Climate Resilience and Economic Sustainability in Kenya and Uganda: The role of Carbon Credits in Environmental Conservation

Tuesday 21st May 2024, 11.00 – 12.30 EAT (Nairobi Time)

AGENDA

11.00 – 11.20 Welcoming remarks
H.E. Roberto Natali, Ambassador of Italy to Kenya
H.E. Mauro Massoni, Ambassador of Italy to Uganda

11.20 – 11.30 Introduction by the moderator
Ms. Letizia Palmisano, Environmental Journalist

11.30 – 11.50 Presentations by the panelists
Mr. Issa Katwesige, Assistant Commissioner, Forestry Planning and Development, Ministry of Water and Environment, Government of Uganda
Mr. Mohamed Shibia, Rangelands and Carbon Program Director, Northern Rangeland Trust (NRT)

11.50 – 12.10 Moderated debate: the role of carbon credits in environment conservation
Moderated by Ms. Letizia Palmisano

12.10 – 12.20 Q&A

12.20 – 12.30 Closing remarks
Mr. Giovanni Grandi, Head of Nairobi Regional Office, Italian Agency for Development Cooperation
Ms. Elena Gallenca, Director, Italian Institute of Culture, Nairobi

Biographies

Speaker: Mr. Issa Katwesige
Assistant Commissioner, Forestry Planning and Development
Ministry of Water and Environment, Government of Uganda

Issa started his forestry trade in 2006 as an Agroforester under Action Africa Help international implementing refugee interventions on environment and energy conservation before joining government as Forest Officer in 2009 where he's served in various capacities including forestry governance through policy formulation, regulation, sectoral planning, capacity building, as well as implementing different public sector natural forest and plantation development programmes. He graduated with a BSc. Forestry from Makerere University Kampala, a MSc. Environment Management from Aberystwyth University, Wales, a Post Graduate Diploma in Project Planning and Management from Uganda Management Institute, a certified Project Management Professional by the Project Management Institute and a UNEP certified Multilateral Environment Agreements negotiator.

Speaker: Mr. Mohamed Shibia
Rangelands and Carbon Program Director
Northern Rangeland Trust (NRT)

Mohamed SHibia is the Rangeland & Carbon Program Director of the world's largest soil carbon removal project implemented by Northern Rangeland Trust (NRT). He is strengthening the implementation of the Northern Kenya Rangelands Carbon Project and assisting with the expansion plan of the project.
Prior to joining NRT, Mr. Shibia worked for the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) in the capacity of the Field Project Manager for the first index Based Livestock Insturance project, protecting pastoralists against severe livestock losses due to drought. Before joining ILRI, he worked with Kenya Agriculture Livestock Research Organisation as Research Scientist in charge of grazing management program at the arid and semi-arid research Centre. Shibia has vast experiences implementing participatory learning and reseatch as well as environmental and social impact assessments. He has close to 20 years of work experience with mobile pastoralists of Northern Kenya and Southern Ethiopia. He holds a Msc. In Natural Resource Management (Human Ecology) from Egerton University, Kenya, and a Bsc. In Wildlife Management from Moi University.

Moderator: **Ms. Letizia Palmisano (TO BE UPDATED)**

Environmental journalist since 2009, she has been writing about the environment since 2002. Ecoblogger since 2003. She loves communication 2.0, social media and the interactivity of the web. She also collaborates as a press officer for green economy companies.
She believes in the power of positive examples, which is why she also collaborates with Green influencers.