

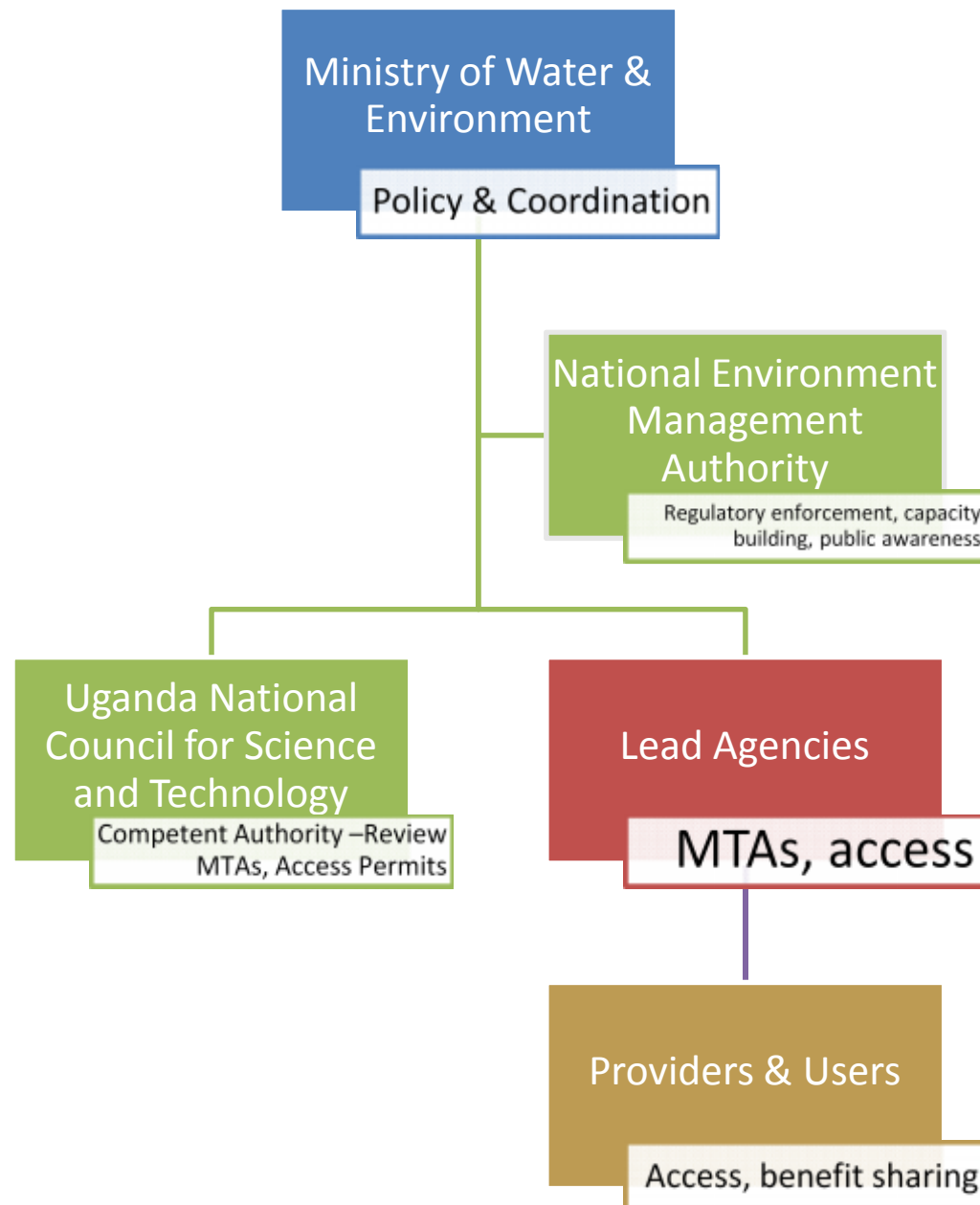
Uganda Country Experience

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ABS

- Legal regime
 - National Environment Management Act 1995
 - Provides for regulation on access to genetic resources and benefit sharing
 - Uganda National Council for Science and Technology Act 1990
 - Provides for oversight and coordination of research and innovation in all fields of S&T including, tech transfer, IP management, etc
 - Access & Benefit Sharing Regulations 2005
 - Lays out the requirements and institutional framework for ABC

Admin & Institutional Framework



Key issues

- Accession to NP
 - Cabinet paper for accession to NP prepared
- Review of regulations in line with NP
 - A review is planned
- ABS & IPGRFA
 - Need to establish relationship between these two
- Bio-trade
 - Need to understand scope of bio-trade vs ABS

Traditional Knowledge

- Over 80% of Ugs rely on TK for food, agric & medicine
- Traditional medicine bill is being drafted to recognise TM as complementary medicine & to regulate it
 - E.g. standards, registration of practitioners, etc.
- Paper on TM in CHM Uganda website
- Degree in ethnobotany at Makerere University

Challenges with TK

- Documentation still a problem,
- Identifying ownership of TK
- IP around TK still a challenge

Biosafety

- Policy & legal regime
 - National Biosafety Framework, 2000
 - Biotechnology and Biosafety Policy, 2008
 - Biosafety Bill, 2012
 - First reading in Parliament in 1st week of Feb 2013
- Accession to NKPLRB
 - Cabinet paper for access to NKPLRB prepared
- Research
 - Over 10 CFTs ongoing (cassava, maize, bananas, cotton, sweet potato)

Key issues

- Perceptions of risks (loss of land races, safety, etc)
- Limited socio-economic data available;
- Concerns on liability and redress