



**Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment**

## **Terms of Reference for Uganda Country Case Study on Integrating Natural Capital into Government Post-COVID Economic Decision-Making**

### **A. Introduction:**

Natural capital degradation and biodiversity loss are pressing social, economic and environmental concerns, but they remain outside most mainstream economic decision-making. The most high-profile economic decision-making currently relates to the COVID pandemic and it is vital that policies that promote sustainable investment in natural capital are integrated into post COVID Economic Recovery<sup>1</sup>. The Ugandan country analysis and advocacy strategy will be undertaken by Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE). The GEC hub in Uganda is facilitated by ACODE an independent public policy research and advocacy think tank registered in Uganda but working in the Eastern Africa region. Our core business is policy research and advocacy. Since the organization was formed 20 years ago, ACODE has emerged as one of the leading regional public policy think tanks in Sub-Saharan Africa working on wide range of issues including supporting the country to transition to a green economy.

The Uganda country analysis will aim to assess positive measures to integrate natural capital into the recovery including budgetary, fiscal, monetary and trade policies (such as expenditure policies that support afforestation) as against negative budgetary, fiscal, monetary and trade measures which undermine natural capital (such as fiscal and trade incentives for forestry clearance). Ultimately, we would seek to compare positive nature friendly recovery investments and policies as against negative recovery investments and policies that undermine nature to identify a Natural Capital COVID Recovery Indicator.

The case studies will review natural capital integration into COVID Economic Recovery policies to date and make recommendations for where integration could be strengthened both now and in the future.

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<sup>1</sup> Natural Capital-based Green Economies use natural capital approaches (knowledge, tools and methods) to better understand the reliance of economic activity on natural systems and integrate this thinking and data into a greener economic model of doing business, making policy, investing resources, reforming sectors and governing the economy.

**B. Objectives:**

- To influence pandemic recovery plans in Uganda to mainstream natural capital in economic decision-making into budgetary, fiscal, monetary and trade policy.
- Seek to understand what drives these decisions and how they can be made more sustainable.

**C. About the assignment:**

A case study report will review natural capital integration into COVID Economic Recovery policies in Uganda to date and make recommendations for where integration could be strengthened both now and in the future.

**D. Indicative Timeframe**

	Jan 21	Feb 21	Mar 21	Apr 21	May 21	Jun 21	Jul 21	Aug 21	Sept 21
Workplan									
Initial mapping									
Analysis and draft report									
Feedback and edits to the report									
Advocacy and engagement strategy									
Advocacy and engagement activities									
Inputs and review to Synthesis report									

**E. Submission**

Interested applicants should submit an expression of interest on not more than two pages to [acode@acode-u.org](mailto:acode@acode-u.org) copied to [Lydia.aine@acode-u.org](mailto:Lydia.aine@acode-u.org) not later than close of business on April 6, 2021 5:00pm.