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0. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

World Environment Day known as WED is an annual event celebrated worldwide on 5th June since 1973. WED main purpose is to raise the global awareness about the importance of the healthy and green environment in the human lives, to solve the environmental issues and incite Governments, Private sectors and NGOs to implement some positive environmental actions towards environmental sustainability.

What was Special on World Environment Day 2017?

This year, WED was celebrated under the theme “Connecting People to Nature – in the city and on the land, from the poles to the equator”. In Rwanda, WED 2017 was celebrated under a simplified theme, **"Connecting People to Nature"/"Duhuze Umuntu n'Ibidukikije, Ni byo Shingiro ry'Ubuzima."**

The event was overseen by Ministry of Natural Resources (MINIRENA) through Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA).

3 main activities marked the National Environmental Week from 27th May to 5th June 2017:

On 26th May 2017 REMA organized a press Conference and Radio Live Talks, many journalists from television, radio and print media participated in the press conference. Panelist included representatives from RDB, Kigali City and the Director General of REMA.

From 2nd May to 2nd June: School competition in songs, poem and drawings on WED 2017 theme supported by the Landscape Approach to Forest Restoration and Conservation (LAFREC) project

Public lectures in Higher Learning Institutions on WED 2017 theme under UNDP's financial and technical support.

On 27 May 2017, the official launching of the National Environmental Week (NEW) took place at Nyandungu wetland, with community work “Umuganda” and the launching of Nyandungu wetland recreation and eco-tourism park project, in Gasabo District, Kigali City. The Minister of Local Government, Honorable KABONEKA Francis and the Minister of Natural Resources, Honorable BIRUTA Vincent were the guest of Honor in the event.

On 5th June 2017, Gakenke District hosted WED 2017 celebration at National level. Four main activities highlighted this event namely umuganda and field visit on land and ecosystem around Base river, environmental exhibitions, awards to the winners of school competitions and “ubusabane” with local community. Especially, participant included Wealth Accounting and the Valuation of Ecosystem Services (WAVES) partners from developed and developing countries, different Ministries, Public Institutions, Private Sector, Civil Society, Local and International Community, Schools, Higher Learning Institutions, as well as the Media.

1. INTRODUCTION

Rwanda celebrates WED to build upon the success made in environmental management towards green growth and climate change resilience in Rwanda. Rwanda commemorates WED by consecrating a whole week to activities of raising awareness on environmental sustainability and Climate Change issues.

This year, the World Environment Day was celebrated for the 45th time globally under the theme “Connecting People to Nature – in the city and on the land, from the poles to the equator”. In Rwanda, WED 2017 was celebrated under a simplified theme, **"Connecting People to Nature"/"Duhuze Umuntu n'Ibidukikije, Ni byo Shingiro ry'Ubuzima."**

Under this theme, the week-long activities conducted in all Districts of Rwanda were dedicated to encourage all community connecting with nature through advocating for building green cities, villages and public places and reducing vulnerability to Climate change. NEW 2017 related activities also included ecosystem and forest restoration, encouraging Rwandese to visit the National Parks and other ecotourism places and promoting made in Rwanda through exhibition to appreciate the beauty of the products made from our natural and cultural resources.

The present reports focus on main activities conducted during the National Environmental Week from 27th May to 5th June 2017 and WED 2017 celebration.

2. THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT WEEK

The National Environmental Week was launched on 27th May 2017 during the monthly Community Work “Umuganda Rusange”. During this week, REMA raised awareness countrywide activities aiming at encouraging people to take proper actions toward positive relationship with our natural environment through different channels such as press conference, radio live talks, advertisements on TVR, social media (Tweeter, Facebook,..), schools competitions (songs, drawing and poems) on WED 2017 theme, public lectures in Higher Learning Institutions and activities of ecosystems rehabilitation in different REMA project areas in conjunction with the planned Army Week.

