

Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE)

Annual Report 2003

Extending the Frontiers of Public Policy
Research and Advocacy

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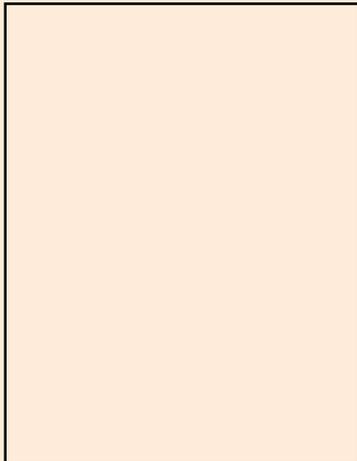
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LIST OF ACRONYMS

ACODE	- Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment
APFO	- Africa Peace Forum
CDW -	- Curriculum Development Workshop
CTV	- Centro Terra Viva - Estudos Advocacia Ambiental
CEPA	- Centre for Environmental Policy and Advocacy
DFID	- Department for International Development
DDA	- Doha Development Agenda
ECOTRUST	- Environment Conservation Trust of Uganda
EAC	- East African Community
EPAs	- Economic Partnership Agreements
EA	- Environmental Alert
ENRSWG	- Environment and Natural Resources Sector Working Group
FES	- Friedrich Ebert Stiftung
GMOs	- Genetically Modified Organisms
HIVos	- The Humanist Institute for Development Co-operation
HURID	- Human Rights Intellectual Property and Development Trust
IITC	- International Institutional Trade Committee
IPRs	- Intellectual Property Rights
IUCN	- International Union for the Conservation of Nature
IGAD	- Inter-Government Authority on Drought
ILEG	- Institute of Law and Environmental Governance
IDP's	- Internally Displaced People's
LEGBIOTECH	- Lawyers Expert Group on Biotechnology and Biosafety
LRA	- Lords Resistance Army
LHRC	- Legal and Human Rights Resource Centre
LEAT	- Lawyers Environmental Action Team
MUST	- Mbarara University of Science and Technology
MACOMBA	- Makerere ACODE and Mbarara University
MoU	- Memorandum of Understanding
NGOs	- Non- Governmental Organisations
NAADS	- National Agricultural Advisory Services
NEPAD	- New Economic Partnership for Africa
NESDA - CIFOR	- Network for Environment and Sustainable Development in Central Africa
PMA	- Plan for Modernisation of Agriculture
PEAP	- Poverty Eradication Action Plan
TAI	- The Access Initiative
UNCST	- Uganda National Council for Science and Technology
UEPB	- Uganda Exports Promotions Board
UPEACE	- University of Peace
VEDCO	- Volunteer Efforts for Development Concerns
WRI	- World Resources Institute
WTO	- World Trade Organisation
WSSD	- World Summit on Sustainable Development
ZELA	- Zimbabwe Environmental Law Association

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



On behalf of the Board of ACODE and on my own behalf, I welcome you to this second Annual Report of ACODE for the Year 2003. As is our custom, this is an attempt to share with you the key achievements of our work and the challenges that we face as we work to strengthen an organization of ACODE's character and profile. The 2003 Annual Report therefore represents the first account of our activities and achievements under our 5 Years Strategic Plan 2003-2007.

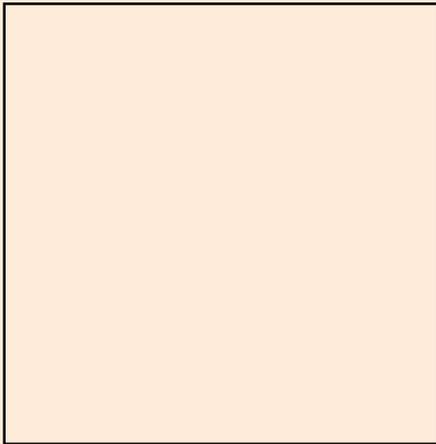
The Board takes cognizant of the tremendous achievements of the secretariat and the extent to which the members of staff have approached public policy issues. During 2003, ACODE emerged as one of the leading public policy advocacy think tanks not only in Uganda but also in the East and South African region. Indeed ACODE has become a source of new policy ideas through research and publications. In addition, the secretariat played a neutral role in convening Multi-stakeholder dialogues on complex and sometimes controversial public policy issues.

We recognize that without the tremendous support of our financial donors, we wouldn't have achieved a lot in research and advocacy work. My colleagues on the Board therefore join me to especially thank The Humanist Institute for Development Co-operation (Hivos), the Rockefeller Foundation, the Department for International Development (DFIDEA Uganda) and the Environmental Conservation Trust of Uganda for the financial support extended to ACODE to enable us fulfil our mandates.

My colleagues and I on the Board welcome you and appreciate your taking time to take a close look of what we were able to do in 2003. We thank all our partners and look towards a more mutually beneficial partnership in 2004.

John Ntambirweki
Chairman

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Four years ago, the idea of forming ACODE was born with the plan to achieve the following:

- To establish one of the leading public policy research and advocacy think tanks in the Eastern Africa Sub- Region.
- To build one of the strongest, dynamic and multi - disciplinary research teams in a single organisation.
- To create the leading professional public interest law centre ready to champion the public interest in a broad range of policy issues at all levels.

