



UGANDA

Atlas of Our Changing Environment



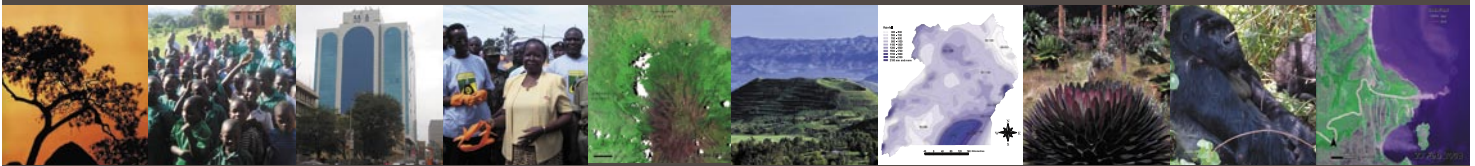
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The Uganda Atlas of Our Changing Environment is a unique publication by the Government of Uganda that follows other serial publications already published by UNEP namely the Africa and the Kenya atlases of our changing environment. These environmental atlases seek to safeguard our environment and inspire decision makers to action. In line with the One Planet Many people theme, Uganda in its nature splendor is undoubtedly the Pearl of Africa.

The objectives of this atlas are to:

- Integrate and harmonize Uganda's development goals with matters of the environment.
- Make use of satellite images to give evidence on our changing environment.

The Atlas reinforces the core values and aspirations of our National Sustainable Development Strategy, Vision 2025 a major cornerstone linking our environmental outlook to our dynamic society. It further reaffirms Uganda's commitment to meeting Millennium Development Goal (MDG) No. 7, the targets of the Government's "Prosperity For All (PFA)" Programme and ensuring environmental sustainability. In our fast changing world characterized by increased human activities, the atlas documents and quantifies environmental changes. It combines ground photography and a bird's eye view of current and historical satellite imagery, illustrating extensive scientific evidence of our changing environment.



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Environment conservationists and Ugandans in general are blessed with yet a new environmental atlas, the first of its kind, the **Uganda Atlas of Our Changing Environment**. This atlas is a unique publication by the Government of Uganda, modeled after the **Africa Atlas of Our Changing Environment** that was published by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Produced with support from UNEP, the atlas seeks to safeguard the country's environment and inspire decision makers to action. In line with the **One Planet One People** theme, Uganda in its natural splendour is undoubtedly the Pearl of Africa.

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This Atlas seeks to answer the following questions:

- What is Uganda's Geography, the status and trend of environmental changes in Uganda?
- Which are the transboundary and cross-border issues that call for cooperation?
- Which are the environmental issues in different regions of the country?
- What progress has the country made towards tracking environmental sustainability, MDG 7 and other strategies/ emerging issues?
- What is "scientific evidence" of significant local environmental changes?
- What are the key findings and recommendations?
- What are some interesting facts and figures about the richly diversified natural resources and cultural aspects of Uganda?

The nine-month production process of this Atlas started in September 2008 and the atlas was published in June 2009. The task that was coordinated by the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) was implemented by a team drawn from a vast range of technical experts from Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies, Local Governments and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

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