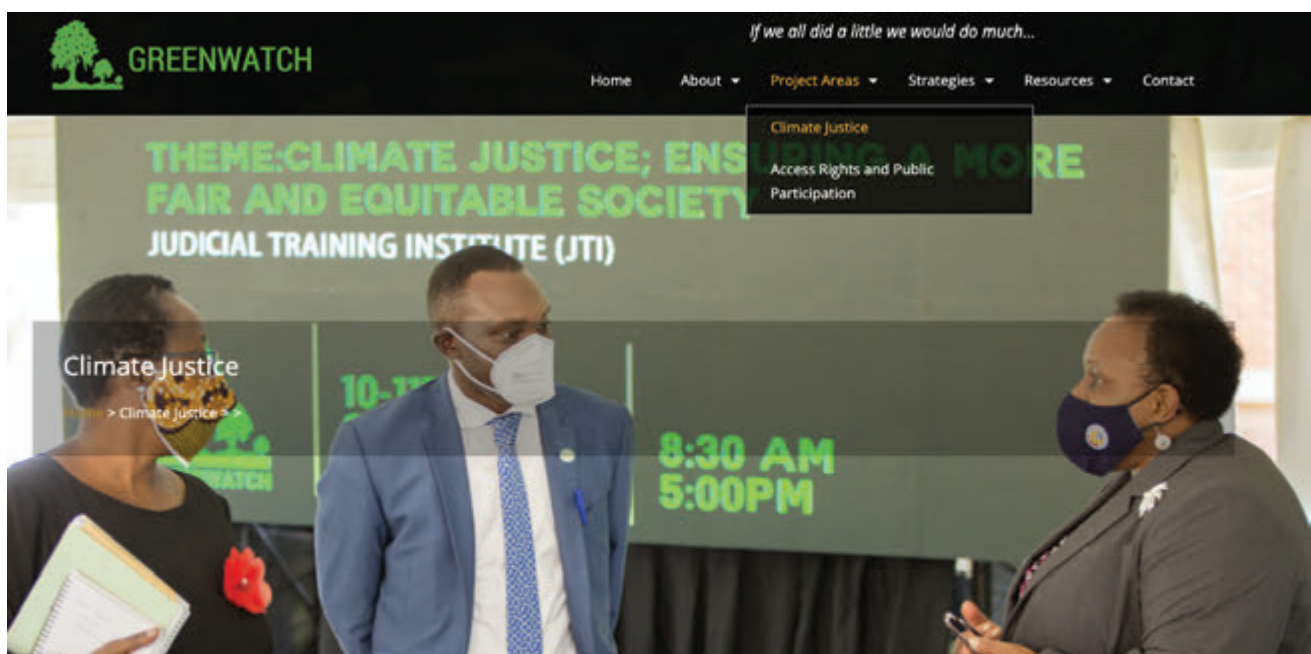
We all agree that trees are essential especially in this time when we are facing one of the biggest threats to humanity 'climate change.' We all need to plant trees, My Tree Initiative (MTI) is a Ugandan Youth founded and based NGO that seeks to contribute to global well- being through environmental action.

Greenwatch was one of the participants selected to be part of the exhibition of a tree nursery and the launch of the tree planting activity in Kawempe Tula on 23 February 2021, this activity engaged local communities in tree planting and nurturing. Furthermore, the activity enabled communities to have a better understanding of how both man and nature can live in harmony.



Revamp of Greenwatch's Website and Content Development for Social Media Platforms

We have received great reviews about the content on our website and the resource material that is made available on that platform. To make the website even more user friendly we redesigned it to specifically highlight our major project areas and most recent project activities. We populated our photo gallery and created an online resource center. Our communications officer, Princess worked strategically to increase our followers across all our social media platforms and engage them on Facebook and twitter. Also, our Instagram following grew from 75 followers to 128.



Uganda is most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. As temperature levels increase and rainfall patterns change, flood, drought, disease have become prevalent affecting Uganda's economy and the livelihood of the people.

