## Ecosystem Restoration for Climate Resilience in Uganda

**Inspiring Community for Action** 

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#### WØRLD ECØNOMIC FØRUM

### The 5 mega-trends facing the world you have to know about

Source: Terra Incognita, Ian Goldin & Robert Muggah

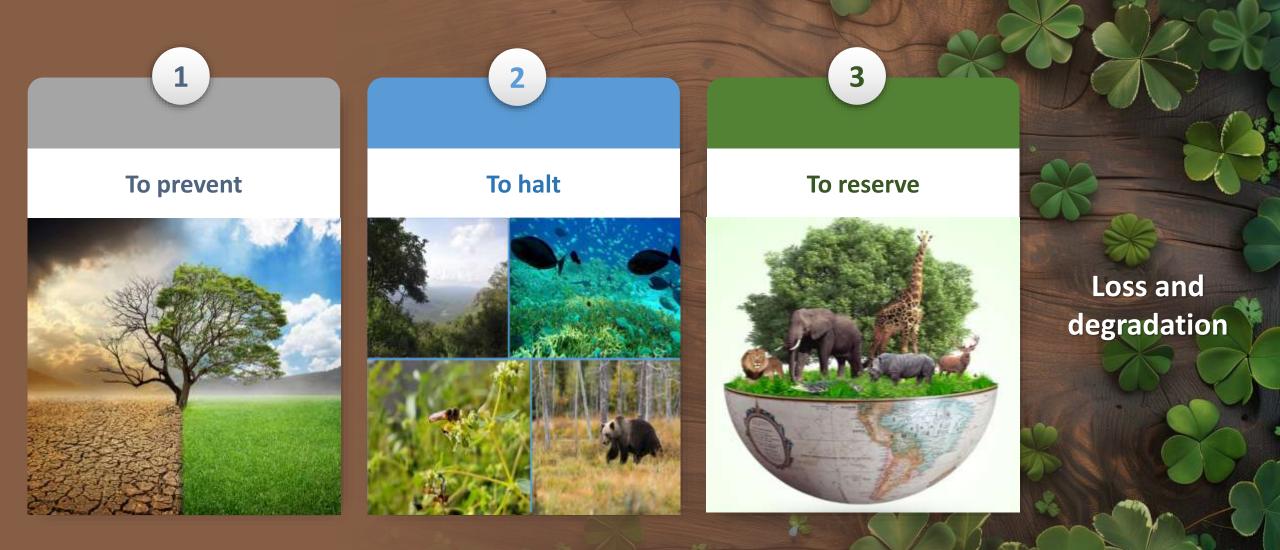
### **Resilience:**

#### Ability to predict

Ability to evaluate Impact

Ability to bounce back and bounce forward

### **Community Action:**



# Victorious warriors win

first and then go to war, while defeated warriors go to war first and then seek to win."



~ Sun Tzu

### **Reality Check:**

In 2021, the UN declared the 2030 U decade on Ecosyste restoration		Greed is Dead!	PPCS partnership: catalyst for resilience and deepening biodiversity conservation
Net Zero transition!	AI for climate adoption	The 6G to restore the planet	Adopt or die!

"Destruction of the environment is an offence to God- a sin that endangers all human beings especially the most vulnerable. Climate change is a global social issue." ~ Pop Francis at UN cop28

### Reality Check: Uganda

Biodiversity loss and degradation conservation are urgent. Uganda has 18,783 recorded species of flora and fauna

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Biodiversity-linked societal tensions are rising. Unsustainable use of biodiversity resources

Biodiversity disruption is accelerating Uganda loses biodiversity 10%-11% every decade 600 species of fish

