



## **REPORT OF GREENWATCH'S LAUNCH OF THE NILE COALITION**

**Theme:** “Together for the protection of the Nile”  
**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
**Venue:** Church Road, Entebbe Municipality

### **Background**

Greenwatch, an environmental rights advocacy Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) based in Uganda was approached by VeryNile based in Egypt, to be a part of a coalition that would bring 10 countries of the Nile Basin to protect River Nile from environmental challenges. The coalition works towards achieving the United Nation's SDG 6 (clean water and Sanitation) as well as SDG14 (Life below water).

Greenwatch launched its participation in the coalition by planting trees on the shores of Lake Victoria which is the source of the R. Nile. The trees planted are expected to sieve out solid wastes from flowing into the Lake. The launch event was supported with funding from One Earth One Ocean (OEOO) whose aim is to create a clean environment.

### **EXECUTION OF THE ACTIVITY**

A team of thirteen (13) people including four (4) members from Greenwatch and nine (9) volunteers travelled from Kampala to Entebbe where the launch took place. It was presided over by the Senior Environment Officer of Entebbe municipality, Mrs. Najjuma Florence, who commended Greenwatch, VeryNile Initiative and OEOO for spearheading the action for the protection of the Nile and the environment at large. She also expressed her continued support towards environmental protection and launched the coalition by planting the first tree



*The Senior Environmental Officer Entebbe Municipality launching the tree Planting activity*



*The greenwatch team and volunteers planting trees.*

Greenwatch planted one hundred fifteen trees (115) trees along the shores of L. Victoria in Entebbe-Uganda. The trees planted included fruit trees, indigenous trees and medicinal trees, among others.



*Volunteers digging and planting grevillea trees*



*The team after the Tree planting activity.*