This 2003 Annual Report is not intended to be a complete catalogue of our achievements. Rather, it is intended to give you highlights of our programme activities and institutional building initiatives in the light of our mission, vision and objectives. I therefore welcome you all to this second Annual Report of ACODE covering the year 2003.

Many of our partners may agree with us that four years is not a very long period in the life of an organization. For us at the ACODE Secretariat, these four years have been mainly a period of reflection, learning and building coalitions and partnerships that we need to achieve the mission of the organization. The year 2003 in particular was one in which we started implementing our 5 Year Programme of Work (2003-2007) with our working slogan "Extending the Frontiers of Public Policy Research and Advocacy." I congratulate our staff and associates and many of our partners who have been instrumental in pushing forward our activities and on which account we can claim the successes and progress we have made. We are also grateful to the Chairman and members of the Board for their continued guidance and counsel.

As we pledged in our 2002 Annual Report and pursuant to the decision of the Board, we have made significant strides in giving our work a more regional focus. We have now built very effective working partnerships with leading public interest NGOs in a number of countries in Eastern and Southern Africa. In 2004, we will launch our The Access Initiative East Africa Project undertaking assessments on progress on the implementation of access rights in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. Our Trade Policy Governance will focus on supporting the EAC countries in the negotiations for Economic Partnership Agreements; the IPR and Biotechnology Policy Programme will focus on biosafety policy reforms in the Eastern and Southern Africa Region; while the Peace and Conflicts Programme will put additional investments in research and analysis on cross-border conflict and peace building issues.

Finally, the Secretariat wishes to acknowledge the support received from the following partners who provided grants for our programme of work and related institutional development activities. They include: the Department for International Development (DFID); the Humanist Institute for Development Co-operation (Hivos); the Rockefeller Foundation, United States Agency for International Development (USAID Africa Bureau), the World Resources Institute (WRI) and the Environmental Conservation Trust of Uganda (ECOTRUST).

Finally, I invite you to visit our website at www.acode-u.org to get regular updates of our activities throughout the year and order for yourself a complementary copy of our publications. You can also subscribe to become an associate using the ACODE website.



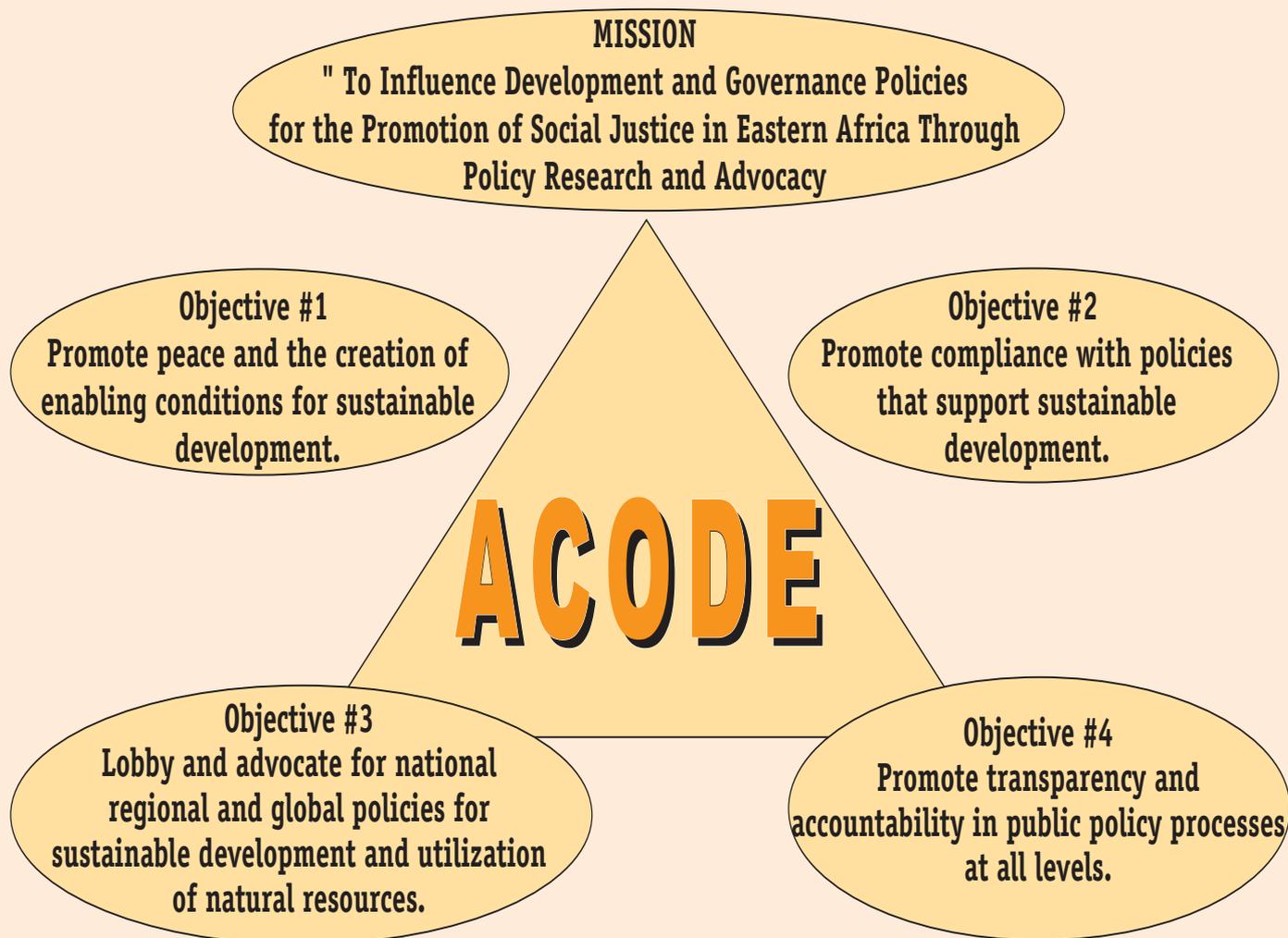
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Executive Director