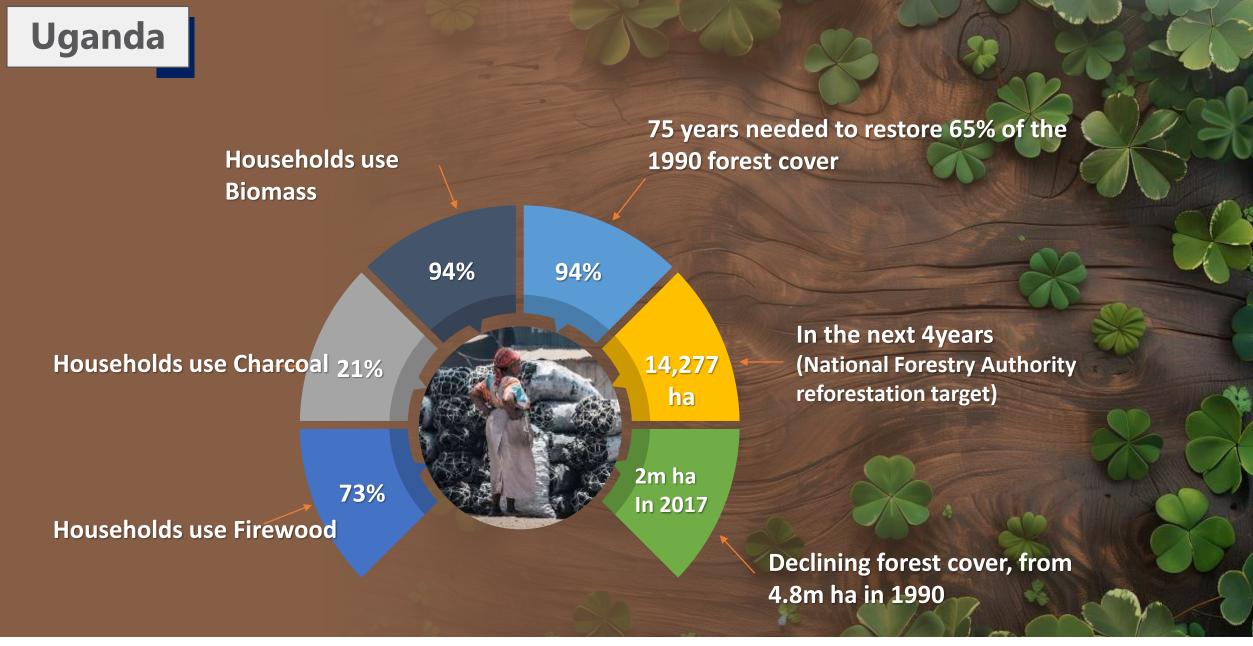
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- 14% of Africa's reptile species
- **30** species of antelopes

- 53.9% of the world's population of Mt gorillas
- 5,406 species of plants
- 1,249 species of butterflies

- 11% of world's bird species
- 39% of Africa's mammal diversity
- 19% of Africa's amphibian species



Source:

Uganda National Household Survey 2020 Auditor General 17/4/2022 National State of the Environment report 2018/2018

### Kampala



Population: **2300 micro grams** per cubic meter



#### Demand is growing

Population: No above tolerable limit



Africa's demand for water to rise by **40%** by **2030** 

#### Demand on Nature is X 1.7

#### Demand for food to rise by **35%** by **2030**

### **Reality Check:**

Does tree planting fuel pollution?



What is the business opportunity in the Green Ecosystem or Net Zero approaches?

Should banks avoid schools and institutions using charcoal and firewood?



Should banks avoid businesses whose supply chains are not sustainable?

Decarbonizing the built environment?

Venomous snakes migrating in large numbers (by Lancet study 2024)

### The collapsing lungs of East Africa

#### The Congo Basin

30 bn

300 ha

1m ha

100,000

Tons of carbon

Congo Basin

Lost every year

Plant specialist

### Pressure on food and safety



**Source:** The Nature Intelligence Council Estimates



<b>Africa:</b> 2% of billions in global renewal energy investment	<b>Africa:</b> Only 3% of Green jobs	Indiscriminate harvest of trees	Wetland encroachment
Limited awareness, limited compliance and enforcement	Plastic materials in drainage channels	Shrinkage of rain catchment	River and Lake Banks' destruction

### **The Green Ecosystem**



### **Emerging Themes**

#### **Biodiversity:**

Knowledge

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- Expertise, Academia
- Community action
- Researchers, FBOs

#### **Education:**

- MOOCS
  - Workshops/events
- Green clubs
- Geo Health Hub

#### **Culture:**

- Norms, Rights
- Music, dance & drama
- Students & Volunteers

#### **Climate Sustainalytics**

- Air Q (Makerere Uni.)
  - Monitor air pollution
- Climate-friendly Martyrs Day

#### **Restoration flagships:**

- Targets
- Actions
- Measurement
- Reinforcement

#### **Business and industry:**

• Nature-based solutions

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• Shared value policies and practices

#### Cities:

- Eco-friendly vehicles
- planning speed vs development speed
- Air quality regulations
- 42 micrograms per cubic meter
- Ridership
- Carbon sinks

#### Early dividends from E-Mobility

"I believe the decarbonizing of the global economy is going to create the greatest investment opportunity of our lifetime."



