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Conserve environment to meet SDGs, US envoy tells government

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By PAUL TAJUBA

Kampala. US Ambassador Deborah Malac has said conserving the environment will be a key determinant in the attainment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

During the UN Summit held last September, world leaders adopted the 2030 Agenda with 17 SDGs, including tackling climate change, which were inaugurated in January.

However, Ms Malac said government and its citizens must work together to combat climate change. “It is critical that we all work together to preserve the environment for our children and grandchildren,” she said.

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The conference was organised by the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves in association with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s D-Lab, the Centre for Research in Energy and Energy Conservation, the Centre for Integrated Research, the Community Development Uganda and the Uganda National Alliance on Clean Cooking.

Training

Twenty seven people across the East Africa were trained in making improved cook stoves with view to addressing both the environment challenges resulting from using three -stone stoves.

“The work you have accomplished will be crucial in helping Ugandans and people across the world, combat poverty, drive economic growth and spur innovation all in an effort to achieve the new sustainable development goals,” Ms Malac added.

With Uganda losing 120,000 hectares of forest cover annually, environmentalists and donors are pushing for the adaptation of energy saving technologies.

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