

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

1st Meeting of the UGEITI – MSG Environmental Committee

Held on Thursday, 2nd July 2026

List of Participants

No.	Name	Constituency
1	Jane Rose Atwongyeire	Government- NEMA (Chairperson)
2	Dr. Henry Bazira	Civil Society- Water Governance Institute
3	Dr. Priscilla Nyadoi	Civil Society- Uganda Wildlife Association
4	Mr. Kanakulya Edwin Kavuma	UGEITI Secretariat
5	Ms. Jackline Ensekiriyo	UGEITI Secretariat (Secretary)

Absent with Apologies

No.	Name	Constituency
1.	Mr. Bashir Twesigye	Civil Society- Uganda Center for Energy and Minerals Policy

1. Background

The Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) of the Uganda Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (UGEITI) held its 41st MSG meeting on 7th May 2026 where the MSG resolved that a committee on environment be formed. The MSG tasked the

committee to begin with reviewing the section on environment in the EITI Report FY 2023/2024 to improve on the information in the section.

In this context, the MSG Environmental Committee, convened on Thursday, 2nd July 2026, for its 1st meeting. The session was chaired by Ms. Jane Rose Atwongyeire of the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), with Ms. Jackline Ensekiriyo of UGEITI serving as Secretary. Other members present included Ms. Priscilla Nyadoi of the Uganda Wildlife Authority, Mr. Henry Mugisha Bazira of the Water Governance Institute and Mr. Kanakulya Edwin Kavuma, UGEITI Compliance Officer. Mr. Twesigye Bashir sent his apologies for his absence.

2. Key Discussion Points

- The meeting opened with a prayer led by the Chairperson.
- The UGEITI Compliance Officer, briefed members on the Committee's expected work. He situated its work within the broader EITI validation agenda, drawing members' attention to environmental and social governance as one of the thematic areas on which Uganda will be assessed, and to the gaps in mineral export monitoring previously flagged at the 41st MSG meeting.
- The Compliance Officer emphasized that closer collaboration between UGEITI and environmental regulators, including NEMA and the Uganda Wildlife Authority, would be central to demonstrating the credibility of the country's environmental

accountability arrangements ahead of the October 2026 Validation.

- Members were reminded that the concerns regarding gold production and export discrepancies, along with the associated weaknesses in licensing, verification, and interagency coordination, directly affect the environmental governance of the mining sector and therefore fall squarely within the Committee's purview.
- The Committee's composition and leadership were confirmed, with the Chairperson formally assuming her role for the current term.
- Members held deliberations regarding the Committee's work and came up with a way forward and next steps.

3. Way Forward / Next Steps

The Committee agreed on a set of immediate actions summarized below, along with the responsible parties and agreed timelines.

No.	Action Point	Responsible Party	Timeline
1	Develop and circulate a Committee draft Terms of Reference.	Secretariat	before next meeting.

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2	Advise the MSG to nominate a representative of the Industry Constituency, to ensure balanced representation in line with MSG TORs.	Secretariat / Committee	At next MSG meeting.
3	CSO members to avail the research reports on environmental matters in the extractive sector that they are privy to.	Civil Society Organization representatives	6th July 2026
6	Convene weekly Committee meetings, every Thursday at 2:30 p.m.	All members	Weekly, from 9th July 2026

4. Conclusion

The 2nd July 2026, meeting served as a timely preparatory meeting for the MSG Environmental Committee. Beyond confirming its leadership, the Committee set out time-bound actions to carry its work forward broadening its membership to include the Industry Constituency.