

**BRIEF ON NYABYEYA FORESTRY COLLEGE FOR THE VISIT
OF VICE-CHANCELLOR OF MAKERERE UNIVERSITY TO THE COLLEGE
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Welcome

Nyabyeya Forestry College welcomes the Vice-Chancellor of Makerere University and the entire team to the College.

Background to Forestry Training at NFC

Technical Forestry in Uganda started in 1932 at Kityerera in Mayuge District, in eastern Uganda, with the training of local forest workers to assist colonial foresters. The Forestry School was unfortunately closed in 1936, due to an outbreak of sleeping sickness. The college was however transferred to the present site and reopened in 1948, to occupy buildings, which had been used by refugees from Poland, who had been displaced by the Second World War.

A two-year formal certificate course in Forestry was started immediately in June 1948, while an in-service diploma programme in Forestry was started in 1952. The 16 months programme was partly tenable in UK at the Dean of Foresters' School Gloucestershire (six months), till 1967 when a revised diploma programme of 18 months, fully tenable at Nyabyeya Forestry College, was put in place.

Current programmes

Since 1948, the college has diversified programmes offered, and enriched the content of traditional programmes, in response to changing dimensions in forest resources management, national forestry training needs and stakeholder demands. Programmes currently offered at this College are indicated in Table 1.

Table 1: Formal programmes

Programme	Duration	Annual it-take	Target group
Diploma in Forestry • Pre-Service • In-service	2 years 1 year	30 15	Advanced level – Sciences Certificate in Forestry
Diploma in Beekeeping • Pre-service • In-service	2 years 1 year	30 15	Advance level – Sciences, Certificate in Beekeeping
Diploma in Agroforestry	2	45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced level – sciences • Cert. Forestry or agriculture
Diploma in Biomass Technologies	2	35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced level - Sciences • Cert. Electrical or Mechanical Engineering
Certificate Forestry	2	45	Ordinary level secondary education
Certificate, Beekeeping	2	45	Ordinary level secondary education
Certificate in Carpentry & Wood Technology	2	15	School leavers S1 – S4.
Total annual it-take		275	

In response to stakeholder demands for skills in management and utilization of forestry and related natural resources by various groups, NGOs and entrepreneurs, the college also organizes short courses, on cost recovery basis (Table 2).

Table 2: Short courses offered

Course	Duration	Target group
Energy conservation	1-4	NGOs, women groups and the youth
Nature conservation	1-4	Conservation groups, and NGOs
Carpentry & wood Technology	1-4	Practicing local carpenters, and youths
Agroforestry	1-4	Farmer groups, NGOs and individuals
Tree nursery management	1-4	Tree farmers, youths, NGOS and individuals
Landscaping	1-4	Urban authorities staff, NGOs and Individuals
Beekeeping	1-4	NGOs, farmer groups and individuals

Current students Enrollment

Enrollment has been steadily increasing, with demand out-stripping our capacity, for some courses. Current students' enrollment for formal course is **246** are boys and **139 girls** totaling to **385**. (Table 3).

Table 3: Students enrollment for 2010/11

Class	Males	Females	Total
Diploma Forestry I	46	14	65
Diploma Forestry II	14	4	18
Diploma Agroforestry I	26	11	37
Diploma Agroforestry II	24	10	34
Diploma Biomass I	12	2	14
Diploma Biomass II	5	2	7
Diploma Beekeeping I	1	0	1
Diploma Beekeeping II	2	2	4
Certificate Forestry I	70	48	118
Certificate Forestry II	31	25	56
Certificate Beekeeping I	8	9	17
Certificate Beekeeping II	7	7	14
Total	246	139	385

In conclusion, I want to thank you all for coming, and wish you safe journey back.

Thank you.