To ensure that every Ugandan enjoys the right to a clean and healthy environment, Greenwatch works to achieving climate justice using the following strategies

- Enabling the recognition of a changing climate and awareness of climate change and all the issues related to it. This is done through research, community dialogues, workshops and trainings.
- Strategic climate litigation. In 2012, Greenwatch instituted the first climate change case in Uganda, this matter is still pending in court. [Case Files: [Irene Ssekanya - witness statement.pdf](#), [Dr Shuaib Lwasa - witness statement.pdf](#), [Written Statement of Defence.pdf](#)]
- Capacity building and education on climate change, climate justice, climate action and climate litigation.



Blog

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Enchroachers Evicted from Protected Areas: A Mere Fuss or The Real Deal?

Earlier this week I had the opportunity of attending the Annual General Meeting for the Uganda Forestry Working Group (UFWG) and among the emerging issues that were discussed at the meeting was the recent decision by cabinet on 27th July, 2021 to...

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Nile Coalition Initiative with Greenwatch Uganda

Greenwatch is among the organizations that is a part of the Nile Coalition Initiative (NCI). Other organizations that are part of this coalition include: (<https://www.redrocksinitiative.org>, <https://www.agrabilityafrica.org/junior-ranger-uganda>, <https://www.ugandaenvironmentalwatchdog.org>...

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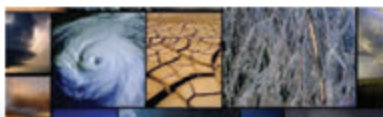


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The Right To Access Information: Inclusive Governance in The East African Crude Oil Pipeline.

On the 20th of May 2021, Tanzania and East African Crude Oil Pipeline Company (EACOP) signed the Host Government Agreement (HGA) for Tanzania. This was the final agreement for the pipeline project that will enable exploitation of crude oil in Uganda...

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Greenwatch Photo Stream

Gallery of Recent Events and Various Activities



Nile Coalition Initiative with Greenwatch Uganda



The Third Judicial Training on Climate Justice - 2021



On the 27th of February 2021, the team from Greenwatch alongside the plaintiffs (children) in the case of Nissi Mbabazi Vs Attorney General and NEMA (Civil suit no: 283 of 2021) in which the respondents were sued for failure to combat climate change



Community Dialogue Trainings - October 2020 - (Rakai & Kyotera)



Greenwatch in conjunction with the Judicial Training Institute (JTI) organised the 2nd annual Judicial Training on Climate Justice in Uganda on the 10th and 11th September 2020.



On the 26th and 27th February 2020, Greenwatch conducted dialogue meetings with local government officials on enforcement of environmental standards in Rakai and Kyotera districts respectively.

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The Advocates (Remuneration and Taxation of costs) (Amendment) Rules, 1996

Year Published: 1996

Publisher: The Uganda Gazette

Available Quantity: 1

Reference Code: GWA001

Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment: Annual Report 2002

Year Published: 2002

Publisher: Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE)

Available Quantity: 1

Reference Code: GWA002

Fun Filled Trip to Mabira Forest Reserve



The youth Plaintiffs and the Greenwatch team learning about the different tree species in Mabira Central Reserve Forest

In late February, Greenwatch gathered the youth Plaintiffs in the climate change case Nissi Mbabazi & 5 Others v Attorney General and NEMA High Court Civil Suit No. 283 of 2012 for a fun, fact filed trip to Mabira Forest Reserve. The purpose of the field trip was to educate the youth about the importance of forests to our eco system and also expose them to experience wild nature and the beauty and functions that it possesses. The plaintiffs had a remarkable experience, they

traversed the forest (first zone) both the degraded part and intact sections supervised by Mr. Haman Mugabi (forest guide) and learnt about the importance of forests, the different tree species, their role in combating climate change and how they can be restored once degraded. This gave them an insight on how environmental degradation especially deforestation and plastic waste negatively impact the forest ecosystem.

