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Hon. Ruth Nankabirwa,  
Minister of Energy and Mineral Development  
P.O. Box 7270,  
Kampala Uganda

Dear madam,

## **R.E: REQUEST FOR A COPY OF THE ELECTRICITY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2020**

On behalf of Africa Institute for Energy Governance (AFIEGO) and on my own behalf, I take this opportunity to thank you and your team for the roles you're playing in developing and implementing policies aimed at addressing challenges within the electricity industry in Uganda.

AFIEGO is an incorporated Ugandan public policy research and advocacy company limited by guarantee dedicated at influencing energy policies to benefit the poor and vulnerable communities in Uganda and beyond.

In addition, AFIEGO also promotes good governance based on the access rights in the electricity sector, public participation, access to information and access to justice through which we organize activities to create public awareness on electricity consumer rights, electricity pricing, transparency and accountability, impacts of dirty energy on environment, human rights and others for the common good.

Hon. Minister, on July 24, 2020, the ministry of ICT & National Guidance reported that the Ugandan cabinet approved the 2020 Electricity (Amendment) Bill, to address the unending challenges that are affecting the government in addition to Ugandans connected to the national grid such as high power tariffs, power thefts, vandalism, among others that are undermining their access to grid power.

However, we note with concern that the 2020 Electricity (Amendment) Bill is not disclosed to any public domain to enable stakeholders' input in the completion of the electricity legal reforms to address the gaps within the electricity sector in Uganda. Moreover, the 2020 Electricity (Amendment) Bill is not also available on the ministry of Energy website and other official media platforms!



Therefore, as partners in promoting affordable and reliable electricity, we hereby write to you in accordance to Article 41 of the 1995 Constitution as amended requesting for the *copy of the draft 2020 Electricity Amendment Bill*.

Our request is made in light of the fact that without transparency and citizens participation in decision making process of the electricity sector, Ugandans will continue suffering from the existing electricity challenges that have not translated into increased access and affordability to electricity.

Access to the Cabinet’s approved Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2020 will enable us to mobilize, engage and empower Ugandans contribute comments to government and the Parliament to put in place a good electricity law in place to promote social and equitable development in the country for the common good. A good electricity law has the potential to improve the environment, social and economic benefits for all Ugandans.

We thank you for your co-operation in advance.

Yours faithfully,

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Dickens Kamugisha,

Chief Executive Officer, AFIEGO

**CC:**

- The Speaker, Parliament of Uganda,
- The Chairperson, Natural Resources Committee,
- Electricity Regulatory Authority,
- Ministry of ICT & National Guidance,
- Uganda Electricity Distribution company,
- Uganda Electricity Generation Company,
- Uganda Electricity Transmission Company.