

Information on the country strategy Uganda

For each partner country of VLIR-UOS, a country strategy has been developed. The country strategy represents the strategic niche for VLIR-UOS cooperation in a country, with specific thematic areas and an institutional and/or regional focus, based on the needs and national priorities of the country with regard to higher education and development. The [Uganda Country Strategy](#) fits with the national development strategy and Vision 2040. The central **themes** of the country strategy are: '**Health**', '**Environment**', '**Food security**' and '**Good governance**'. The themes of '**Networking**', '**Gender**' and '**Community engagement**' have been put forward as crosscutting themes that are relevant for all VLIR-UOS activities. A **geographical focus** is not put forward. As for the **institutional focus**, following universities are put forward: Busitema University, Gulu University, Kyambogo University, Makerere University, Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Mountains of the Moon University (for possible intervention types with MMU, see call), Uganda Christian University and Uganda Martyrs University. Makerere University is only eligible if involved as supporting partner (no core funding). A promoter wishing to engage in a cooperation with a higher education institute or public (not for profit) research institute not listed, will need to motivate in the project proposal why a collaboration with this institute is found relevant, how the proposal is aligned with the country strategy and why he/she is presenting a proposal with the proposed partner institution.

Information for potential synergy and complementarity

Synergy and complementarity (S&C) can improve the impact of development cooperation interventions and is a top priority of the Belgian minister of Development Cooperation and encouraged by the reform of non-governmental cooperation in 2016. In order to promote S&C, all Belgian non-governmental development actors were invited to elaborate a Joint Strategic Framework (JSFs) per country in 2016. These JSFs provide information about the goals to which the actors want to contribute, and also indicate potential for synergy and complementarity. In the table below, a general overview of relevant information from the Joint Strategic Framework Uganda is provided for each thematic area of the VLIR-UOS country strategy. The Joint Strategic Goal relevant for each theme is listed, together with the Belgian non-governmental actors which are active in **Uganda** with funding of the Belgian development cooperation. By providing this list, VLIR-UOS wants to facilitate synergy and/or complementarity with programmes of other Belgian actors. Synergy and complementarity will also be integrated as an element in the selection of interventions, more in particular when discussing the (developmental) relevance of project proposals. The last updated version of the JSF Uganda can be found [here](#).

Thematic area of the VLIR-UOS country strategy	Potential match with Joint Strategic Goal of the Joint Strategic Framework	Belgian Non-Governmental Actors active in this area
HEALTH	(2) Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all, in an inclusive way, for all ages.	BOS+, VSF
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES	(6) Assure sustainable, equitable and participatory access to drinking water , water for production and sanitation , and management of water resources . (7) Ensure the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of the strategic ecosystems in Uganda and so increase resilience to climate change and improve the livelihood of the beneficiaries, especially women and youth.	PROTOS, VSF, TRIAS, IDP, VECO, BOS+ BOS+, PROTOS, VSF, TRIAS, VECO, BD, IDP

FOOD SECURITY	(4) Contribute to more sustainable livelihood of populations through increased entrepreneurship (5) Contribute to a thriving agricultural sector , respectful of the environment and based on a family farmer model, which supports women and youth participation contributing to a more inclusive society .	TRIAS, VSF, VECO TRIAS, PROTOS, BOS+, BD, VECO, VSF
DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, GOVERNANCE, PEACE STUDIES	(3) Supporting Uganda's population, civil society and institutions to promote, respect and protect human rights , to enhance access to formal and informal justice , and to contribute to peaceful conflict resolution	ASF, BD, BOS+, VSF, PROTOS, TRIAS, IDP, Africalia
Crosscutting themes for HIGHER EDUCATION and RESEARCH (networking, gender, community engagement)	(1) Pursue inclusive and equitable quality education , promote lifelong learning and cultural opportunities for all, improve research and stimulate innovation .	VLIR-UOS, BOS+, VVOB, Africalia, TRIAS

More information about the other Belgian actors active in Uganda with funding of the Belgian development cooperation can be found in the table below. Their own suggestions for possible cooperation with academics are also provided, but this should not be seen as an exhaustive list. Academics and ICOS elaborating a project proposal are invited to contact relevant organisations for more information and/or to enquire them on potential collaborations. Information on the activities of **Enabel** (former BTC) in Uganda can be found on their [database](#).