We concluded the trip with a fun zip lining experience in the forest. This initiative was inspired by the 10-part series of short documentaries created by Our Children's Trust (OCT) showcasing the effects of climate change in the day to day lives of youths living in different parts of the world.

Please read more information here <https://www.ourchildrenstrust.org/>

The Third Judicial Training on Climate Justice



A group photo of the participants of the Third Judicial Training on climate justice, On the right is Samantha Atukunda K. Mwesigwa the Director and Legal Counsel Greenwatch, next to her is Justice Damalie Lwanga the Executive Director Judicial Training Institute. In the middle is Hon. Justice Richard Buteera, the Deputy Chief Justice of Uganda

Greenwatch in partnership with the Judicial Training Institute (JTI) organized the 3rd Judicial Training on Climate Justice. The theme for this two-day training was titled, "Understanding climate change and exploring the role of the Judiciary in implementing climate justice".

Twenty-five (25) participants attend the training these included, Judges of the High Court, Justices of the Court of Appeal, Registrars and Magistrates. The training was opened by Hon. Justice Richard Buteera, Deputy Chief Justice of Uganda. It consisted of presentations by Dr. Patrick Byakagaba (PhD) a lecturer at Makerere University School of Forestry, Environment and Geographical Sciences, Dr. Peter Davis Mutesasira (PhD) Dean Faculty of Law Uganda Christian University, Ms. Emily Kinama from Katiba Institute Nairobi, Kenya and Hon. Justice Kenneth Kakuru Justice of the Court of Appeal.

Thereafter, a panel session that comprised of 4 panelists; Ms. Sarah Naigaga, Legal officer at National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), Ms. Susan Nandudu the Executive Director of African Centre for Trade and Development, Mr. Bob Natifu, Ag. Commissioner Climate Change Department at Ministry of Water and Environment and Mr. Moses Muhumuza the Legal Manager National Forestry Authority (NFA). This training was supported by True Cost Initiative (TCI) and Environmental Law Alliance (ELAW) as Greenwatch's fiscal sponsor.



May - August 2021

Participation in the UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR)

The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) is a mechanism of the UN Human Rights Council that seeks to improve the human rights situation of every UN member state. This process involves a review of the human rights records of all the member states, every four and a half years. The state under review receives recommendations from other UN member states, which they can either accept or note. Civil Society Organizations were selected to participate in the process by submitting reports and proposing

recommendations regarding the state under review. On the 17th and 18th of May 2021, Greenwatch was invited to participate in a workshop organized by Defend Defenders (East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project) an organization that seeks to strengthen the work of human rights defenders (HRDs) throughout the East and Horn of Africa sub-region. Greenwatch submitted a report which contained recommendations on the environment and climate change cluster.

Celebration of the WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY



Fred Isaac Nandala (extreme left), representing Greenwatch at the celebrations of the World Environment Day hosted by NEMA at Nyabyeya Forestry College in Masindi district

Every 5th of June the world celebrates the World Environment Day. This year Greenwatch the celebrations were hosted by NEMA at Nyabyeya Forestry College in Masindi, the theme of the day was “Ecosystem Restoration.” The celebrations demonstrated human concern over the deteriorating situation of physical, biological and human environment in which participants planted trees and sensitized other celebrants about proper preservation of the environment. Greenwatch was represented by Fred Isaac Nandala.

A new addition to Greenwatch’s Resource Library

In mid-June, the founder and Executive Director of Nalule Energy and Minerals Consultants, Dr. Victoria Nalule visited the team at Greenwatch. Dr. Nalule is an Energy and Mining consultant with extensive experience working on energy law and policy. During her visit, she shared her personal experience in the energy sector and her journey to completing her doctoral degree at 29 years. Her chat was very inspirational to our team and motivated them to aspire for more in their lives and careers, nothing is off limits. Dr. Nalule presented to the team copies of her recently published books:

1. Energy Poverty and Access Challenges in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Role of Regionalism
2. Mining and the Law in Africa: Exploring the Social and Environmental Impacts.