ACODE AT A GLANCE

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A leading Policy and Advocacy Organisation for Sustainable Development



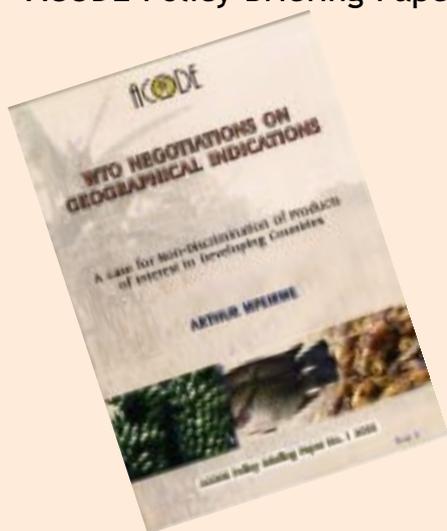
'Extending the Frontier of Public Policy Research and Advocacy'

1. PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES REPORT:

ACODE's work is organized around four Programme areas. These are: Peace and conflicts Programme; Environmental Democracy Programme; IPR and Biotechnology Policy Programme; and Trade Policy Governance Programme. This part of the report summarizes the major achievements accomplished under each of the programmes in 2003 and sets out key priorities for the year 2004.

1.1. Intellectual Property Rights and Biotechnology Policy Programme

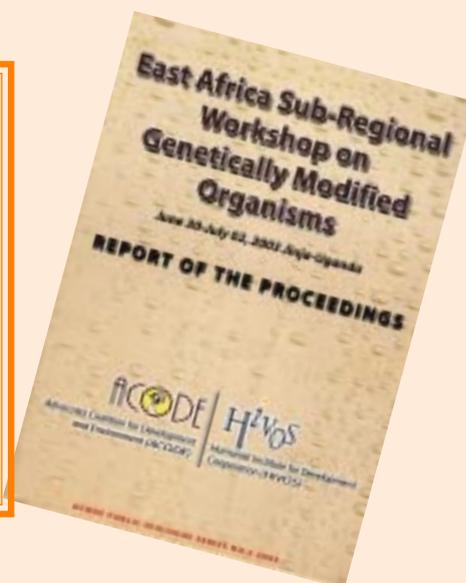
Intellectual property rights and biotechnology issues continued to dominate international and national public policy discourse in 2003. The Doha Development Agenda (DDA) provides the international policy context within which IPR issues are being addressed. ACODE's work in this area focused on assisting the TRIPS Sub-Committee of the Inter-Institutional Trade Committee in preparing Uganda's position for the Cancun Ministerial Meeting which took place in Mexico in September 2003. Upon the request of the IITC, ACODE prepared a briefing paper focusing on geographical indicators and provided guidance on how the Ugandan delegation would address the negotiating issues confronting developing countries at the Cancun Ministerial Meeting. The briefing paper has now been published in the ACODE Policy Briefing Paper Series.



ACODE maintained its focus on facilitating multi-stakeholder dialogues on the controversial subject of biotechnology in general and GMOs in particular. During 2003, the IPR and Biotechnology Policy Programme Staff participated in various processes on developing the national biotechnology policy, the national biosafety policy and the development of national biosafety regulations. ACODE staff are currently members of the National Consultative Committee on frameworks Biosafety of the Uganda National Council for Science and Technology (UNCST).

East Africa Sub-Regional Workshop on Genetically Modified Organisms, Kampala-Uganda

In its custom of facilitating multi-stakeholder dialogues on complex and controversial public policy issues, ACODE organized a public policy dialogue on genetically modified organisms in 2003. The dialogue which was supported by the Humanist Institute for Development Cooperation (Hivos) brought together key actors in the GMO debate in Eastern and Southern Africa including representatives of farmer organizations, policy makers, scientists, civil society activists and small scale farmers. A series of multi-stakeholder dialogues focusing on agriculture policy, biosafety, biotechnology policy and associated liability and redress issues will be organized during the course of 2004.



The LEGBIOTECH Initiative is an innovative approach to capacity building in the field of biotechnology and biosafety. The initiative was conceived by ACODE and has been endorsed by the UNCST. Under the initiative, ACODE in conjunction with the Council will identify between 10-15 lawyers who will undergo regular training in biotechnology and biosafety issues, intellectual property rights, access to genetic resources and other topics relevant to biotechnology. The LEGBIOTECH is unique from other initiatives that have tried to train lawyers in biotechnology and biosafety issues. With LEGBIOTECH, the identified lawyers will be admitted as Research Associates of ACODE who will ensure that a continuous training and research programme is developed and implemented. The LEGBIOTECH Initiative is considered to be the first of its kind in Africa and several countries have already expressed interests in starting to consider legal training in biotechnology and biosafety along the model of the LEGBIOTECH.

