

Carbon Foundation of East Africa (CAFEA)

Background

The Uganda Carbon Bureau Ltd (UCB) is the regional pioneer in the development of fair-trade and open-access carbon market services to project developers, using mostly Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) Programmes of Activities (PoA). These are multi-country, and span the East African region. UCB also operates a carbon neutral service, and has provided considerable *pro bono* climate change and carbon market information. To undertake this latter work on a not-for-profit basis, the Carbon Foundation of East Africa (CAFEA) was registered in 2010 by a group of directors well known to the founder of UCB.

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CAFEA has a broad mandate to undertake training, knowledge transfer regarding climate change and carbon finance, and the sponsoring of training and essential investments in carbon market infrastructure (such as the initial funding for regional PoAs). This work is vital for a wider understanding about these important topics. This is all of a not-for-profit nature.

The work of CAFEA complements the role of UCB as Uganda's leading carbon and climate change enterprise. Combined, the two are partners with the Uganda Government and Parliament in educational work in carbon finance and climate change.

Work to date

The publication and distribution of the national educational news-sheet of **Climate Sense** to all schools and sub-county local governments, was a national first at the beginning of 2011, and immediately established the credibility of the **Climate Sense** brand as a reliable source of information on these topics.

CAFEA has supplied early professional support to the formation of Uganda's Parliamentary Forum on Climate Change, and the first chairperson of the PFCC is a founding director of ICSEA. ICSEA still works with the PFCC, and the Ministry of Water & Environment and its Climate Change Unit, plus the donors' Thematic Group on Climate Change. GTZ supported the first edition of **Climate Sense**. Other funders of ICSEA have been the German ministry BMU, the Danish Embassy in Kampala, DFID, GIZ, DED and Danida.

CAFEA's work also involves public awareness raising about the opportunities of new business in 'clean' renewable energy projects in hydro/wind/geothermal/solar, and other technologies covering bio-gas, wastewater, energy efficiency, fuel switch, energy from waste agricultural residues, improved charcoal production, briquette stoves etc.

Other areas of educational and training work involve:

- The training and development of East African staff in new business development in the CDM energy sector.
- The early support for additional regional PoAs on a fair-trade open-access basis.
- The development of design templates for the establishment and operation of PoA entities.
- The pioneering of demonstration activities with Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs) and suppressed demand projects.
- The development of a learning centre for such climate change and carbon finance work across the region.
- The strengthening of operational links between CAFEA and the region's Ministries of energy and Designated National Authority (DNA) offices.

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