

A Concept note on sharing and sensitization workshop for Local Leaders, Beneficiaries, Community Based Trainers and project Partners on sustainability of the Information Centers and CEEWA-U ICT project activities:

1.0 Background

The fourth phase of CEEWA-U ICT project (October 2006-September 2009) aimed at sustaining and consolidating the work CEEWA-U had been undertaking in the six project sites of Buwama, Nabweru, Kampala, Mukono , Jinja and Iganga. The project has been targeting grass root women entrepreneurs in micro and small-scale businesses, selected women entrepreneur organizations and community based organizations that promote enterprise development.

Among the objectives the project has been focusing on include;

- Strengthening the capacity of Community Based Trainers
- Dissemination of business information to grass root women entrepreneurs and women groups
- Building capacity among participating grass root women entrepreneurs in ICT application for enterprise development
- Promoting information sharing and networking among participating grass root women entrepreneurs
- Monitoring & evaluation (M&E) of the project activities
- Strengthening the existing Community Information Centres as an integral part of the project.

In line with the program objective of strengthening the Information Centres, the WED Program is organizing a half day sharing and sensitization workshop for Community Leaders, beneficiaries, CBTs and information centre management/staff on sustainability of information centers and CEEWA-U ICT project work in five ICT Project sites of Mukono, Buwama, Nabweru, Jinja and Iganga scheduled for September 2009. It is expected that the activity will make the stakeholders participatory in the centers' activities, efforts of which will foster project sustainability.

2.0 Target

The workshop is targeting Sub-county Chiefs, Community Development Officers, Parish Chiefs, Local Council III Chairpersons and Councilors at Sub-county level in parishes where the project works, Local Council I Chairpersons, Secretary for Women, Information Centre Managers and Local Management Committees where they exist, selected beneficiaries and Community Based Trainers (CBTs).

3.0 Overall objective

The main purpose of the workshops is to provide a forum for stakeholders to share their experiences on performance of the CEEWA-U ICT funded project and there after make recommendations on how to ¹sustain ICT work in their communities.

3.1 Specific objectives

- i. To strengthen the role of local leaders in promoting ICT's by mainstreaming it in planning and budgeting at Sub-county level.
- ii. To seek recommendations from community leaders, project partners, CBTs and beneficiaries on how to sustain project activities and the information centers.
- iii. To formulate community action plans for the centers' sustainability
- iv. To capture ICT policy issues that need to be addressed in the communities and at the centres.

4.0 Outputs

- 1) Five (5) workshops held
- 2) A community action plan
- 3) Site specific reports and a consolidated report

The workshops will be held in each project site preferably at the Sub-county headquarters or Information Centres.

¹ Our focus on sustainability entails financial (funds), social (sense of ownership) and capacity which is focusing on technical skills of information centres management.

Program for Sharing & Sensitization Workshop for Community Leaders, Beneficiaries, Community Based Trainers and CEEWA-U ICT Project Partners in CEEWA ICT Project Sites:

Buwama Project Site:	28th September 2009
Mukono Project Site:	30th September 2009
Jinja Project Site:	01st October 2009
Iganga Project Site:	02nd October 2009
Nabweru Project Site:	05th October 2009

Time	Activity	Leader (s)
8:30 am - 9:00am	Registration	Community Based Trainer
9:00 am - 9:15am	Introductions, Programme overview & Objectives	CEEWA-Uganda
9.15 am -9:30AM	Reflection on CEEWA ICT project	CEEWA-Uganda
9:30:9:45AM	Experience sharing on ICT project	CEEWA Beneficiary/Local Leader/Information Centre Manager
9:45 am - 10:00 am	REFRESHMENTS	CEEWA-Uganda
10:00 am - 10:45am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of VIP cards to point out Challenges in using ICTs in the community • Plenary session for consensus on Challenges & recommendations for information center's sustainability 	CEEWA-Uganda
10:45 am – 12:00pm	Discussion on Action Plan and Way forward	CEEWA-Uganda
	Taking Note of ICT policy issues	Rapporteurs
	Wrap up and closure	CEEWA-Uganda