ACODE continued to build partnerships with the National Council for Science and Technology in the area of legal capacity building for biotechnology and biosafety. An understanding was reached between UNCST and ACODE to constitute and support a Lawyers Expert Group on Biotechnology and Biosafety (LEGBIOTECH). The UNCST will provide financial support for the initial training of LEGBIOTECH Members under the UNEP-GEF enabling activities initiative. ACODE will constitute and manage the LEGBIOTECH including mobilizing resources for their continuing training and designing research programmes for the Expert Group.

ACODE continued to build partnerships with regional and international organizations and initiatives. Our staff continued to engage in the ASERECA biotechnology activities including participating in A S A R E C A Biotechnology Steering Committee meetings. Related to

Biosafety Policy and Legal Reforms in Africa: A forthcoming Publication

ACODE has launched an effort to facilitate the publication of a book focusing on the ongoing legal and policy reforms in the area of biosafety in Africa. The book being written by Godber Tumushabe (Uganda), Patricia Kameri-Mbote (Kenya) and Idah Sithole-Niang (Zimbabwe) is the first comprehensive attempt to address the issue of biotechnology in Africa from a legal perspective. Written by Africans and for Africa, the book represents a major critical inquiry into the current trends, drivers and future directions in biotechnology policy and legal reforms on the continent. ACODE is grateful to the Global Inclusions Programme of the Rockefeller Foundation for a one year grant that is supporting this effort.

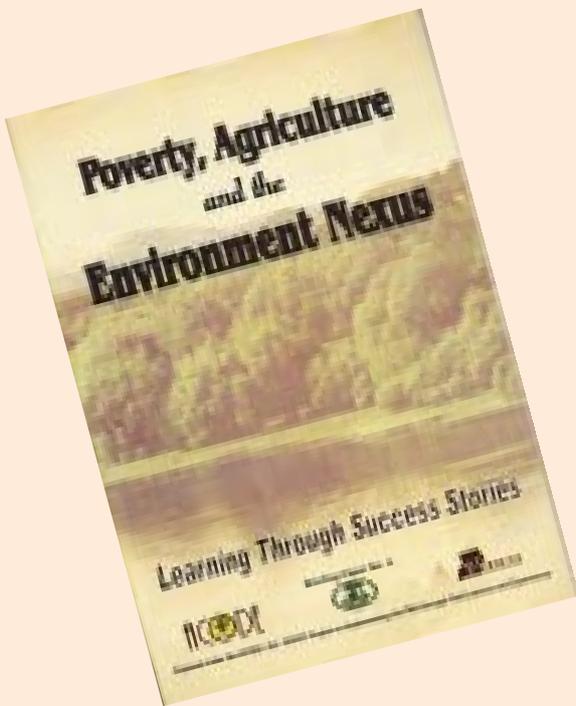
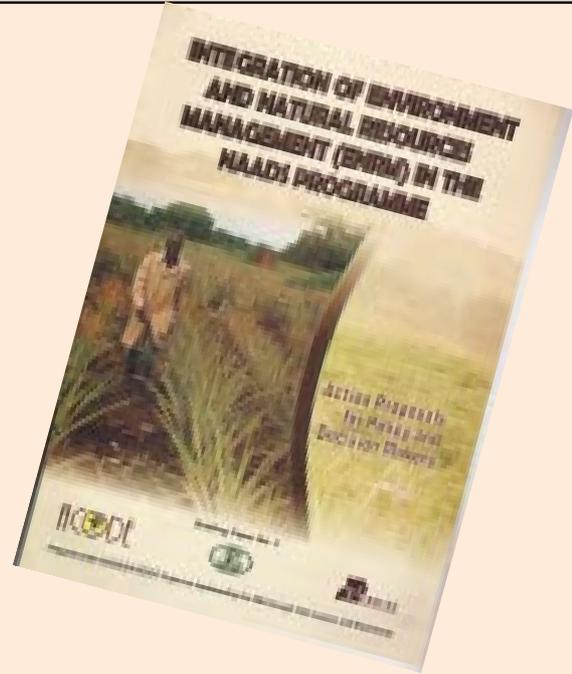
the partnership with ASERECA and our work in the field of Agriculture, ACODE initiated a policy study to understand the current legal framework for seed production and distribution in East Africa. The study which is being undertaken with the support of a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation will be completed and published in 2004.

IPR and Biotechnology Programme Staff also participated in regional and international meetings including the 5th WTO Ministerial Meeting in Cancun-Mexico in September 2003, the Sub-Saharan consultation on the assessment of the role of science and technology in reducing hunger and improving livelihoods organized by the World Bank and the Ethiopian Ministry of Agriculture in 2003 and the IUCN awareness meeting on the New Partnership for Africa (NEPAD) in Botswana.

1.2. Environmental Democracy Programme

The Environmental Democracy Programme has pursued an ambitious research and advocacy programme working with a range of national, regional and international partners to improve governance and democracy. Programme activities focused on contributing to and influencing policy reforms in the context of implementing the Plan for Modernization of Agriculture (PMA), revising the Poverty Eradication Action Plan (PEAP) and rolling out the work of The Access Initiative and the Partnership for Principle 10.

