

## UN-REDD Programme – Civil Society Representative Nomination Form

*Please limit response length to two pages. Nominations must be submitted to csoselection@un-redd.org by Friday, 11 September 2009. Self-nominations are accepted.*

1. Name of the candidate:

KWEYUNGA EMMANUEL MIKE

2. Name of organization or network:

KEIRERE GREEN AFRICA MOVEMENT (KGAM)

3. Title (if applicable):

PROGRAMMES COORDINATOR

4. Country: Uganda

6. Language(s) spoken:

English, Kiswahili

7. Please describe the primary interests and functions of the organization and community/constituency that the candidate represents and what countries the organization is active in.

- Improving livelihoods and landscapes through agro forestry, The reasons why it was established was to solve the alarming problems that resulted from poor land use and uncontrolled deforestation in the region which was the main cause of loss of soil fertility, lack of vegetation cover, prolongation of dry spells, increased soil erosion and poverty in general
- The project had established nurseries by 1993 which had the capacity of supplying 100.000 seedlings of tea, coffee, and tree species to farmers per year. Keirere Green Africa Movement has been known to supply quality tree seedlings of legumes, trees for shade, windbreakers, medicinal trees and cash crops. As an organization with special interests to the community, it embarked on projects of tree planting to replace the land cover and eradicating extreme poverty through agro-forestry and apiculture as an alternative for income instead of trees which were cut every day for sale.

The organization is active the great lakes region Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, DRC but most active in Uganda

8. Describe briefly the organization's experience gathering and representing the diverse viewpoints of a range of communities or organizations, and disseminating and coordinating information and communications among a network of communities or organizations.

The has the most informative newsletter called the green talk which the community and schools assess at no cost and their opinions are addressed in this newsletter

The organization runs radio programmes especially in Uganda on tree planting, establishment of woodlot nurseries in communities and schools for cheap seedlings

The organization was a partner of the East African model United Nations conference on issues of climate change and the role of forests which brought together over 300 youth and other overseers to the conference this month at Makerere University. I was appointed coordinator of 350.org in Uganda, participated in Global model UN in Geneva, and we carry out a crusade on climate change by the youth emphasizing respect for our trees and forests as the only contribution we Africans can to reduce GHG emissions, I organized a peaceful demonstration in the city of Kampala protesting the give away of Uganda's biggest forest Mabira for sugar growing, we have the environmental challenge game which reaches out to all the students and communities in the great lakes to answer questions of tree planting, carbon accumulation and function of trees and this also involves a hike through the beautiful forests of the region all this is meant to disseminate information and make people appreciate the roles of forests.

9. Describe briefly your organization's background and experience with multilateral agency programs, social and environmental issues related to forests, and the role of forests in response to climate change, including REDD.

In fact, deforestation accounts for approximately 20 percent of global carbon dioxide emissions more than all the world's cars, trucks, trains and planes combined. By preserving forests, Keire Green Africa Movement and our partners help to stem global climate change while securing the fresh water, fertile soils, abundant wildlife, and other benefits that healthy forests provide to local people. Tropical forests also are home to more than half of all species on Earth

Much of the debate about climate change focuses on reducing greenhouse gas emissions from energy production and fossil fuels, and this is absolutely imperative work. But there is another element to the climate change equation the burning and clearing of tropical forests which we as KGAM have emphasized since our mission on the challenge

10. Describe the financial, technical and/or advisory arrangements your organization has with the UN-REDD Programme, as well as the governments of the UN-REDD pilot countries, NGOs, or private sector organizations as they pertain to the UN-REDD process

We in 2007 requested for financial assistance from FAO, for increasing apiculture to motivate our local people to earn a living and leave trees to grow, fortunately the government ministry of agriculture with our support we carried out that

We have also been accredited for GEF small grant programme for community agro forestry and sustainable development project