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## **MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY PROJECT BOARD MEETING**

**FOR**

**GOU/GEF/UNDP PROJECT ON THE CONSERVATION AND  
SUSTAINABLE USE OF THREATENED SAVANNA WOODLAND IN  
THE KIDEPO CRITICAL LANDSCAPE IN NORTH EASTERN  
UGANDA**

**28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017, NEMA BOARD ROOM**



b) Matters arising

4. Revised Annual work plan 2017
5. Project implementation status to date including information on project audit
6. Way forward

The agenda of the meeting was adopted.

MINUTE	Action	Responsibility
<p><b>Minute 1/PB/04/2017: Communication from the Chair</b></p> <p>The meeting opened at 9.50am with a prayer and self-introductions. In his communication, the Chair started by thanking members for sparing time to attend the meeting and informed members that the project had enabled the National Forestry Authority (NFA) establish another range in Karamoja region (the Moroto Range). He emphasized the need to conclude the project in a logical manner so as to realize intended impact. The Chair concluded by wondering why the project is not reporting about Kidepo day when its being implemented in the Kidepo Critical Landscape.</p> <p><b>Remarks from UNDP (Co-Chair)</b></p> <p>In his remarks, the UNDP Deputy Country Director summarized the main aim of the meeting as review of the revised 2017 annual work plan, status of project progress to date and consideration of project extension. As regards progress, he pointed out that little progress has been made in bringing on board the private sector partners. He reminded members that the amount of project funds remaining is about USD 1.5million to be spent in one year. This according to him was a lot of money given that the project’s highest consumption so far has been USD 760,000. In that regard, he advised the Board to look at that critically and guide on a feasible strategy for delivery.</p> <p>On the other hand, he informed the meeting about UNDP’s support to government of Uganda in 2017 particularly on implementing the sustainable development goals. He concluded by informing the meeting of UNDP’s additional support in form of two new projects to be implemented by NEMA that are starting soon, World Environment Day celebrations, printing of reports and hosting of BIOFIN</p>		

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<p>recommendations and project audit reports.</p> <p><b>Decision of the Board:</b></p> <p>The Project Board was satisfied with the reasons advanced for project extension and decided that <b>the project be extended for one year to enable full achievement of project targets and outputs as envisaged in the project document and urged GEF to positively consider its decision.</b></p>	<p>Consider decision of the Project Board on one year project extension</p>	<p>GEF</p>
<p><b>Minute 5/PB/04/2017: Way forward</b></p> <p>As a way forward, NEMA the implementing party was requested to forward the justification for a one year project extension to UNDP for onward transmission to GEF together with the minute of the Project Board approving project extension. Also, PMU was asked to revise the 2017 annual work plan up to December 2017 and for the remaining project extension period starting January up to July 2018. Furthermore, UNDP pledged to be proactive in release of funds to implementing partners.</p>	<p>Formally submit a justification for a one year project extension to UNDP</p> <p>Revise the 2017 annual work plan to end in December and that of the remaining project extension period (Jan – July 2018)</p>	<p>NEMA</p> <p>PMU</p>

Signed:

Chairperson: .....  
Mr. Obed Tugumusirize

Date: 30/5/2017

Minute Secretary .....  
Mr. James Okiria-Ateker

Date: 30/5/2017