NGA	Short description of the activities in Uganda	Name of the local partner(s)	Region(s)	Suggested research topics/questions	Contact person
Africalia	Africalia's mission is to reinforce professionals working in the cultural sector in various different respects, including technical and managerial capacity and governance structures.	Bayimba Foundation	Cultural Kampala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Film training for social cohesion: what are essential elements to include in a professional technical video-making course in a young city like Kampala, considering all its social challenges? - Technical film training in a digital world: what are crucial course topics in the modern world and how to go about those in an educational environment like Kampala, considering the particular regional challenges? - What are working strategies to include "stories from the slums" in mainstream media and film festivals in the East African region and globally? - What are the potential impacts (on the environment, the local 	Bjorn Maes

				economy and the social effects on the local population) for a new venue on a natural island in a river bed? Bayimba Center is a new training center/ festival venue that is being developed on a large island on a river between Kampala and Jinja. Water management and environmental concerns are important to the organisation and impact studies are required, for which joint research is sought after.	
Avocats Sans Frontières (ASF)	ASF aims to contribute to the empowerment of vulnerable people by strengthening their effective access to justice.	Advocates for Natural Resources and Development (ANARDE)	Kampala	/	Claire Lalonde
Broederlijk Delen (BD)	The overall objective of BD's programme in Uganda is that rural livelihoods in Lango and Rwenzori regions live a dignified life with improved food security and income through more resilient agro-ecological family farming and commercialisation.	<p>National:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - XAVERI - PELUM <p>Lango region:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AFSRT - FAPAD - ICES - CARITAS - PASUD <p>Rwenzori region:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JESE - KRC - SATNET - COSIL - KIIMA FOODS - SEMULIKI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lango region - Rwenzori region 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of new cocoa varieties with higher production per tree - Identification of cocoa management practices (farmer extension curriculum) to improve yields - Identification of value addition to cocoa byproducts - Identification of causes of reduction of yields in Arabica coffee - Scientific tests of commonly recommended organic/ natural pesticides: how effective are they? - Identification of feasible soil fertility management practices for small scale farmers in Rwenzori mountains - Identification of appropriate agriculture extension messages to cope with climate change per farming system - Effectiveness of the Farm Field School model: is the assumed 	Marleen Willemsen

				<p>informal learning and social capital process happening?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can water for production be an appropriate climate change adaptation in the Rwenzori region? - Developing an agro ecological based effective and efficient soil erosion control model for the slopes of the Rwenzori region - Designing an adoptable agro tourism model for increased income generation on small holder agro ecological farms of the Rwenzori region - Assessing the efficacy of organic control measures of coffee berry disease in the Rwenzori region - Effectiveness of bio-rationals in controlling frosty/black pod disease - Enhancing local farmer storage facilities to reduce post harvest loss - Designing efficient small holder farm tools for effective management of weeds in short crops of the Rwenzori region 	
BOS+ tropen VZW	BOS+ aims to contribute to the improvement of the livelihoods of rural communities in Western Uganda, by promoting and facilitating community-based forest management and sustainable and climate-smart land use practices (agro-forestry).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kyaninga Forest Foundation (KFF) (NGO) - Hoima District Farmers' Association (HODFA) 	<p>Western Uganda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Karabole District - Hoima District 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diversity and ecosystem services in crater-lake forests in West Uganda - Livelihoods and fruit crop diversity in Hoima District - Underutilized fruit-crops and fodder trees of West Uganda: importance and potential use in climate-smart agriculture 	Eduardo de la Peña
Iles de Paix (IdP)	The overall aim is that family farms in the Mpanga catchment in Western Uganda are economically, environmentally and socially sustainable. Iles de Paix	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joint Efforts Save The Environment (JESE) - Sustainable Agriculture Trainers Network (SATNET) 	Mpanga catchment (Western Uganda)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analysis of microfinance sector in Rwenzori Region - Feasibility study for coffee cooperatives - Market study for food crops and fruits 	Denis Hees Nancy Snauwaert