During the National Environment Week countrywide, efforts was made on activities connecting Rwandese with nature through advocating for building green cities, villages and public places and reducing vulnerability to Climate change. NEW 2017 related activities also included ecosystem and forest restoration in hand with Army week agenda, encouraging Rwandese to visit the National Parks and other ecotourism places and promoting made in Rwanda through to appreciate the beauty of the products made from our natural resources and discover our culture best practices linked the nature.

2.1 Press Conference and Radio Live Talks on WED 2017 theme

On 26th May 2017, REMA in partnership with the Ministry of Natural resources and other stakeholders organized the press conference aiming at briefing the media on the National Environment Week 2017 theme and planned activities. Panelists included representatives from RDB, Kigali City and the Director General of REMA. In total 25 journalists from television, radio and print media participated in the press conference.



Figure 1: Press Conference on NEW&WED 2017

The NEW & WED 2017 programs were also advertised on radio Rwanda, TVR, igihe.com and New-Times. REMA staff participated in live talk show on NEW & WED 2017 on television and radio such as Isango Star, Contact FM, among others.

2.2 School competition and public lectures in HLIs on WED 2017 theme

a) School Competition

From 2nd May to 2nd June, REMA through the Landscape Approach to Forest Restoration and Conservation (LAFREC) project organized school competitions to raise awareness among students on ecological stewardship and connecting people to nature.

The competitions brought together 27 students from 12 schools closed to Gishwati-Mukura National Park in Ngororero and Rutsiro Districts where LAFREC project operates (find attached the annex for the list of participating schools). Through these competitions, students had opportunities to showcase their talents in songs, poems and drawings on the theme **“Connecting People to Nature”** and subsequently contribute in raising awareness on the role

of community surrounding Gishwati-Mukura National Park in the restoration and protection of this natural habitat.

After assessment of all entries from school to District level, 9 best winners were selected and awarded during WED 2017 celebration on 5th June when the overall winners in poems and songs presented their talents and received trophy by the Hon. Minister of Natural Resources. In total, Schools from Rutsiro District won all 3 trophies: GS Bwiza received two trophies (in drawing and songs) while GS Kibari received a trophy in poem.



Figure 3: Best winner in poems presenting her poem



Figure 2: Hon. Minister of Natural Resources awarding the trophies to the schools with the best winners



Figure 5: DG REMA presenting awards to the winners



Figure 4: Governor of Northern Province presenting awards to the winners

It was recommended to extend the number of schools participating in WED theme competition to include also TVET schools and HLIs to show case for their environmental initiatives or innovative technologies in promoting environmental sustainability.

b) Public Lectures in Higher Learning Institutions

From 17th May to 2nd June, REMA in partnership with UNDP and universities' lectures conducted public lecturers in 15 Higher Learning Institutions (HLIs) from Kigali City and all 4 Provinces Countrywide. In total 2753 student participated in public lecturers (see annex 2 for a complete list of visited HLIs).

The public lectures were conducted under the WED 2017 theme "**Connecting People to Nature**". The aim of these public lectures was to raise awareness among the students on the role of HLIs in connecting students and their surrounding community to nature by getting involved in the National Environmental Week activities linked to WED 2017 theme.



Figure 6: Students from University of Tourism, Technology and Business studies Rubavu Campus in public lecture on WED 2017 theme

Under the WED 2017 theme, the presentation was structured as follows:

- a) Introduction: WED background, WED 2017 global theme; simplified National theme for WED 2017 and National Environmental Week related activities.
- b) Concept of ecological footprint and Sustainable Development:
- c) How is human being benefiting from Nature?
- d) How is human being influencing Nature?
- e) How human being can contribute to sustain Nature? Contribution of Higher Learning Institutions in connecting Students to Nature, environment management for sustainable development.