Working with key partners in particular Environmental Alert (EA) and Volunteer Efforts for Development Concerns (VEDCO), ACODE developed and presented proposals to ensure the effective integration of environment and natural resources in the National Agricultural Advisory Services (NAADS). Under the same partnership ACODE developed proposals to ensure the intergration of environment and natural resources into agriculture and poverty eradication programmes. ACODE continued to work with Government agencies on key public policy processes including food security and nutrition, PEAP revision, and forestry policy reforms.



ACODE Staff have effectively participated and contributed to strategic committees of Government including the Technical Committee on Biological Diversity of the National Environment Management Authority, the PMA Sub-Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and the Environment and Natural Resources Sector Working Group (ENR SWG) and the PMA Dissemination and Sensitization Task Force.

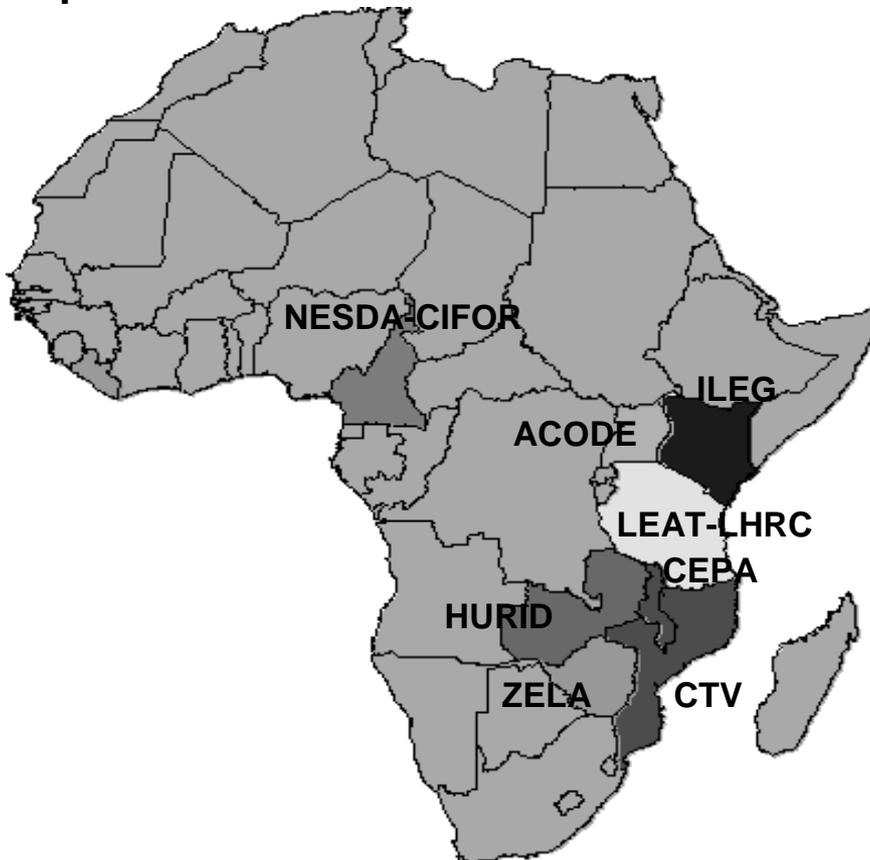
Environmental Democracy Programme Staff participated in the Core Team Meeting of The Access Initiative (TAI) and the first meeting of the Partnership for Principle 10 (PP10) in Lisbon 3-5 April 2003 and continued to work with the Government of Uganda to develop its commitments to PP10. Key materials have been prepared to provide a basis for Government follow up on the outcomes of WSSD and the Partnership for principle 10. Several meetings of the Government Technical Committee to discuss Uganda's PP10 commitments were held during the year.

ACODE and the World Resources Institute have secured funding from the Norwegian Trust Fund of the World Bank to expand TAI and PP10 in East Africa. Under the World Bank Grant, ACODE will work with partners in Kenya and Tanzania to undertake assessments using TAI methodology [www.accessinitiative.org] and publish reports on the status of national implementation of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration. Main activities will include regional training in TAI methodology, country assessments in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania and outreach to accelerate national level implementation of the right of access to information, public participation and access to justice.

New Initiative Launched to Strengthen Environmental Representation

In 2003, ACODE worked with partners across Central, Eastern and Southern Africa to study trends and factors affecting legislative environmental representation. The Legislative Representation and the Environment Project seeks to support and strengthen members of Parliament to enable them effectively represent the environmental interests of their constituencies. A background study on legislative representation in Uganda has been completed and will be published in the ACODE Policy Research Series during 2004.

African Partners involved in the Legislative Representation and the Environment Project.



Courtesy: Catherine Benson World Resources Institute

During November 2003, ACODE organized a two-day High Level Policy Dialogue on Nature Wealth and Power in Kampala. The theme of the workshop was “*Balancing Nature, Wealth and power through the PEAP revision process*”. The Purpose of the dialogue was to initiate discussion on Nature, Wealth and Power in the context of Uganda’s Poverty Eradication Action Plan and to provide a basis for future analytical

This article was sent by a Columbian High School Student to Fekade Azeze and reproduced in the Addis Tribune of February 20, 2004.

Paradox of Our Time

"The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower view points; we spend more; but have less; we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time; we have more degrees, but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgment; more experts, but more problems; more medicine, but less wellness.