	wants to contribute to those changes through the development of balanced systems of production.			- Feasibility survey on small scale maize flour production	
Protos	Protos aims to implement improved models of integrated water resources management (IWRM) in the Mpanga catchment and the Upper Lake Albert catchment in Western Uganda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joint Efforts Save The Environment (JESE) - Natural Resource Defense Institute (NRDI) - Health through Water and Sanitation (HEWASA) 	Mpanga and Upper Lake Albert catchment (Western Uganda)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Definition and implementation of small scale drinking water systems in rural areas - Social marketing of WASH solutions (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) - Impact analysis of agriculture, environment and water related interventions on the nutritional status of women and children 	Harald van der Hoek
Trias	TRIAS wants to see 10 inclusive, result-oriented and sustainable member-based organisations providing inclusive quality services to their members; socially and economically empowering them, and effectively representing them in Ugandan society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arua District Farmer's Association (ARUDIFA) - Zombo District Farmer's Association (ZODFA) - Hoima District Farmers' Association (HODFA) - Nyaravur Farmer's Cooperative Savings and Credit Society Limited - Hoima Fort Portal Kasese Microfinance Limited (HOFOKAM) - Offaka Savings and Credit Cooperative Society Limited (OFFAKO SACCO) - The Uganda National Apiculture Development Organization (TUNADO) - Uganda Small Scale Industries Association (USSIA) - Uganda National Farmers' Association (UNFFE) - Masindi District Farmers' Association (MADFA) 	District of Arua, Zombo, Hoima, Nebbi, Bulisa, Kiryandongo, Masindi and Kampala	/	Sven Ten Napel Januario Ntungwa

		- MADFA SACCO			
VredesEiland en Country Office (VECO) (now RIKOLTO)	VECO (now RIKOLTO) Uganda's strategic objective is that horticultural and grains food chains in 3 regions of Uganda are sustainable, competitive and inclusive for smallholder farmers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - East Africa Grain Council (EAGC) - Uganda Cooperative Alliance (UCA) - Uganda Fruits and Vegetable Exporters and Producers Association (UFVEPA) - International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) 	Central, Eastern and North East Uganda	Sustainable Agribusiness Practices in Uganda's horticulture sub-sector: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To what extent can uptake of Sustainable Agribusiness Practices reduce social inequalities faced by women? - What agribusiness practices can sustainably produce food while enhancing safety and social wellbeing of women, youths and their children? - Can uptake of gender-inclusive Sustainable Agribusiness Practices enable women and youth tap into local, regional and foreign horticultural markets for sustained incomes? - What early childhood development support practices can be adopted in Uganda's horticulture subsector? 	Caroline Kahamutima
Vétérinaires Sans Frontières (VSF)	VSF aims to improve the food and economic security of agro-pastoralist communities in eastern Uganda through optimization of livestock production and livelihoods diversification.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Matheniko Development Forum (MADEFO) - Dodoth Agro-Pastoralist Development Organisation (DADO) - Karamoja Development Forum (KDF) - Kaabong District Local Government - Moroto District Local Government - Microfinance Support Center 	Karamoja sub region (districts of Kaabong and Moroto)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Animal health constraints in pastoral areas - Microcredit access in pastoral context - Meat/milk value chain in agro-pastoral areas - Natural Resource Management - Land use in agro-pastoral areas 	Eddy Timmermans
Vlaamse Vereniging voor Ontwikkelingssamenwerki	VVOB intends to start up operations in business, technical and vocational education and training (BTVET) in Uganda. The main stake is to strengthen the	- Department of Education Planning and Policy Analysis	/	/	Maud Seghers

ng en technische Bijstand (VVOB)	professional development of Uganda's BTVET instructors, many of whom lack the necessary trade-related technical and instructional pedagogic skills to provide quality BTVET.	- Department of Teacher and Instructor Education and Training (TIET)			
BRCF – Belgian Red Cross Flanders (RKV)	The Disaster Preparedness program of BRCF envisages to prepare Uganda to intervene quickly in the face of disasters, in the first place by increasing the capacity of the Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS) in WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) and 'disaster relief'.	- Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS)	The action takes place in 23 hotspot districts in different regions of Uganda	- Disaster Risk Reduction - Disaster Preparedness	Francis Kadaplacka
Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences – CEBioS (Capacities for Biodiversity and Sustainable Development)	Biodiversity of plantations with and without certification, valuation and perception of ecosystem services	- Busitema University - KLIMOS	Mount Elgon and other	- The use of bio-indicators in plantations/ family farming (with and without certification) to study and demonstrate the added value of certain practices for biodiversity and development - The perception and ownership of stakeholders in relation to the value, and the sustainable or non-sustainable exploitation (and the mechanisms for this) of natural resources in and around protected areas	Luc Janssens de Bisthoven

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