

# GREATER KAMPALA' LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CELEBRATE THE EU SUPPORT TO BECOME A RESILIENT AND VIBRANT METROPOLITAN AREA

**O**n May 9th, Europe Day, Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) together with the eight local governments of the Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area (GKMA) celebrate the commitment of its long-time European partners on decentralized cooperation and multi-level partnerships for Peace and Climate Action.

The European Union Delegation in Uganda together with EU Members States and the European local governments have been supporting the 'Greater Kampala' local governments to promote sustainable investments in a resilient urban development and creating decent employment in this vibrant metropolitan area that we live and work in.

Under the coordination of the Government of Uganda, and European support, local governments in Uganda are **changing their mind-set to improve inter-municipal technical collaboration on a number of issues such as 'accessing financing' but also Climate action. On this point, Kampala**, having developed its climate Action Plan supported Kasese and Entebbe to develop their Sustainable Energy Access and Climate Action Plans (SEACAPs) and KCCA continues to work on a number of city to city knowledge exchanges on climate action with European cities such as Paris or Strasbourg in France and Munich and Karlsruhe in Germany.

At the metropolitan level, KCCA, Wakiso, Mpigi and Mukono Districts as well as the municipalities of Entebbe, Makindye Ssabagabo, Nansana, Kira and Mukono are working together to find coordinated solutions to play their role as enablers of local sustainable economic development. Metropolitan local governments are aiming to access green financing opportunities to achieve our shared metropolitan vision of "A Greater Kampala united towards job creation, improved liveability and a sustainable development for all its citizens."

**This is the aim of the EU-funded Programme on Integrated Local Finances for Sustainable Urban Development** in the Greater Kampala (PIFUD), co-lead by KCCA and the Global Fund for Cities Development (FMDV). PIFUD encourages local governments to work together and engage the national government on the legal framework and operationalise strategies. GKMA planners have been raising awareness on the GKMA Economic Development Strategy and are preparing projects to attract domestic or international

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**25 REAL TIME AIR QUALITY MONITORS**

development investors, aligned with the National Development Plan III. Through this multi-level partnership local governments are making progress in operationalizing Local Government Domestic Revenue Mobilization Strategies, looking at untapped potential and improving project preparation.

Since 2020 with the EU support, Entebbe, Makindye Ssabagabo and Nansana municipalities have fully transitioned to a digital user-centric and affordable integrated Revenue Administration System (IRAS). IRAS provides local governments with an improved interface with URA systems and the capability to transform all their local revenue collections into a fully digital service. Within the last two financial years there has been an increment in both tax payer registrations and Revenue collection by over 50% in all the three municipalities. Makindye Municipal council was able to integrate a GIS system to localize registered taxpayers. These and more stories can be found on [www.kcca.go.ug/PIFUD](http://www.kcca.go.ug/PIFUD).

The technical staff from all three local governments and their division were trained by PIFUD to deploy IRAS and are now involved as 'Ambassador' in the roll-out of IRAS throughout the country under the lead of the Local Government Finance Commission. They are ambassadors of their own success stories, sharing with their Ugandan peers what local governments have learned 'from doing'. The Metropolitan local governments are proud of the sister cities from the European and African continents that have been on this journey with us.

KCCA, with the metropolitan local governments, are continuing to lead by example in transforming in the sector digitalization of government services, as mentioned above. They are also transforming the energy consumption and mobility sectors, both looking at the air quality of the metropolitan Area. With the support of the EU, KCCA **prioritising its climate change response.**

KCCA, in particular, is piloting several low carbon investments to provide climate smart public services. For the past 7 years, KCCA has been a member and a beneficiary of a city network, the Covenant of Mayors Sub-Saharan Africa (CoMSSA). With CoMSSA, KCCA developed its climate change action strategy, exchanging ideas with sister cities around the world and in Uganda.

**The Kampala Climate Change Action Strategy (2016) works through three pillars of action:**

- climate adaptation
- climate mitigation
- and access to clean energy.

In the coming months, climate action plan will be evaluated to measure its impacts. Where challenges are found, collective solutions will be sought to resolve them. Once more, the goal is to expand the focus to attract sustainable climate financing for the Greater Kampala Metropolitan lens in the 'scale-up' or impact assessment. One of the main results KCCA will be looking at is the progress made on detailed neighbourhood and precinct physical development plans for Makerere, Mulago, Kololo and Nakasero. These plans were widely displayed in 2021 and presented to the residents and in the city hall.

One key component of the Strategy is KCCA efforts to establish a **Kampala Air Quality Monitoring Network**

**and Reporting Platform** through installation of 25 real time air quality monitors across all the five divisions of Nakawa, Makindye, Lubaga, Kawempe and Central. The monitors give real-time data on the level of pollution in a specific area of the city. Residents and people working in Kampala can consult any time the air quality online by checking the status of the monitor at the closes monitoring point.

On KCCA webpage, the dashboard will inform any visitor of the real time readings and the trend of particulate matter 2.5 (P.M2.5) per location, therefore telling the level of pollution in that location, as compared to the internationally agree upon World Health Organization recommended standards. The monitored areas will inform you if the quality is 'good'; 'moderate'; 'unhealthy' or hazardous. Under the Covenant of Mayors initiative,

KCCA is taking this monitoring further and is now embarking on a source apportionment analysis to identify the precise sources of emissions and developing an exhaustive emissions inventory. This scientific analysis will enable the authorities to gather the hitherto lacking data, and effectively come up with recommendations and policy actions that will improve the air quality in the city.

To continue the city air quality improvement actions, KCCA recently undertook a tree audit assessment that is complementary to the Kampala Tree Directory

accessible online. New tree planting activities have started in May 2022 as part of the commemoration of the air quality awareness raising week, celebrated yearly during the first week of May and could be scale-up to the shore of the Lake Victoria, as part of the 'metropolitan lens' to green investment.

As mentioned in the Intergovernmental panel on Climate Change, Kampala is also working with local startups to promote electric mobility to reduce emissions from transport. A fleet of 4 electric motorcycles were acquired by the Kampala Capital City Authority and looking at scaling up.



One of the electric motor cycles that were procured by KCCA

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**Kampala air quality monitoring network**

