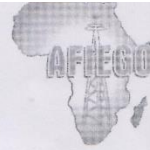


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September 8, 2021

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 EAST AFRICAN CRUDE OIL PIPELINE (EACOP) BILL 2021**

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 improving energy sector in the country.

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 including public participation, access to information and access to justice through which we organize activities to create public awareness on citizens' rights regarding oil and gas, transparency and accountability, human rights and others for the common good.

Hon. Minister, on September 1, 2021, *New Vision* reported that cabinet approved the EACOP Bill 2021 <https://www.newvision.co.ug/article/details/113570>, to ensure lawful implementation of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline project in Uganda, reassure confidence to investors of government's commitment to fulfil its obligation under the Host Government Agreement (HGA) as well as giving confidence for the Tanzanian government to equally finalize her enabling legislation for the oil pipeline project.

However, we note with concern that the EACOP Bill 2021 is not disclosed to public to enable stakeholders' input in the completion of the oil pipeline legal reforms to address the social, economic and environmental challenges in the Uganda.

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Our request is made in light of the fact that without transparency and citizens participation in decision making process of the oil and gas sector, Ugandans will continue suffering from the existing challenges that have undermined efforts to environmental conservation and climate change mitigation in the country.

Access to the Cabinet’s approved EACOP Bill 2021 will enable us to mobilize, engage and empower Ugandans contribute comments to government and the Parliament to put in place a good oil pipeline law to promote social and equitable development in the country for the common good. A good oil pipeline 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,
- Ministry of ICT & National Guidance,
- Uganda National Oil Company,
- Petroleum Authority of Uganda,
- CNOOC,
- Totalenergies Uganda.