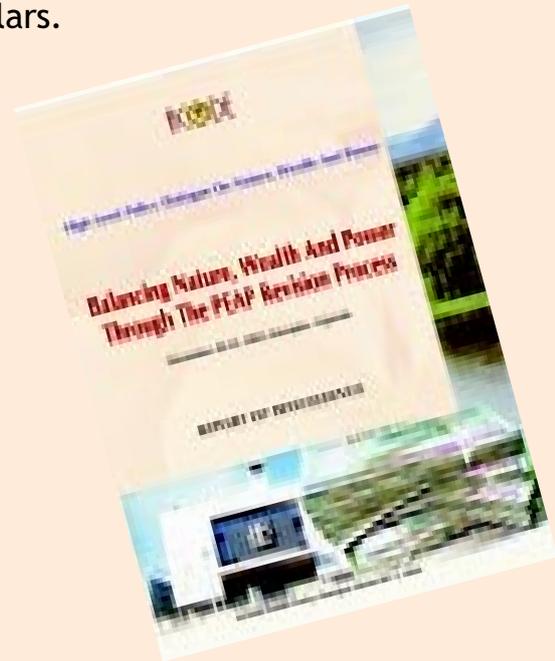
"We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate to often. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life; we have added years to life, not life to years.

"We have been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet the new neighbor. We have conquered outer space, but not inner space; we have cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul; we've split the atom, but not our prejudice.

"We have higher incomes, but lower morals; we've become long on quantity, but short on quality. These are the times of tall men, and short character; steep profits, and shallow relationships.

"These are the times of world peace, but domestic warfare; more leisure, but less fun; more kinds of food but less nutrition. These are days of two incomes, but more divorce; of fancier houses, but broken homes. It is a time when there is much in the show window, and nothing in the stockroom; a time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to forward this message and make a difference, or just hit delete."

work on the relationship among these concepts. Supported by the USAID Africa Bureau/World Resources Institute, the workshop brought together about forty participants ranging from senior government of Uganda officials, donors, representatives from international and national Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Members of Parliament (MPs). The multi-stakeholder nature of the dialogue presented an opportunity for interaction and extended the PEAP revision discussions beyond the scope of the traditional PEAP pillars.



1.3. Trade Policy Governance Programme

The Trade Policy Governance Programme continued to make significant progress in both trade policy research and trade policy advocacy. Our research team remained engaged in the work of the Inter-Institutional Trade Committee providing valuable inputs in the ongoing dialogue on national trade policy and international trade negotiations.

In the run up to the failed 5th Ministerial Meeting of the WTO in Cancun in Sept 2003, ACODE provided input in the civil society position paper

on the Agreement on Agriculture and the State of play of negotiations. Dick Nuwamanya who is our Research Associate attended the Cancun talks and dispatched regular civil society briefings on the process of the negotiations.

During 2003, Trade Policy Governance Programme staff took the lead in generating information and analytical material to support the negotiations for the Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) under the Cotonou Partnership Agreement. We are grateful to the Fredrick Ebert Foundation for the financial support towards this effort. A number of analytical papers were prepared and published In the ACODE policy research series. A more comprehensive research and advocacy programme will be developed to guide our future work in this area.



1.4. Peace and Conflicts Programme

During 2003, the Eastern and Southern Africa continued to face significant challenges in resolving conflicts and creating conditions for peace. While progress was made with the Sudan Peace Talks in Nairobi, the Somali Peace Conference continued without end in sight. The relations between Ethiopia and Eritrea remained fragile while Burundi continued to make only unmeasured progress. In Uganda, the Lords Resistance Army (LRA) continued to cause havoc in Northern Uganda destroying IDP's camps, abducting people including women and children, and committing horrendous massacres of civilians.

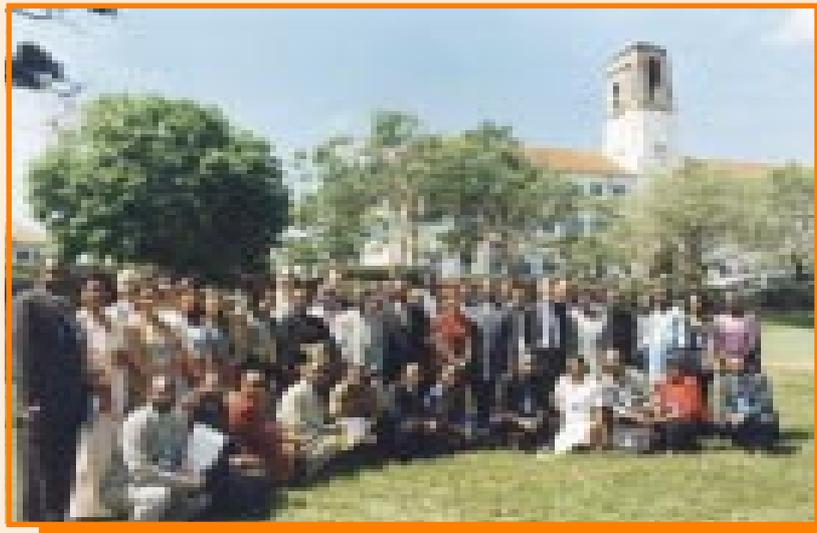
The partnership for peace teaching and research between ACODE, Makerere University, Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MACOMBA Link) grew stronger in 2003. In addition to co-hosting a curriculum development workshop for the Great Lakes Region, the three institutions have formalized this partnership by concluding a Memorandum of Understanding to provide a framework for further collaboration. Under the MoU, ACODE will engage in staff and student exchange with the partner Universities and participate in joint activities and fundraising. Staff of the collaborating faculties will also have unrestricted access to ACODE's state-of-the-art facilities offered by the ACODE Library of Law and Public Policy.

