

# Uganda

## I. What was achieved?

- After the Ugandan environment authority, NEMA, had worked hard to integrate of environment into the PRSP, they seized an opportunity to include environment into Uganda's national budget

### *How was it achieved?*

- A key deadline for finalising the government's budget in Uganda was imminent. After working hard on integrating environment into the PRSP, the mainstreaming team in the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), supported by PEI, saw an opportunity to better integrate environment into the government's budget. NEMA's Executive Director made a phone call to the Budget Director at the Ministry of Finance explaining the importance of environment to development as well as the costs of 'no-action.' The Budget Director was convinced and immediately accepted the idea of adding guidelines for environment into the Budget Circular. Ever since, the Budget Director has been challenging environmental actors to give him more concrete, detailed and costed proposals on which environmental interventions should be prioritized by sectors and local governments. His leadership has been extremely positive and had promised a future for PEI and government mainstreaming efforts in Uganda.