Above, Dr. Nalule holds up her energy and mining book titled, “Energy Transition and the Future of the African Energy Sector” which she gave the team as an additional resource material to Greenwatch’s library

Climate Change Act, 2021

The Climate Change Act, 2021 came into force in August this year. Environmental Management for Livelihood Improvement (EMLI) organized a hybrid meeting for Civil Society Organizations to popularize the National Climate Change Act and a customized guide on adaptation communication. Samantha (Director and Legal Counsel Greenwatch) was one of the panelists presenting at this meeting, her topic of discussion focused on deepening the understanding of climate legislation and adaption ambition.



September - December 2021

Launch of the NILE INITIATIVE COALITION

The Nile Initiative Coalition aims at uniting several Non-Government Organizations in countries that are part of the Nile basin. The coalition is focuses on the protection of River Nile and its biodiversity from pollution. The coalition consists of five (5) member organizations from Africa and Europe, these are:

1. One Earth One Ocean – Germany
2. Very Nile – Egypt
3. Uganda Junior Rangers of Uganda
4. Red Rocks Initiative for Sustainable Development of Rwanda and Association
5. Association De Burundaise

This initiative was launched on 18th September 2021 with all the organizations in the coalition carrying out a different event to mark the launch. Greenwatch choose to launch the coalition by planting trees along the shores of Lake Victoria, the source of River Nile. The tree species planted included fruit trees, indigenous trees and medicinal trees. The trees planted are expected to sieve out solid wastes from flowing into the Lake. A team of 13 people including 4 members from Greenwatch and 9 volunteers participated in the coalition. The launch was presided over by the Senior Environmental Officer of Entebbe municipality, Ms. Florence Najjuma who commended Greenwatch, Very Nile initiative and One Earth One Ocean for spearheading the action for the protection of the Nile and the environment at large.



Participants at the Launch of the Nile Coalition: Greenwatch team members and Volunteers pose for a picture along the shore of Lake Victoria after the tree planting activity

Collaboration With TRUE COSTS INITIATIVE (TCI)

For the past three years TCI has supported Greenwatch to continue with our work on training the judiciary. We have developed a strong relationship based on trust and mutual appreciation and respect for the work that we do in the communities. This has enabled the two organizations to collaborate on several activities and events this year.

- TCI engaged Greenwatch as a grantee partner to work with a consultant in general terms find out from us (the grantee partners) what constitutes “expertise?” More specifically the goal in commissioning this report was three-fold; to share our findings on technical expertise and how to deploy it, to hear our voices in regard to this aspect and to motivate funders to rethink what constitutes “technical expertise and fund, support, and value an

expanded range of insights and experiences. You can find the full report here [Report Revisioning Technical Support and What Constitutes "Expertise"](#).

- TCI Fellowship Conference the very first of its kind took place on 6th October and it was amazing. TCI created this program from the realization as they interacted with their grantee partners that there is a need for greater scientific and legal expertise in the environmental and human rights space. One of the reasons why the fellowship was created is to provide access to resources and opportunities that are essential for the human and environmental leaders. Samantha from Greenwatch together with Meche Lu a scientist working with ELAW shared stories from their collaboration working in the field – legal and science.

Please access conference of the full report here

Uganda Forestry Working Group (UFWG)

The Uganda Forestry Working Group (UFWG) is a network of forestry stakeholders composed of multidisciplinary membership that cuts across several sectors of development. Current members include: National NGOs like Greenwatch, Community Based Organizations, Community Based Organizations, Forest Resource User Associations, Academia and research institutions as well as individual members engaged in the development and sustainability of the forestry sector in Uganda. UFWG was formed in 2001 to provide a platform where the various stakeholders in forestry sector would meet, deliberate on and influence developments in the sector as well as independently monitor implementation of the National Forestry Policy and National Forest Plan (NFP). UFWG meetings are held at least once every year and Greenwatch is among the organizations under the umbrella of the UFWG that continue to promote compliance and accountability targeting government as respondents and citizens to respect policy, commitments and deliver on the desired goal.

