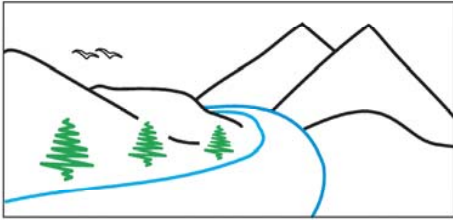


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Development Challenges & Opportunities in Northern Uganda, East Africa

For the past 22 years, northern Uganda has been affected by the activities of Lord's Resistance Army (LRA). These activities have resulted in a lot of sufferings to the people of this region. Besides escalating poverty, there is total collapse of basic social infrastructure and services. Access to education, health care, food, clean and safe drinking water, and many other social, economic and environmental needs is severely limited. The war in northern Uganda is over, and there is now relative peace in the region. I will discuss our (UNBC delegation) recent trip to Uganda; and development challenges and opportunities (including approaches being taken to address development issues) in northern Uganda. Geographical and socioeconomic settings of the region will be presented. I will also present preliminary results of water quality study that I recently conducted in the region. The talk will end with a discussion of research needs for the region.