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Event name: Building back better together: Strengthening resilient development through renewable energy

Event date and time: 24 June 2021; 10am GMT – 11am GMT

Organizers: World Future Council; WWF, ECO Uganda, Prakriti Resources Centre

Number of participants: 22

Main speakers and brief summary [max 300 words]:

To mitigate the worst impacts of climate change whilst harvesting the benefits associated with implementing Agenda 2030, we need inclusive and participatory decision-making. A transition towards a resilient, sustainable future cannot be implemented by an individual or a single group of people alone.

The billions currently being spent to revitalise our COVID-19 stricken economies will determine our infrastructure for decades to come. We are at a crossroads whether we embark on a sustainable path towards resilience and climate mitigation, or if we continue as before and live beyond planetary boundaries. Renewable energies are the key to a just, resilient and clean future and building back better after the COVID crisis. Access to energy can lift millions of people out of poverty through adding local economic value and job creation, it can help to increase resilience of the agricultural sector through and can ensure energy security through utilising locally available energy resources. Due to their inherent modularity, renewable energies are especially well-suited for this democratisation process: they are cheap, can be installed even in the most remote regions, are sustainable, and provide more green jobs.

Therefore, linking a transdisciplinary, multi-stakeholder approach with renewable energy is the logical next step if we want to protect our planet for future generations.

Main speakers: Ibrahim Mutebi (WWF Uganda), Vian Musika (ECO Uganda), Prabin Man Singh (Prakriti Resource Center), Dipesh Joshi (WWF Nepal).

Key outcomes [max 100 words]:

- To build back better, we need inclusive policy making which takes the need of communities into account.

- Renewable energy can play an important role in building back better, as energy is the driver of all economic activities, therefore, we need a paradigm shift from energy for development to renewable energy for sustainable development.
- Recovery efforts, particularly in countries like Uganda, need to take the informal sector into account which provides a significant number of jobs, but is largely unprotected by government and policies
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