Figure 7: Public lecture in IPRC East and University of Kibungo



Figure 9: Public lecture at ULK Gisenyi



Figure 8: Public lecture at UTAB Rubavu



Figure 10: Public lecture at UR Nyagatare

Since 2012, REMA works closely with the Higher Learning Institutions and schools to celebrate the World Environment Day (WED). It was recommended to extend the public lectures in secondary and TVETs schools In order to increase the awareness among the youth and teachers.

2.3 Launching the National Environment week

At National level, the official launching of the National Environmental Week (NEW) took place at Nyandungu wetland, with community work “Umuganda” of 27 May 2017 and the launching of Nyandungu wetland recreation and eco-tourism park project, in Gasabo District, Kigali City.

Representative from different Ministries and institutions (MINIRENA, MIDMAR, MINALOC, MINAGRI, MINADEF, National Police, REMA, RDB, RNRA, WASAC, RHA, MTN, BK,...) international organizations (UNDP, FAO,IGCP,...), representatives from National Environmental Organisations and local authorities joined Gasabo and Kicukiro residents in the community work to manage wetland Eco-tourism site by removing siltation from water channels and making the demarcation road between the wetland and surrounding land of local communities.



Figure 11: High Authorities participating in the Community Work “umuganda” with launching Nyandungu eco-tourism park project



Figure 12: Army and National Police joined local community in the “umuganda” with launching of NEW

After the community work, authorities took opportunity to see the design of Nyandungu Ecotourism Park Project.



Figure 13: *The overview design of Nyandungu Ecotourism Park Project*

After community work, authorities took opportunity to discuss with local community on activities related to WED 2017 theme and planned activities for NEW.

The welcome key note by the Mayor of Kicukiro District Dr. Jeanne NYIRAHABIMANA focused on the presentation of environmental and Socio-economic situation of Kicukiro District. The Mayor thanked REMA and partners for initiating Nyandungu Ecotourism Park Project that will contribute improve the environmental and socio livelihoods of Kigali City residents.



Figure 14: *Welcome key not by Dr. Jeanne NYIRAHABIMANA, Mayor of Kicukiro District*

The main speeches were given by the Minister of Local Government, Honorable KABONEKA Francis and the Minister of Natural Resources, Honorable BIRUTA Vincent.

In his remarks, Hon. Minister BIRUTA Vincent thanked everybody for participating in the launching of National Environment Week with UMUGANDA aiming to restore Nyandungu wetlands to recover its ecosystem services and initiate Nyandungu Ecotourism Park. This site will help Kigali residents and visitors to get opportunity to hit the natural

environment, enjoy its beauty, a hub of biodiversity and breathe clean air. He explained the WED 2017 theme “Connecting People to Nature” and its link to Nyandungu Ecotourism Park and urged participants to keep effort in environmental protection and improve resilience to climate change in their villages and families and invited everybody to participate in the NEW related activities. Biruta said protecting wetlands should be the concern of every Rwandan considering their ecosystem services to whole human kind.

He explained the link between WED 2017 theme and Government priorities guided by Rwanda vision 2050 ensuring high standard of living for all Rwandans, guided by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially on clean water and energy, sustainable cities, Climate Change action and biodiversity conservation.

“Especially for Kigali City citizen, we cannot keep using firewood and charcoal. Let us use cooking gas which is cheaper and environmental friendly than biomass energy. The change has the cost, the change is not a burden but it is a better planning for a future live.” Noted Minister Biruta.

Hon. Minister BIRUTA concluded by calling all local community surrounding Nyandungu wetland to own and sustain Nyandungu Ecotourism Park and then he declared the NEW officially opened.

The closing speech of this event was given by the Minister of Local Government, Honorable KABONEKA Francis who called all participants to keep Rwanda a better place everybody is willing to live. He presented the apologize from the guest of Honor, H.E the President Paul Kagame who was not able to attend the event and promised to visit the community surrounding Nyandungu wetland very soon. Then he reminded the local community to keep building on what we have achieved guided by our President Paul Kagame and invited everybody to get ready and prepared for the approaching presidential election.



