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**Strengthening transformative capacity of Higher Education Institutions for equitable and resilient governance of natural resources in refugee-host community settings in West Nile, Uganda | AMUTI**

A partnership between Austria and Uganda

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The influx of refugees in the West Nile region of Uganda has resulted in pressure on natural resources, creating tensions in refugee-host communities. Since the communities' livelihoods are natural resource-based, there is urgent need to transition towards equitable and sustainable utilization and development. The governance and management of land, soil, water and energy sources are of particular importance to achieve this.

Accordingly, AMUTI aims at **“Strengthening transformative capacity of Higher Education Institutions for equitable and resilient governance of natural resources in refugee-host community settings in West Nile, Uganda”**.

Conceptually, the project is framed as a “holding environment”, in which higher education institutions and refugee-host communities jointly increase their capacities and explore new, more equitable and resilient ways of governance and management of natural resources.

This will enable deeper insights into structural causes of inequality, and the social roles and norms ascribed to different categories of women and men, including the youth, challenging and transforming these gendered roles and norms. AMUTI will increase the partner institutions' capacity in teaching, community engagement and research, and facilitate co-learning processes with communities on the governance of natural resources and the sustainable use of soil, water and energy sources.