~ Larry Fink

### **Emerging Themes:** Options & Actions



- Sustainable Finance
- Financial markets
- Commercial & central bank
- Investment instruments



- Harmony
- Policy and practices
- Valuing
- Accounting

• Eco restoration model camps

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- Eco-agri-food awareness
- Agricultural Insurance



- Water
- Waste water
- Solid waste and hazardous materials



- Green jobs
- Gen Z and Gen Alpha
- Tree by tree initiative
- Creation project

Land

Food

- Degradation
- Neutrality by 2030

Impact:

Regulations

Disclosures

New markets

Emerging themes

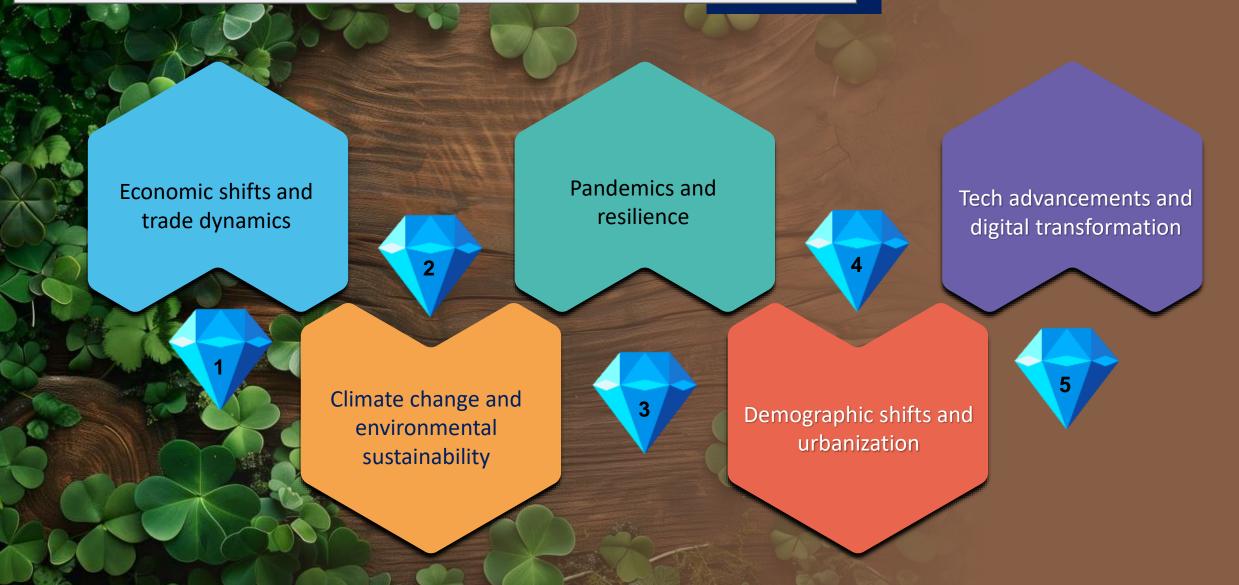
**Fiscal policies** 

Net zero

Sustainable finance, food, fuel



### Impact of Global Trends in Uganda's Economy



### THICKER:



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#### Lower Emerging Technologies, Green ICT

Green Tech Skills

Innovations/Insights: in Industry, transport or energy systems

Collaboration/partnerships, Compliance to standards



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Knowledge products – backed up by Data

Ecologically friendly future, Evidence-based

Risk – Mitigation and adaptation

Fast track the transition road map

#### FLLCAP

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Fix the climate action | Finance | mitigation – Adaptation

Focus on lives and livelihoods

#### Focus on decarbonization

"Let us bring together leaders from Governments, Businesses and Civil society to exchange perspectives, co-create solutions and forge partnerships for action on Climate and Nature."





### **Parting Thoughts:**

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**Together in planet restoration, we can:** 

Create opportuinities

Impact communities

Transform lives and livelihoods



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Drive positive impact in the national Diversity Framework