Figure 15: Hon. Minister BIRUTA Vincent addressing the launching speech for NEW 2017



Figure 16: Hon. Minister KABONEKA Francis addressing the speech to local community at Nyandungu Wetland

2.4 National Environment week achievements at District level

From 27th May to 5th June 2017, the National Environment Week took place in all District of Rwanda. During this week, each District conducted various activities according to its priorities, for instance raising awareness about homesteading and livestock activities such as organic farming and gardening, pollution control like inspection on the use of plastic bags and proper wastes disposal, ecosystems rehabilitation in conjunction with the planned Army Week, strengthening sustainable ecotourism, among others.

On the launch of NEW with community work “Umuganda” of 27th May 2017, all Districts connected their community to nature in different activities of mass clean up during Umuganda, digging water channels, collecting plastic bag wastes, planting trees and grasses, among others. On this day, some “Umuganda” sites received Member of Parliament (for instance Hon. Deputy NYIRAHIRWA Veneranda in Kirehe District, Mpanga Sector, Nasho Cell) and Districts Mayors as Guests of Honors who presented speeches related to Environment protection and connecting people to nature in line with WED 2017 theme. See annex 3 for more details on NEW and WED 2017 related activities at District level.

3. WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2017 CELEBRATION

On Monday 5th June 2017, Rwanda joined the world to celebrate the World Environment Day (WED).

At National level, the celebration of the main event “WED 2017” took place in Gakenke District, Northern Province. This event attracted many senior officials, among others Hon. Vincent BIRUTA, Minister of Natural Resources; the governor of Northern Province, Jean Claude MUSABYIMANA, the mayor of Gakenke District, representatives from Government Institutions, One United Nations (UN), National Police, Army, National and International Organization, Wealth Accounting and the Valuation of Ecosystem Services (WAVES) partners from developed and developing countries, staff from REMA and MINIRENA, media, private sectors as well as local community . In general more than 2500 peoples participated in the WED 2017 celebration.

3.1 Umuganda and field visit on land and ecosystem

A special Monday Umuganda activity was organized along Base River in Gakenke District, to maintain trees planted in the buffer zone by Lake Victoria Environmental Management Project (LVEMP II). More than 60 visitors from Wealth Accounting and the Valuation of Ecosystem Services also participated in Umuganda as part of WED 2017 celebration.



Figure 17: Hon. Minister BIRUTA Vincent during special Umuganda WED 2017



Figure 18: WAVES Partners joined local communities in Gakenke District during Umuganda to celebrate WED 2017

3.3 Exhibitions

As part of WED 2017 celebration, REMA's on-going projects, environmental organisations Cooperatives and Private Sector showcased in exhibiting their main achievements in environmental sustainability, green innovation for environmental protection/ conservation and climate change resilience.

Amongst exhibitors we can mention LVEMP II and LAFREC working under REMA, Meteo Rwanda, COOPROMEGA Cooperative, BIOSTAR-ISHEMA, ACNR, Water for People, TROCAIRE, among others.



Figure 19: Minister and other guests visiting exhibitors during WED 2017 celebration



3.1 Key remarks on WED 2017

The welcome key note by the Mayor of Gakenke District, Mr NZAMWITA Deogratias focused on the presentation of environmental and Socio-economic situation of Gakenke District. The Mayor thanked REMA and other partners for initiating the LVEMP II project to protect Base River and its biodiversity and the support and improve the livelihoods of families living in base basin.

In her speech, the Director General of REMA, Eng. Coletha U. RUHAMYA highlighted the successful implementation of LVEMP II project in Gakenke District thanked the District authorities and local community for their contribution. She also appreciated the endeavor work and creativity of students who participated in the school competition on WED 2017 theme and recommended schools located closed to Gishwati-Mukura National Park in Ngororero and Rutsiro Districts where LAFREC project operates to be ambassadors for conservation of that natural habitat.

