

About Mvule restoration initiative

Mvule tree is an indigenous tree specie whose history of popularity was an initiative of the late Semei Kakungulu a colonial chief who historians wrote about and who poets scribed severally. A tree whose gestation is estimated to be around 60 years and whose longevity is way above its gestation period, is a specie the twentieth and the twenty first generations just read about. Mvule tree is rich in preserving ambient climate of an area among other many uses. This project therefore aims at restoring indigenous trees among which is Mvule tree. This however will take a new dimension as most forest land is no more, the indigenous trees will be planted in gazetted places like government land say at local government office sites, church land, government school lands, police stations, prison land, cultural lands.

The Problem

Among many reasons why Church Hill chose to name Uganda the pearl of Africa, was its ambient climate whose existence was majorly a contribution of its indigenous trees. However, his description can hardly pause a meaning today and if Church Hill was live there is a possibility that he would change his minds and rename Uganda depending on how Uganda's naturalness has faded over time. The increase in population came along with several factors like agriculture, settlement, lumbering, charcoal burning, activities that led to cutting natural forests for survival and economic reasons. A large chunk of natural forests with indigenous species has dilapidated courtesy of man's thoughtless actions. Mushrooming artificial forests mainly comprised of eucalyptus and pine tree species have replaced natural forests but they are short lived and besides, them being personal forests, the owners have total control. This has led to changing wind directions, humidity, temperature changes and change in rainfall patterns.

Justification of the project

A generation during which the universe has converged efforts to fight climate change calls for innovative interventions at community levels. This project is no doubt a great addition to UN's sustainable development goal 13 efforts. Massive global deforestation has been proved by researchers and environmentalists as a major cause of climate change. Pleasing to mention however, the same academia has proved that restoration of natural forests is paramount in restoration of ambient climate. Developed economies like the USA are currently using Drones to plant trees in isolated and hard to reach areas so are other Scandinavian countries. In Uganda, the National Forestry Authority and environment bodies have in one way or the other have worked to restore natural forests, their efforts however, have to be complimented by activists and all concerned. If we coil our tails and wait for central government and international bodies to do the little things, we will continue to lament and face the devastating effects of climate change. So, this is an answer to the UN's SDG 13's call.