## Project Update: March 2011

Two training workshops for the entire Wambabya community and management committees were conducted in Hoima town and Mairirwe respectively, the objectives of which were to create more awareness and build their capacity in basic wetland conservation and management. In committee training, participants were taken through mobilisation skills, Uganda wetland legislation, wetland conservation and management, proposal writing, business skills as well as HIV/AIDS and gender issues, as emphasised by the government.

The training was facilitated by Patrick B. Byamukama, Francis Ntegyereize of NAVODA and Innocent Mwesigye of Wetland Inspection Division.

In both training workshops a total of 47 participants were trained using the following approaches: presentations/ instruction and discussions, participatory methodologies, questions and answers, brainstorming, drama and role plays.

The work of the elected and trained management committees shall be to train others, hold routine meetings and oversee the implementation of the utilisation, management of Wambaya among other things.



Left to right: MEDA committee members undergoing a training in a various aspects of wetland conservation and management; Patrick training Mairirwe Environment & Development Association (MEDA), a committee elected to steer environment concerns in the middle segment of Wambabya & Wambabya wetland users attending a community training workshop in Hoima town.