The governor of Northern Province, Jean Claude MUSABYIMANA's speeche focused on recalling the local community of Northern Province especially Gakenke District to keep building on what we have achieved in building our national economy, environmental sustainability, unity and reconciliation guided by the good leadership from our Government Unit. "Let's keep working hard by sustaining our environment and creating wealth and good future for our community," Governor MUSABYIMANA said.



Figure 20: The Mayor of Gakenke District addressing welcome speech



Figure 21: Speech by Director General of REMA



Figure 22: Speech by The governor of Northern Province

WED 2017 celebration was concluded by the speech of the guest of the honor, Hon. Vincent BIRUTA, Minister of Natural Resources. In his speech, he thanked the organizers of this event (REMA, MINIRENA, Gakenke District) and all stakeholders especially WAVES Partners who participated in the Umuganda and exhibition to mark celebration of WED 2017.



Figure 23: Minister BIRUTA addressing the speech during WED ceremony

He mentioned that that Rwandan economy depends on natural resources which are threatened by the climate change effect and WED 2017 theme for this year “Connecting People to Nature comes on the right time to remind everybody to think about how we are part of nature, how intimately we depend on it and therefore take proper actions toward environmental sustainability. Hon. Minister BIRUTA added that WED celebration is a good opportunity for Rwanda to build upon the success made in environmental management towards green growth and climate change resilience. He therefore requested all Rwandans to keep building on good strategies and programs established by our Government for a better management of our nature resources especially land, water, wetland and forest.

Then, he urged all Rwandans to keep implementing all activities related to WED 2017 aiming at greening villages, cities, public places and household, addressing the vulnerability to climate change and connecting to nature by visiting our National Parks and other neighboring ecotourism places and promote the products made in Rwanda from our native resources. Find annex 4 for the detailed speech in Kinyarwanda for Honorable Minister during WED 2017 celebration.

4. CONCLUSION AND RECOMENDATIONS

4.1 Conclusion

World Environment Day (WED) is an important occasion to spread awareness on environmental sustainability and recognize the problems related to climate change, and inspire decision makers to make positive actions. The most important goal of WED 2017 under the theme "Connecting People to Nature"/"Duhuze Umuntu n'Ibidukikije, Ni byo Shingiro ry'Ubuzima was to raise awareness on connecting with nature through advocating for building green cities, villages and public places and reducing vulnerability to Climate change. NEW 2017 related activities included ecosystem and forest restoration, encouraging Rwandese to visit the National Parks and other ecotourism places and promoting made in Rwanda through exhibition to appreciate the beauty of the products made from our natural resources and discover our culture best practices linked the nature.

In Rwanda, all planned activities related to WED 2017 theme were in general successfully implemented during the National Environment week in all Districts. Those activities have to continue and not stop with WED celebration. As mentioned by different authorities during WED 2017 celebration, Rwanda's economy and livelihoods depend on natural resources while many natural ecosystems are threatened by human activity and the climate change effect.

REMA will keep efforts to oversee and stimulate all economic sector of our Country in promoting the ban of plastic bags and the use of alternative bags.

REMA is grateful for everybody's contribution during the National Environment Week and the World Environment Day 2017 celebration. Through engaging collective efforts of all stakeholders in connecting to nature toward with resource efficiency and low carbon emission, we will preserve nature, while achieving growth, and climate resilience.

4.2 Recommendations

From WED 2017 celebration based on WED 2017 theme, we can highlight the following recommendations:

- Each one of us should contribute to increase resilience to climate change starting at that our household, community, village and Country.
- During the exhibition to mark WED 2017 celebration, Private Sector demonstrated their ability to act as key catalysts for green innovations and connecting people to nature. Therefore, there is a need to keep organizing annual exhibitions and environmental awards to engage the private sector and civil society in green economy.