In line with our objectives, the Peace and Conflicts Programme focused its 2003 activities on building relations with the Ministry of Defence and the Uganda Peoples Defence Forces in seeking a peaceful end to the conflict in Northern Uganda. The other aspect of our activities focused on strengthening the teaching of peace and human rights at Makerere University and Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST).

MACOMBA LINK PARTNERSHIP CONTINUES TO GROW

The peace and conflicts studies partnership between ACODE, the Faculty of Arts - Makerere University, Faculty of Development Studies - Mbarara University, the African Peace Program of the University for Peace- and Bradford University (MACOMBA) continued to grow. The objective of this partnership is to promote peace and conflict studies in Uganda and the Great Lakes Region through teaching, training and research in the areas of peace, justice, ethics and human rights

Under the programme, ACODE worked with partners in Uganda and the Africa Peace Program of the University for Peace in Costa Rica to organize a Curriculum Development Workshop (CDW) on Justice, Human Rights and Peace. The focus of this initiative between MCOMBA Link and the UPEACE Africa Programme is to promote the teaching of peace in higher institutions of learning in the Great Lakes and Greater Horn of Africa region. The CDW took place in Kampala during December 2003. It brought together participants from more than eleven African countries, representatives from the University for Peace-Costa Rica, International peace Academy - New York, Bradford University, representatives of Ugandan civil society organizations and officials of the Uganda Government.



Group photo of the participants at the Curriculum Development Workshop

ACODE's research Programme on the conflicts in Northern Uganda continued to grow. A background paper analyzing the peace initiatives focusing on the LRA rebellion for the last 18 years was prepared to facilitate new reflections on peace building and peace making in the region. The paper will be peer reviewed, published in the ACODE Policy Series and used to facilitate dialogue on peace building in Northern Uganda.

Over the coming years, ACODE plans to build its peace and conflict research focusing on transboundary conflict issues within the IGAD region providing the geopolitical context for our work. In 2003, ACODE started a dialogue with the Africa Peace Forum and agreed to work with APFO on a new project initiative focusing on regional security. ACODE will take

the lead and build a team of researchers focusing on the role of natural resources in regional security architecture in East Africa. Future research activities will focus on the management of conflicts over transboundary resources such as pastoralism issues, the Nile Basin issues, Lake Victoria and other regional strategic resources.

3. REPRESENTATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY ON NATIONAL COMMITTEES

ACODE's profile has been growing over the previous years of its operations. Its partnership with government has significantly expanded as exemplified by the number of invitations extended to staff to represent civil society on National High Level policy committees and policy working groups. Below is a list of the committees / working groups that ACODE sits on to represent civil society.

COMMITTEE	RESPONSIBLE INSTITUTION
1. The Inter-Institutional Trade Committee (IITC)	Ministry of Tourism, Trade and Industry
2. The Technical Committee on Systematic Demarcation, Adjudication and Land Readjustment.	Ministry of Water, Lands and the Environment
3. The NAADS Natural Resources Task Force	Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries
4. The Environment and Natural Resources Sector Working Group	Ministry of Water, Lands and Environment
5. PEAP Revision (Pillar II) Working Group	Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development
6. Land Policy Working Group,	Ministry of Water, Lands and Environment.
7. PMA Sub-Committee on Natural Resources,	Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries
8. PMA Dissemination and Sensitization Task Force	Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries
9. The National Consultative Committee on Biosafety frameworks	Uganda National Council for Science and Technology
10. Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture Task Force	National Agricultural Research Organization (NARO)
11. Technical Committee on Biodiversity	National Environment Management Authority (NEMA)

4. STAFF AND ASSOCIATES' MATTERS

The following new staff joined our committed group of professionals:

Damalie Nyanja

Formerly working as a volunteer with Uganda Export Promotion Board (UEPB), Damalie holds a Bachelors Degree in Library and Information Science from Makerere University. She takes over as Programme Assistant from Carolyne Atono who is on a long-term study leave in the United States.

Ronald Naluwairo

Ronald Naluwairo was one of the first student interns to join ACODE in 2001 under Ford Foundation/CIEL fellowship working on community based property rights (CBPR). He proceeded to complete his Bachelors Degree in Law at Makerere University and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice at the Law Development Centre. Ronald has recently graduated from the University of Cambridge with a Masters Degree in Law and joins ACODE as a Research Fellow in early 2004.

Arthur Bainomugisha

Arthur Bainomugisha, a founding member of ACODE recently completed his Masters Degree in Peace Studies at the University of Bradford. Arthur has been on a one year fellowship at the International Peace Academy in New York and will return to Uganda at the beginning of June 2004 to join ACODE as the full time Manager of ACODE's Peace and Conflicts Programme.

Eunice Musiime

Eunice Musiime was until recently working as a Research Assistant with the National Agricultural Advisory Services (NAADS). Eunice holds a Bachelors Degree in Law (LLB) from the University of Dar es Salaam and a Masters Degree in Business Administration, specialising in Public Policy from Birmingham University. Eunice will join ACODE as a Research Fellow early 2004.

5. THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS JOINED ACODE AS RESEARCH AND STUDENT ASSOCIATES

Research Associates:

Zeija Flavian

Zeija Flavian holds a masters Degree in Law from Makerere University, Kampala. He is an Environmental and business expert and has previously carried out a research on free trade in the WTO, specifically assessing the barriers faced by Uganda fish exporters to the European Union. He brings to ACODE a wealth of experience and we feel that he will make a lot of contribution especially to the Trade Policy Governance Programme.

Annet Nuwagaba:

Annet holds a bachelors degree in Social Sciences from Makerere University, majoring in Sociology. She has experience in natural resource issues and has attended several trainings on rural development and gender issues.

Student associates:

Modoi Musa

Modoi Musa is currently undertaking a Bachelors Degree in Laws (LLB) to be completed in July 2004. He specialized in Intellectual Property Rights and his thesis was on plant variety protection.

Ngiya Musa is currently undertaking a Bachelors Degree in Laws at Makerere University. He has specialized in Environmental Law and also carried out research on the transboundary movement of Living Modified Organisms.

Ekudu Charity joined ACODE as a student associate. She is a student of Bachelor of Laws at Makerere University, Kampala, majoring in Environmental law.

For more information about joining ACODE as an associate, please check the ACODE website on www.acode-u.org.

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Environmental Conservation Trust of Uganda (ECOTRUST)

Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES)

7. BOARD NEWS

The operations of the organisation have continued to be guided by the decisions of the board.

The board held its sixth meeting on June 6th 2003 at ACODE offices where a series of programme and institutional related issues were made to guide and shape the operations of the secretariat. The seventh meeting of the board is scheduled to take place on profile may 20th, 2004.

Mr. John Ntambirweki is the Chairperson of the Board. He is a Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Law, Makerere University, Kampala and is also the Founder and Director of the Grotius School of Law and Professional Studies at Busoga University. He holds a Master of Laws degree from the University of Nairobi. He brings with him a wealth of experience working with Government agencies in many African countries and many international organizations. He has vast experience working on many national, regional and international issues and brings with him vast intellectual experience to the Board.

Dr. Patricia G. Kameri-Mbote is currently a lecturer in the Department of private Law, facult of Law, University of Nairobi and a Senior Researcher at the African Center for Technology Studies, Nairobi. She is also a board member of ACODE.

Dr. John Palamagamba Kabudi is currently a Senior Lecturer at the University of Dar-es-Salaam, in the United Republic of Tanzania. He is also advisor to the Office of the Vice President on the environment. Dr. Kabudi is a member of the Board of the Lawyers' Environment Action Team (LEAT) and the Human Rights and Legal Resource Centre- two leading partner NGOs in Tanzania. He therefore brings with him immense experience in NGO management.

Mr. Frank Rwakabwohe is the Deputy Co-coordinator of the Planning, Development and Rehabilitation (PDR) Office of the Church of Uganda. He sits on the Boards of several Ugandan NGOs and his grassroots work experience is a great contribution to ensuring that ACODE's policy research and advocacy work responds to the needs of the poor.

Dr. Josephine Ajema Odera holds a Doctorate degree in Conflict Management from the University of Ghent, Belgium having previously qualified with a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Nairobi. She is currently engaged as a lecturer at the Institute of Diplomacy and International Studies (IDIS), University of Nairobi and serves as the Deputy Director for the Africa Peace Forum. Josephine's current involvement in the on-going peace initiatives in the region brings with her first hand experience to ACODE's Peace and Conflict Programme.

Mr. Medad John Mwesigwa is the Principle Accountant with the Housing Finance Company of Uganda and also teaches professional programmes at the Makerere University Business School. He is the Board Treasurer and his background and immense experience is invaluable to the Organization especially in matters of financial management and oversight.

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8. Major Events Calendar for 2004

February 7-20:	Seventh conference of the parties to the convention on Biological Diversity (COP 7)
February 23-27 Kuala Lumpur Malaysia	First meeting of the conference of the parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Bio-safety (COP-MOP I)
March 3-7,	Rome, Italy: Advisory Committee Meeting of the Partnership for Principle 10.
March 30-31:	Eastern Africa Sub-Regional Workshop on Policy Options for Scaling up Organic Farming.
May 18-19, Kampala, Uganda:	The Access Initiative East Africa Methods Training Workshop and the official launching of country assessments in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania.
May 20-21, Kampala, Uganda:	7 th Meeting of ACODE Board of Trustees.
June 4, Kampala, Uganda:	Briefing on the outcomes of COP-MOP1 jointly organised with the government of Uganda
June 25-27, Washington, DC:	Second Plenary Meeting of the Partnership for Principle 10.
July 15-16, Kampala, Uganda:	Eastern and Southern Africa Sub-Regional Workshop on Biosafety and the Negotiations for Liability and Redress Under Article 27 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.
July 17-18, Kampala, Uganda:	Second Working Meeting of the Authors for the Book on Biotechnology and the Law in Africa.
September 16-17 Nairobi, Kenya:	Third Working Meeting of the Authors for the Book on Biotechnology and the Law in Africa.
November 25-26 Kampala-Uganda:	8 th Meeting of the ACODE Board of Trustees

9. ACODE Balance Sheet for 2003



Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE) Grants Disbursement Level for the year 2003

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