



Corporate Social Responsibility and Investment in REDD+ Conservation in Uganda

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BIO

Moses Nyago was born in a Kampala Capital City neighborhood of Kamwokya, Uganda. He hails from Wabilongo, Kayunga district in Bugerere county of Buganda, a subnational kingdom of the Ganda people. He obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Wood Science and Technology, from Uganda's pioneer Makerere University, Kampala. Moses was an intern with Budongo Forests Community Development Organization (BUCODO), now called Community Development and Conservation Agency (CODECA), in 2007. As an intern, he worked on a regional project in East Africa supported by the European Union whose aim was to empower civil society, particularly forest adjacent communities on participatory forest management. Moses went through the ranks of CODECA working on various community conservation and development projects focusing on strengthening community governance, partnerships and resource mobilization aimed at increasing community participation in the management and conservation of forests in Uganda. In 2012, he joined the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), Uganda Country Program where he worked as REDD+ project manager for a REDD+ project that was implemented in the Murchison - Semliki landscape, one of the six Albertine Rift landscapes which aimed to reduce forest loss and degradation on private land by incentivizing Private Forest Owners (PFOs) to conserve the forests on their private land. In 2015, Moses was awarded a WCS Graduate Scholarship, specifically a Beinecke African Conservation Scholarship as well as the Tropical Conservation and Development program scholarship. In summer 2018, he graduated from the University of Florida with a Master of Science in Forest Resources and Conservation and a certificate in tropical conservation and development. Moses hopes to rejoin WCS to support the recently established Uganda Biodiversity Fund, but also has very high expectations of pursuing a PhD in his much-revered areas of Natural Resource Policy, Conservation Finance, Climate Change, Community Forestry, and Economic Modelling.

PRESENTATION SUMMARY

REDD+ is a United Nations (UN) program conceptualized as a market-based instrument aimed at Reducing carbon Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation, increasing forest conservation, sustainable forest management, and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries. The required scale of the market-based approach for enabling substantial and sustainable REDD+ funding is unlikely in the foreseeable future. The Paris agreement encourages parties to enhance private sector participation in the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is the most common form of support private sector corporate entities and businesses contribute to societal causes in developing countries. Studies have analyzed the role of factors – internal and external – to private sector business firms in influencing CSR. However, little is known about the influence of diversity of CSR initiatives on REDD+ activities undertaken by private sector. The barriers hindering private sector firms in developing countries to invest in REDD+ related activities are undocumented. Using Uganda as a REDD+ country, Moses explored the knowledge gap.

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