- Our Country has made good achievement in environmental conservation and protection through different program and strategies. Rwandans are urged to keep building upon the success made in environmental management towards green growth and climate change resilience.
- Effort should be made in relocating illegal infrastructure located in wetlands to restore their ecosystem services and reducing biodiversity loss.
- In this report, the report from Districts on NEW and WED 2017 activities is not exhaustive. Districts are requested to share WED progress reports to learn good practices.

Annexes

Annex 1: List of students awarded

Student	School	Mark
Songs		
Niyomugabo Gabriel	GS Bwiza	87
Nsanzabandi Joseph	GS Kigeyo	84
Anyeretsineza Ecclesiaste	GS Bwira	83
Drawings		
Nizeyimana Leon Bright	GS Bwiza	85
Nshimiyimana Armel	GS Bwira	84
Hakizimana Irene	GS Mungoti	79
Poems		
Uwase Dyna	GS Kibari	87
Uwiroraye Angelique	GS Bwira	86
Umulisa Gikundiro	GS Bwiza	85

Annex 2: Higher Learning Institutions involved in Public Lectures for WED 2017

No.	Higher Learning Institutions	Number of participants
1	Muhabura Polytechnic	150
2	INES Ruhengeri	185
3	University of Technology and Arts of Byumba	75
4	UR-College of Agriculture, Animal sciences and veterinary Medicine	105
5	Protestant Institute of Arts and Social Sciences	54
6	UR-college of Social Arts and Sciences	20
7	ULK Gisenyi	750
8	University of Tourism, Technology and Business studies Rubavu Campus	210
9	University of Kibungo	400
10	IPRC East	
11	UR-Nyagatare Campus	500
12	Independent University of Lay Adventists of Kigali	95
13	Adventist University of Central and East Africa	65
14	University of Tourism, Technology and Business studies, Kigali Campus	84
15	ULK Kigali	65
	Total	2753

Annex 3: NEW and WED 2017 related activities at District level

N0	District	Activities
1	Kirehe	At District level, the community work held in Mpanga Sector, Nasho Cell. They build a foundation of the plot designed for a house care construction for 60 children for Nasho Cell. Hon.Deputy NYIRAHIRWA Veneranda was the Guest of Honour
2	Kamonyi	District community work took place in Bishenyi Wetland crossing Runda and Bigarika Sectors
3	Rusizi	District community work held in Muganza Secor, Chelsea followers with communities made bricks to build a house of old woman in need
4	Nyagatare	In Rukomo Sector, communities build their Sector's office.
5	Huye	District community work held in Rwaniro Sector, communities built houses for poor people who were in their 7 year out of Nyakatsi houses.
6	Bugesera	District community work was attended by students from Wharton Univerity, USA with their supervisor Professor Catheline attended Umuganda together with local communities from Murama Cell, Nyamata Sector to build houses for Genocide survivors who were in need. Hon. Deputy Rwaka Pierre Claver was the Guest of Honour
7	RWAMAGANA	At District level, communities restored and managed the wetland located in Munyiginya Sector, Cyimbazi Cell, Akabuye village.
8	NGOMA	At District level, communities restored and managed the wetland located in In Mugesera Sector, Gatere Cell, Bwiza Village
9	NYAMAGABE	District community work took place in Gasaka Sector, 3 plots were restored and prepared for constructing 6 houses of families relocated in "nyakatsi houses"
10	GATSIBO	Community work at District level took place in Kabarore Sector, Nyabikiri Cell, Nyabikiri Village where communities built 12YBE classes.
11	NGORORERO	At District level, Local communities restored farms for cattle in Kageyo Sector, Nyamata Cell in the villages of Nyamata, Rwamamara and Rususa.
12	KAYONZA	At District level, Local communities gathered to restore the wetland located in Gahini Sector, Urugarama Cell in Ruyanja.
13	KICUKIRO & GASABO	The 2 Districts hosted the Launch of the National Environment week in Nyandungu wetland.
14	GAKENKE	At District level, local community restored constructed terraces in Muhondo Sector, Busake Cell in the villages of Nyakabanda, Ranzi and Ruganda.

