

Concept Note for the Innovation and Knowledge Management Exhibition

Introduction

Uganda is approaching limits. Eighty (80) percent of its 35 million citizens work the land but unsustainable exploitive farming practices are leading to decreasing agricultural productivity and environmental degradation. People are migrating to the cities, overwhelming social services and infrastructure and generating dangerous pollution. The climate is already changing for the worse, bringing deadly storms, withering droughts and uncertain agricultural conditions. In this time of great change, traditional ways are no longer always appropriate. The key to adaptation is innovation of new approaches capable of dealing with these challenges. Working harder is no longer enough; working smarter is where positive development lies.

In this fast-changing social, political and technological environment, development is increasingly complex. Information overload challenges capacity to exploit the right information at the right time. Good ideas and successful practices are silted over by trivial data and forgotten; the wheel is constantly re-invented. Institutional memory that reside solely in the minds of its people fades quickly. The solution to this unhealthy phenomenon is knowledge management and a digital technology which captures, catalogues, securely stores and make accessible institutional and community knowledge.

As part of the its celebration of the International Day for Disaster Reduction, the Office of the Prime Minister, Makerere University and the United Nations Development Programme will host an Innovation and Knowledge Management Exhibition to showcase and share knowledge and the application of digital technology in promoting disaster and climate risk management.

Objectives

The Innovation and Knowledge Management Exhibition has three objectives:

- To promote knowledge (studies, best practices, lessons learned, etc.) and innovation on Disaster Risk Management, Climate Risk Management and Resilience;
- To promote advocacy and public awareness on Resilience and Disaster/Climate Risk Management; and
- To provide an opportunity for the DRM/CRM community to network.

Exhibition

The organizers provides a platform for organizations to showcase and disseminate knowledge management products and innovations on Resilience and D/CRM. Examples of innovations to be exhibited are:

- National Early Warning System using a mobile application platform
- Beneficiary Registration and Tracking System using biometric technology
- Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Profiling using GIS and remote sensing technology
- U-Report
- Damage and loss reporting systems

Knowledge management products include studies, reports, papers, and other publications on resilience and D/CRM.

Date and Venue

The Innovation and Knowledge Management Exhibition will be on 14 October 2014 starting at 2:30 PM. Venue is at Makerere University.

Programme

Time	Activity
14:30 – 14:35	Singing of the National Anthem
14:35 – 14:50	Welcome address by Dr. William Bazeyo, Dean, School of Public Health, Makerere University
14:50 – 15:05	Address by Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa-Onochie, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative
15:05 – 15:20	Address by Professor John Ddumba-Ssentamu, Vice Chancellor, Makerere University
15:20 – 15:35	Keynote address by the Guest of Honor, Hon. Hillary Onek, Minister of Relief, Disaster Preparedness, and Refugees
15:35 – 16:00	Cutting of Ribbon and Tour of Exhibits

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