

# AFIEGO's WEEKLY ENERGY NEWS ROUNDUP

## FEBRUARY 3-7, 2020

### Government plays delaying tactics in the Tilenga EIA certificate case

On Monday February 3, 2020, court heard the case through which civil society organisations (CSOs) and youth under the Guild Presidents' Forum on Governance (GPFOG) want the Tilenga Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) certificate of approval to be cancelled.

The EIA certificate was issued by Uganda's National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) to the Tilenga project developers in April 2019. In May 2019, CSOs and youth under GPFOG filed a court case for cancellation of the certificate.

During the February 3, 2020 case hearing, the new judge who is hearing the case noted hearing of the case has delayed.

The CSO's and the youth want the certificate cancelled to protect community livelihoods and promote environmental conservation. However, government agencies are delaying the case and this is dangerous.

### NFA objects to Bugoma forest give-away

Bunyoro Kingdom has again offered part of Bugoma Forest to Hoima-based businessman Mustapha Zaidi, to the dismay of the National Forestry Authority (NFA).

The Omukama, Solomon Gafabusa Iguru granted Zaidi customary interest of 2,000 hectares of land in letter dated January 6, 2007.

The land was given to Zaidi for being a loyal and supportive subject of the kingdom.

NFA insist the land, which is located at Nkwaki north and south of Kabwoya sub-county, Kikuube district, is part of Bugoma Central Forest Reserve.

"The land is a forest replete with primates, including chimpanzees, baboons and indigenous tress unique to that area. ... we cannot allow an inch of it to go," NFA's Kisindi sector manager, Alex Obonyo, said.

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### AFIEGO's January 2020 newsletter

AFIEGO's January 2020 newsletter discusses the implications the abuse of oil revenues is having on environmental conservation efforts and protection of communities' livelihoods amidst oil threats.

The newsletter has the following content:

- Abuse of oil revenues in Uganda: Implications for the environment & communities
- Pictorial of activities
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AFIEGO staff, youth and their lawyer, Mr. Allan Bariyo after the court case hearing.

## Communique from Africa Energy Leaders' Summit on Climate Change, Energy and Energy Finance

From 28th to 29th January 2020, MELCA-Ethiopia, Oil Change International, Health of Mother Earth Foundation, Oxfam, and Power Shift Africa convened the Africa Energy Leaders' Summit at the Ambassador Hotel in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

At the summit, civil society leaders – representing 27 organisations, networks and other groups from Africa and around the world – deliberated on issues including fossil fuels dependence, climate change, energy access and the just transition.

Following two days of evidence-based interrogation of the issues and robust discussions, THE SUMMIT issued a communique through which they called on African leaders to stop the expansion of production of fossil fuels, promote renewable energy and stop the undemocratic practices of closing civic space.

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## Fossil fuels: AU asked to demilitarise oil field communities

Ahead of the 33rd ordinary session of the African Union assembly, the Director of Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF), Nnimmo Bassey, has penned an article through which he has asked African governments to ban new fossil fuels extraction and invest in phasing in renewables and set in place an Africa-wide action plan for a just transition.

“Moreover, the Africa Union should step up her Silence the Guns campaign by completely demilitarizing oil field communities, African development and governance,” he said

The truth is that we cannot dig up all the coal and drill for more oil and gas, simply because we have them. Although it is true that Africa has contributed least to the climate crisis, the need to bridge the gap should not mean that we should deepen the climate problems,” Bassey said.

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AFIEGO Staff (L) during the African Energy Leaders' summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

## Next week's upcoming events

February 13-14, 2020; Bullisa and Nwoya: Training of local council leaders and youth champion groups on the Tilenga oil project's EIA certificate conditions

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