15	BURERA	At District level, local community restored a road from Rugarama Sector, Gafumba Cell, Bambiro village.
16	RULINDO	At District level, local communities restored houses of genocide survivors in Ntarabana Sector, Kiyanza Cell, Kivumbwe Village
17	GICUMBI	At District level, Community work was carried out in Mutete Sector, Gaseke Cell, Nyamabuye village for restoration of farms for cattle.
18	MUSANZE	At District level, Community work was carried out in Musanze Sector, Kabazungu Cell in the villages of Rucumu and Rufuruko. Where people constructed houses for poor families.
19	NYABIHU	At District level, Communities constructed additional classrooms for GS Kaburamba in Shyira Sector, Kintarure Cell, Remera village
20	NYARUGENGE	At District level, Communities restored a road Rwampara-Katabaro in Nyamirambo Sector, Mumena Cell.
21	HUYE	District community work was carried out in Rwaniro Sector, Nyamabuye Cell, Munanira Village. Local communities built houses for poor families
22	RUHANGO	At District level, Local communities gathered in Mberamana Sector, Bukina Cell, Dusenye- Kinihira Villages for constructing a farm for cattle.
23	NYAMASHEKE	District community work was carried out in Kajongo Sector, Kibogora Cell in Kagarama village. Local communities built a foundation for a house which will host cattle
25	RUTSIRO	Communities managed and restored the wetland in Ruhango Sector, Gihira Cell in Bitega village.
26	RUSIZI	At District level, Local communities managed and restored a road in Gihundwe Sector, Shangasha Cell in Gitwa village
27	KARONGI	District community work took place in Mulindi Sector Nyamushishi Cell in Gasharu village. Communities built farms for cattle.
28	GISAGARA	Community work at District level was carried out in Muganza Sector, Remera Cell, Taba Village. Local communities built houses for poor families.
29	NYARUGURU	District community work took place in Cyahinda Sector Coko Cell in the Village of Gitara, where local communities managed and restored the wetland located there.
30	RUBAVU	District community work took place in Rubavu Sector, Buhaza Cell in Murambi village where participants constructed houses for poor families relocated from high risk zones.

Annex 4: Speech by Hon. Minister of Natural Resources during WED 2017 celebration

Nyakubahwa,.....

Nyakubahwa,.....

Ba Nyakubahwa bakuru b’Ingabo na Polisi

Ba Nyakubahwa muhagarariye Imiryango Mpuzamahanga

Ba Nyacyubahiro mwese muteraniye aha,

Banyarwanda, banyarwandakazi,

Mbanje kubashimira kuba mwaje kwifatanya natwe mu kwizihiza Umunsi Mpuzamahanga w’Ibidukikije no gusoza Icyumweru Cyahariwe Kwita ku Bidukikije.

By’umwihariko ndagirango mumfashe gushimira abashyitsi baturutse mu bihugu bitandukanye bagize itsinda ryita ku igenagaciro ry’umutungo kamere n’indiri z’urusobe rw’ibinyabuzima “Wealth Accounting and the Valuation of Ecosystem Services (WAVES).

Ndashimira kandi Ikigo cy’Igihugu cyo Kubungabunga Ibidukikije (REMA) n’abandi bafatanyabikorwa bose bagize uruhare mu gutegura ibikorwa byo kwizihiza uyu munsi. Muri ibyo bikorwa twavugaga umuganda twakoze ugamije kubungabunga indiri z’urusobe rw’ibinyabuzima ku nkengero z’umugezi wa Base ku bufatanye n’umushinga wa REMA/LVEMP II, imurikabikorwa rishimangira guha agaciro ibikorwa iwacu, guhanga udushya mu kurengera ibidukikije no guhangana n’imihindagurikire y’ibihe, ndetse n’abana batugaragariye ibihangano bitandukanye bijyanye n’insanganyamatsiko y’uyu mwaka.

