

International solidarity between the municipalities of Greater Kampala and European partners results in local transformations for sustainable urban development and climate action

Over the past 5 years, Kampala has become a front-runner in designing local climate action plans in response to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Nationally Determined Contributions to the Paris Agreement. The European Union and Development Agencies have been key supporters of Kampala's transformational journey as defined under the KCCA Strategic Plan, Kampala Integrated Development Strategy and the Kampala Climate Change Action Plan.

Kampala has adopted a territorial approach to sustainable local development. As such, Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) has been committed to working with the municipalities within the Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area (GKMA) and other key stakeholders to develop and design metropolitan-wide strategies for financing and implementing urban and local economic development projects.

With support from the European Union, 2 strategic programs have been put in place to pursue these efforts and accelerate the transformation of Kampala and the metropolitan area.

- **The Kampala Climate Change Project under the Covenant of Mayors in Sub Saharan Africa (CoM SSA) initiative.** This program was designed to build on the work done in 2015 with support from Expertise France and the French

Development Agency (AFD) which produced the Kampala Climate Change Action Plan and will be implemented over two phases from 2017 to late 2022.

- **The Program on Integrated Local Finance for Sustainable Urban Development (PIFUD)** is designed to support the implementation of existing KCCA and the wider GKMA strategies and programmes on municipal finance, innovation and integrated urban development and will be implemented from 2020 to 2024.

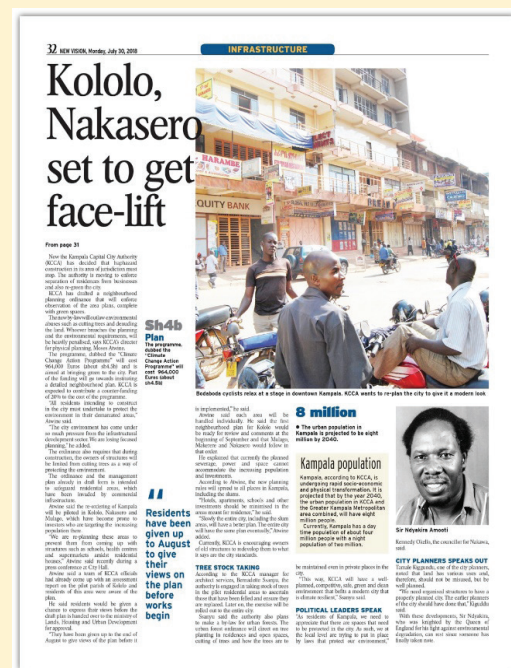
The overarching objective of the **CoM SSA initiative and pilot projects** is to empower local authorities to respond to the challenges climate change has presented for sustainable urban development through promotion of climate smart solutions. Under the first phases (2015 – 2020), the EU support has seen Kampala pilot an urban air quality monitoring system and detailed neighbourhood planning in the precincts of Kololo, Makerere, Mulago and Nakasero. KCCA has also been able to scale up the management of its urban natural assets, promote skilling in green enterprise development, build capacities in climate reporting and strengthen the framework for decentralized cooperation among Ugandan (Entebbe and Kasese municipalities) and European (Strasbourg and Karlsruhe) urban authorities.



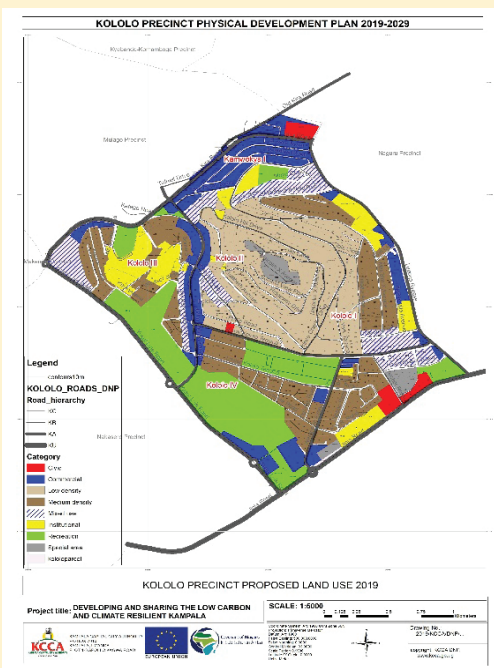
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The achievement of the global impacts of these programs is rooted in decentralised cooperation with not only Ugandan municipalities but also European cities which creates a positive dynamic to continue learning by doing.

KCCA recognizes that addressing urban challenges in Kampala requires a metropolitan approach necessitating effective collaboration of all actors and sharing experiences. The 2 programs thus create a framework to push this territorial approach forward and reinforced through urban policy dialogues, project planning and implementation of climate smart, affordable and innovative solutions.



Improving urban resilience: KCCA is undertaking integrated neighbourhood planning among other initiatives to address the specific stake urban planning plays in designing a greener and inclusive Kampala.



Decentralized cooperation with EU counterparts facilitating technical assistance and knowledge transfer between local authorities. Teams from KCCA and Strasbourg designing joint projects to address different sustainable development challenges.

The next phase (2020 - 2022) will focus not only on consolidating the above achievements, but also replicating the paradigm of local level climate action planning to other municipalities and promoting the transition to clean energy solutions.

Additionally, the **EU-funded PIFUD project** is built on the premise that strengthening the capacity of KCCA & the Metro Municipalities in local financing mechanisms is key to mobilising long-term finances to support investment in climate smart and sustainable solutions. The Project will leverage the successes and lessons from implementing KCCA's local revenue automation system, e-Citie, to support three

GKMA municipalities to implement the national Integrated Revenue Administration System (IRAS). This will in turn improve their local revenue collection processes from registration, billing, sensitization of taxpayers and linking the citizens to the municipal authorities. By automating revenue collection, Kampala achieved a 202% increase in own-revenue collection, from UGX.40bn to UGX. 90.5bn since 2011. With this foundation and working with the Global Fund for Cities Development (FDMV) and the cities of Johannesburg and Paris, the PIFUD project will also offer an opportunity for Kampala and the GKMA municipalities to explore alternative models of financing local urban development.

As KCCA responds to and prepares its recovery from the CoVID-19 global pandemic, the CoM SSA and PIFUD projects will provide the adequate platforms for municipalities in GKMA to be more innovative in using all available financing tools and working with solution providers and communities.

The support and partnership of the European Union and member states has provided a mechanism for the GKMA urban authorities to localize the SDGs primarily on sustainable urban development (SDG 11), climate change (SDG 13), and cooperation and partnerships (SDG 17) and thus contributing to overall improvement in urban governance in Kampala and the wider metropolitan area.