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Book launch of Managing Natural Resources for Development in Africa

Kampala, Uganda, November 16th, 2010- We are pleased to announce the launch of the first “one-stop-shop” academic Resource Book for post graduate students, researchers, policy makers and natural resource practitioners developed through a cross-sector *writeshop* process! A *Writeshop* is the participatory writing process pioneered by International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR) that involves technical experts, local people, field practitioners, professors, students, editors, authors, and other resource persons working collaboratively to pool knowledge and experience to produce a user-friendly, multi-viewpoint, concise publication in a short time.

The book, edited by Washington Ochola, Pascal Sanginga and Isaac Bekalo, provides an Africa-focused exploration of the various levels at which natural resource management issues are addressed: scientifically, economically, socially and politically. The book systematically navigates the tricky landscape of integrated natural resource management with special reference to Eastern and Southern Africa; and, in consideration of the prevailing local, national, regional and global social, economic and environmental challenges.

The book was co-published by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR), RUFORUM and the University of Nairobi Press. The *Writeshop* process involved a multi-disciplinary team of lecturers from the University of Nairobi, Egerton University, Kenyatta University, the University of Zimbabwe, the University of Malawi, Makerere University and the University of Dar es Salam in addition to Natural Resource Management experts from World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF), the African Forest Forum, RUFORUM, IIRR and IDRC.

Book Launch:

When: Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Time: 18:30

Place: Speke Resort Hotel, Munyonyo, Kampala – Uganda

The book launch will be attended by Ministers of Agriculture, Finance and Planning, Higher Education Science and Technology from over 20 African countries and Vice Chancellors from universities across Africa. There will be a number of government representatives and policy makers present including Permanent Secretaries from related ministries. Also present will be Deans of Faculties of Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources, postgraduate students and other scientists. The book launch is open to the media. NRM experts from across Africa are available for interviews on request.

For more information about the book launch, please contact:

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