Ba Nyakubahwa muteraniye aha,

Umunsi Mpuzamahanga w’Ibidukikije twizihiza tariki ya 5 Kamena buri mwaka, ugamije gushishikariza isi yose cyane cyane abafata ibyemezo kwitabira ibikorwa bigamije kurengera ibidukikije no guhangana n’imihindagurikire y’ibihe.

Muri uyu mwaka wa 2017, insanganyamatsiko iragira iti:

“Duhuze Umuntu n’ibidukikije, Ni byo Shingiro ry’Ubuzima/ Connecting People to Nature”. Iyi nsanganyamatsiko irahamagarira buri muturarwanda kuzirikana isano kamere afitanye n’ibidukikije, n’akamaro k’umwihariko ibidukikije bifite mu buzima bwa muntu haba mu muco, imyidagaduro, umusaruro w’ibidutunga, ndetse ibyinshi muri byo tutabonera ikiguzi gikwiye, urugero nko kuduha umwuka mwiza duhumeka.

Bityo nkaba mboneyeho gushishikariza abantu bose, baba abikorera ku giti cyabo, abayobozi b’Uturere kugeza ku nzego z’ibanze, gukomeza kwinjiza mu iteganyamigambi no mu mihigo yabo ya buri mwaka ibikorwa bijyanye no kurengera ibidukikije no guhangana n’imihindagurikire y’ibihe.

Ba Nyakubahwa muteraniye aha,

Mu rwego rwo guhuza umuturarwanda n’ibidukikije haba mu mijyi no mu byaro, Leta y’u Rwanda yashyizeho ingamba zitandukanye zigamije gushyiraho imiturire itabangamiye ibidukikije, gutunganya imijyi yunganira Umujyi wa Kigali, kubaka imidugudu ifite ibikorwa byita ku bidukikije nko gufata amazi y’imvura no gukoresha ingufu zita ku bidukikije nka rondereza, biyogazi cyangwa gazi, n’ibindi;

U Rwanda kandi rwateye intambwe mu bukerarugendo bwita ku burambe bw’ibidukikije; bityo tukaba tuboneyeho gushishikariza abaturarwanda gusura Pariki z’Igihugu n’ahantu nyaburanga ndetse guteza imbere ibikorwa mu Rwanda byakozwe mu mutungo wacu karemano.

Ba Nyacyubahiro mwese, Banyarwanda, banyarwandakazi,

Guhuza umuturarwanda n'ibidukikije biradusaba kubaka mu buryo burambye mu kubyaza umusaruro umutungo kamere dutekerezwa n'ejo hazaza, kubaka ubushobozi bwo guhangana n'imihindagurikire y'ibihe, hashorwa imari mu bikorwa by'ubuhinzi bwita ku bidukikije birimo gufata neza ubutaka, gukoresha imbuto z'indobanure zihanganira ibihe by'amapfa, gufata amazi y'imvura no kuvomerera mu turere dukunze kwibasirwa n'izuba, gukoresha neza ingufu, n'ibindi.

Kuri uyu muni twizihiza Umunsi Mpuzamahanga w'Ibidukikije, biradusaba gukomeza kubakira kuri gahunda nziza leta y'u Rwanda yashyizeho mu rwego rwo gufata neza umutungo kamere nko gukoresha neza ubutaka, amazi, ibishanga, imigezi n'ibiyaga, ndetse no kongera amashyamba cyane cyane ibiti bivangwa n'imyaka. Ndasaba kandi ko ibikorwa by'Icyumweru cy'Ibidukikije dushoje uyu muni bitahagararira aha, ahubwo tubikomeze no mu gihe kizaza.

Mu gusoza nagira ngo mwese nongere mbashimire,

Murakoze, Mugire amahoro.