Petroleum Revenue Maximization

The Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE) with support from Oxfam International organized a workshop on petroleum revenue maximization. The main aim of the workshop was to discuss the provisions of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) (Special Provision) Bill, 2021 and the Public Finance Management (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (PFMA) to ascertain what provisions of the Bills need to be included, removed or amended to ensure that revenue from the EACOP project is beneficial to the people of Uganda. Following the tabling of the 3 bills, the Parliamentary Committee on Environment and Natural Resource invited the Civil Society Coalition on Oil and Gas (CSCO) to review the Bill and generate recommendations on the EACOP Bill. CSCO convened relevant thematic group members who developed a position paper taking cognizance of the provisions of the Bill that are commendable and progressive, and highlighted areas that require due attention by parliament before passing the Bill into Law. Greenwatch is a member of CSCO and was invited to this workshop in that capacity.

Courtesy Visit From PETROLEUM AUTHORITY OF UGANDA

Greenwatch has been recognized by the Petroleum Authority of Uganda (PAU) for carrying out capacity building sessions in the communities that host the EACOP project. In 2020, Greenwatch held several trainings and workshops in Rakai and Kyotera to raise awareness and equip the community leaders, government official and local leaders with knowledge and skills on monitoring the environmental impacts of the EACOP project to their communities. PAU was one of the government institutions that Greenwatch invited to facilitate training the participants. PAU requested to visit Greenwatch and we were happy to host them. PAU was represented by Gloria Sebikari (Manager Corporate Affairs and Public Relations), Sandra Kyoshabire (Stakeholder Engagement Officer). Ronald Angutoko and Didas Muhumuza joined the meeting online. PAU gave us an update on the project and informed us of their future plans. We had the opportunity to ask some questions and both PAU and Greenwatch agreed that the dialogue and collaboration between the both organizations will continue.



A courtesy meeting between the Greenwatch team and Petroleum Authority of Uganda (represented by Gloria Sebikari, the manager Corporate and Public Affairs and Sandra Kyoshabire, a Stakeholder Engagement Officer on the extreme left

SPOTLIGHTING 2022

What is cooking for next year?

Legal Capacity Training – Fourth Judicial Training on Climate Justice

Our target is to train at least 80% of the Judiciary on climate justice by 2025. We are well on our way but not quite there yet. So far, we have trained 16% of the judiciary way below or projected target but this was mainly due to the lock down and strict standard operating procedures that required not more than twenty-five (25) participants per training. We have two (2) trainings lined up one in 2022 and the other in 2023. We are optimistic that we will still meet our said targets.

Event to mark the International Day of Action for Rivers

On 14th March 2022, The Nile Coalition is planning an event to mark the celebration of the International Day of Action for Rivers. Greenwatch being part of the five (5) organizations that are a part of the coalition plans to carry out an activity that will be effective in creating awareness of plastic pollution in the river Nile.

Advancing Environmental Commitments and Resilience in Uganda through journalism

Greenwatch is planning to hold a training on environmental journalism. This training is a buildup on the training that we have been carrying out with the Judicial Training Institute. Access to information is very essential in environmental governance and decision making, it is therefore important for us to train the journalists who are one of the major dissemination channels of information to the public.

Revised edition of Greenwatch's Case Book on Environmental Law and the Hand Book on Environmental Law

The laws are constantly changing and new precedents tend to come up an override previous law. It is therefore important to keep updated with the times and changes that come along. Our Case book and hand book on environmental law have been used as text books in universities, by lawyers and judges as references and other areas of the academia. Our plan to start the process of updating these casebooks and hopefully acquire funding to have them published.