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# LOCALIZING THE SDGS

*Project Newsletter*



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*SDGS in Uganda  
and Zambia*

## Preamble on SDGs

### *CrossingBorders*

The localizing SDGs project is basically aimed at creating a collection of interlinked global goals designed to achieve a more sustainable future for all. These goals were set up in 2015 by the United Nations Assembly and are intended to be achieved by 2030. Partners are hoped on board and among others these include Civil Society Organizations and stakeholders in Uganda, Ghana and Zambia. The project focuses on localizing SDGS in 3 African countries. These partnerships allow us to facilitate the building of synergies, good practices, and success stories about the project.



# PROJECT UPDATES ZAMBIA HIGHLIGHTS

*Compiled by Circus Zambia*

## SDG No 6 WATER AND SANITATION .

The rehearsals for the small show about SDG no6 keep flowing. The final show will be presented for the inauguration of the common water taps in Garden and Chibolya district in Lusaka concerning the water and sanitation issues and sensitize the community about importance of consuming clean water and about water saving rules.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### MEETING THE STAKEHOLDERS

*In the month of October, we tried to contact Water Trust Garden and Water Trust Chibolya to Identify the place where the two communal taps were to be planted, our youths identified to improve the WASH services in their city. These institutions are taking time to analyze our proposal so we decided to send the program manager for a meeting in the main office of Lusaka Water Trust to discuss with the main responsible how to speed the process. Right now a coordinated email correspondence leaded by the director of the institution of Water Trust Lusaka have been made to facilitate the communication and create an effective partnership.*

## CIRCUS ZAMBIA

The youth task force selected SDG No 5 GENDER EQUALITY to be the next Goal that is to be tackled in the project.

The youths showed particular interests following the targets below

End all forms of discrimination against women and girls everywhere.

Ensure universal access to reproductive and sexual health and reproductive rights as agreed in accordance with the programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development plus the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of the review conferences.



The show summarize what the youths have observed in their communities



# PROJECT UPDATES

## UGANDA'S HIGHLIGHTS



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*Featured within the highlights as far as Uganda is concerned*

### The policy lobby platforms

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Open Space Center in partnership with the Faraja Africa Foundation and partners under the Platform for Youth Inclusion in Politics convened the 4th Youth Parliament from the 3rd to the 17th of September 2021. The Youth parliaments were hosted so as to increase youth participation in civic and political affairs (in Parliament, City, and District Councils, and political party structures) and strengthen the involvement of youth in key civic decision-making spaces. The policy lobby platforms were attended by policy makers, representatives of young people, representatives from civil society organizations among others. Open Space Centre leveraged the regional youth parliamentary sessions particularly the central regional sessions where the 3 project districts are found and hosted the 3 biannual policy lobby platforms for Kampala, Wakiso and Mukono districts. Furthermore, in line with the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, the 4th youth parliament provided an opportunity to lobby and advocate for more supportive policy frameworks that were intended to ensure longer term entrenchment of the various SDGs targets at grassroots levels which is a key objective under the Localizing SDGs project run by Open Space center.

The 4th Youth Parliament was convened from the 3rd to the 17th of September 2021 through a total of 7 sittings. The youth parliamentary sessions comprised of 6 regional youth parliamentary sessions in Central, Western, Eastern, Rwenzori, Northern and West Nile regions and finally crowned with a sitting in the parliamentary chambers on the 17th September 2021.

# The Youth parliaments

The Local National SDG Symposium (Policy suggestions)

On the 30th of September 2021, Open Space Centre partnered with the Core Reference Group on SDGs hosted by the Uganda National NGO Forum BRAC Uganda, Reproductive Health Uganda, Sexual Reproductive Health Rights Alliance and the KYADNET to host the 2021 edition of the SDGs Symposium. The core reference group on the SDGs is a structured national Youth Panel on SDGs that acts as a core youth referencing platform to engage government and other SDG actors to recognize and coagulate the role of youth in localizing the SDGs.

The symposium featured a two-hour informative panel session from representatives from the diverse participant categories as well as key note speeches and plenary sessions from the broader audience.

The SDG symposium was attended by 40 participants physically with a complimentary audience of over 50 participants online. The participants included; representatives of young people, youth leaders, civil society organizations, religious leaders, media, the private sector as well as government bodies.

The overall objective of the symposium was to discuss how citizens can meaningfully engage in the implementation, monitoring of the SDGs and the post recovery mechanisms from the effects of covid19 on the different service sectors.

## The Youth parliaments

The 1st Seesaamu youth parliamentary session was hosted on the 15th November 2021. The session was attended by 30 participants in total comprising of youth leaders, community members and representatives from the Open Space team. The session lasted a period of 2 hours from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the Kawempe division head offices. The community task force members as well as the community took part in discussions around health and the Parish development model and how best they could devise strategies for employment for their community youths.

