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**Building Regional Capacities in Integrated Water Resources Management in Kigezi Highlands, Western Uganda | KI-WATER**

A partnership between Austria and Uganda

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The Kigezi highlands in Western Uganda are an ecologically significant region that plays a key role in regulating river systems, climate, and hydrological functions. However, the region is under pressure due to rapid population growth and inadequate natural resource management, leading to degradation of land and water resources. At the same time, there is limited data, research and awareness regarding water resources and their link to environmental integrity.

To address these issues, the KI-WATER project will enhance capacities and awareness in Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) both at the University level and within local communities in Kigezi. The project focuses on three main objectives:

- improving water resource knowledge by collecting and evaluating spatial and temporal data on environmental conditions, water quality, and quantity through integrated assessments
- strengthening research and teaching in IWRM at Kabale University
- engaging communities and stakeholders through awareness campaigns, workshops, and outreach activities to communicate project findings and promote sustainable water management practices

The project will build capacities, generate knowledge, and raise awareness of integrated water resources management in the Kigezi highlands of Western Uganda. In addition, the project outcomes will support informed decision-making. Ultimately, the project supports Uganda's development agenda and contributes to achieving several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs 6, 13, 15).

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