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2024/2025 NATIONAL BUDGET PROPOSALS: GOV'T MUST PRIORITIZE GREEN ECONOMIC SECTORS FOR IMPROVED LIVELIHOODS IN UGANDA



AFIEGO and our IGEN-EA partners after a planning and reflection meeting in February 2024; During the meeting, we agreed to engage in efforts to influence the Ugandan budget to promote green and inclusive economic growth.

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Dear reader, welcome to AFIEGO's March 2024 newsletter. The month of March is an important one in Uganda's national budgeting processes.

This is because in the month, the Ugandan government, through the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MoFPED) presents to parliament the final budget estimates for the following financial year.

Parliament is tasked with reviewing, debating and approving these estimates before the final budget is presented to Ugandans in June each year.

In March 2024 therefore, AFIEGO and our **Inclusive Green Economy Network-East Africa** (IGEN-EA) partners that are working together to promote green economic alternatives including clean energy, organic agriculture and fisheries, forestry and natural resources management as well as tourism in Uganda and East Africa at large dedicated time to analysing the Uganda national budget proposals for the 2024/2025 financial year.

We reviewed the 2024/2025 National Budget Framework (NBF) Paper, various ministries' Ministerial Policy Statements (MPS) and ministries' annual reports among others to assess whether the 2024/2025 Uganda national budget proposals will deliver clean energy especially for the poor and vulnerable including women, address forest degradation and biodiversity conservation

concerns and promote organic agriculture that meets the economic needs of citizens.

We also assessed whether the national budget proposals will promote growth of the tourism sector in a sustainable and inclusive manner. Through the **Word from AFIEGO and IGEN-EA** in this newsletter, we share with you the results of our analysis.

In this newsletter, we also bring you our **pictorial** section through which we share the activities that we and our partners implemented this month. For instance, we supported our IGEN-EA partners to participate in a two-day civil society organisations' (CSOs) retreat to discuss Uganda's 2024/2025 national budget proposals.

Our IGEN-EA partners contributed to CSO position papers that were submitted to parliament to promote pro-people, green and sustainable budgeting.

Furthermore, we supported our IGEN-EA partners to participate in a field visit to Ithoya forest, a privately owned forest in Kikuube district in Western Uganda.

The purpose of our partners' visit, which was organised under the Green Livelihoods Alliance (GLA) 2 partnership, was aimed at supporting IGEN-EA to assess the feasibility of promoting tourism in Ithoya forest to promote forest conservation and community livelihoods.

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the 42 Tilenga Project Affected Persons (PAPs) who were sued by the government of Uganda in December 2023 and the Hoima High Court issued a ruling and eviction order against them to hold a press conference in Kampala. During the press conference, the communities demanded that the judiciary fixes their appeal case for hearing to promote justice.

Furthermore, we organised a workshop in Kampala for Uganda, Kenyan and Tanzanian organisations that are prosecuting the court case aimed at stopping development of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP).

The case is being prosecuted by AFIEGO and our partners at the East African Court of Justice (EACJ).

During the workshop, the litigation team drafted submissions that are aimed at supporting prosecution of the case. The submissions were filed in court in March 2024.

We also held a capacity building

training on the European Union's (EU) Critical Raw Materials Act (CRMA) for youth, women and civil society actors that are engaged in climate change and a just energy transition activism in Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

You will see the above and much more in our pictorial section.

In our **lobbying** section, we bring you some of the lobbying and advocacy products that we disseminated this month.

Finally, in **in the media** section, we bring you the newspaper articles written by our staff and partners that were published in March 2024.

We hope you will enjoy the newsletter.

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UGANDA'S 2024/2025 BUDGET PROPOSALS: GAPS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO PROMOTE GREEN & INCLUSIVE GROWTH

Dear reader, in March 2024, Africa Institute for Energy Governance (AFIEGO) and our Inclusive Green Economy Network- East Africa (IGEN-EA) partners held various meetings and participated in retreats organised for civil society actors in Kampala.

During the above engagements, we reviewed the national budget proposals for the 2024/2025 financial year that are contained in various ministries' Ministerial Policy Statements (MPS) and the 2024/2025 National Budget Framework (NBF) Paper.

Our budget review activities were aimed at assessing whether Uganda's 2024/2025 budget proposals will support the Ugandan government to address citizens' aspirations for clean energy and promote forest as well as other biodiversity conservation.

We also assessed whether the budget proposals will support the Ugandan government to promote an agricultural sector that uplifts citizens from poverty while ensuring that they remain resilient to climate change and whether the budget proposals will address the tourism sector needs.

Below, AFIEGO and our IGEN-EA partners share with you our insights of the 2024/2025 national budget proposals.

(a) Sustainable (clean) energy programme: Per the 2024/2025 NBF Paper, the sustainable energy vote will be allocated over UGX 1.325 trillion. Of the proposed amount, UGX 484.247 billion and UGX 827.771 billion are to be allocated to electricity generation and transmission as well as distribution initiatives respectively.

This means that over 98.9%, or over UGX 1.312 trillion of the 2024/2025 proposed sustainable energy programme budget, is being allocated to electricity generation, transmission and distribution initiatives.

Indeed, the 2024/2025 NBF Paper notes that under the sustainable energy programme, focus will be put on the priorities in the infographic below.

Partial and gradual
commissioning of the 600MW
Karuma hydropower dam

Closing existing gaps related to
Isimba dam and completing
other dams

Completion of ongoing
transmission network expansion

Strengthening projects such as
the Mirama-Kabale 132kv line,
Kampala Metropolitan
Transmission System
Improvement Project and
Masaka Mbarara Transmission
Line to guarantee evacuation of
power

While strengthening the grid and transmission network is important, allocating over 98.9% of the sustainable energy budget to grid electrification, while poorly funding off-grid renewable energy initiatives continues to undermine clean energy access, especially for the poor including women and youth.

This is because the majority of Ugandans cannot afford grid power, with the average monthly expenditure on grid power being UGX **13,600**, according to the Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS).

Rural households on average spend UGX **10,000** on energy per month. Conversely, Ugandans, especially those in rural areas have shown great interest in off-grid solar energy.

To support clean energy access by rural communities including women and youth, government should allocate more funds for off-grid renewable energy programmes.

(b). Electricity prices: In addition to the above, the 2024/2025 NBF Paper indicates that one of the key areas that the government will focus on in the coming financial year is reducing the cost of electricity.

This is commendable. However, an analysis of the 2024/2025 electricity cost reduction targets show that while government hopes that extra-large, large industrial and medium industrial consumers will purchase a unit of power at US cents 5 in 2024/2025 and beyond, no targets are set for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) as well as domestic consumers.

Yet Uganda's economy is largely made up of MSMEs with the sector accounting for about **90%** of private sector production and employing over **2.5 million** people.

Further, domestic consumers, who consumed **914 GWh** of electricity in 2023 are the third largest consumers of power that is distributed by UMEME.

Per the Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERA), domestic consumers account for **98%** of the demand for power distributed by WENERECO and Kalangala Infrastructural Services.

To drive inclusive economic growth while meeting the energy demands of especially women that are largely confined in the domestic sphere, it is important to set price reduction targets for MSMEs and domestic consumers.

Table P3.1: Proposed Budget Allocations and Medium Term Projections by Sub-Programme

Billion Uganda Shillings	FY2023/24	2024/25
	Approved Budget	Proposed Budget
01 Generation	566.494	484.247
02 Transmission and Distribution	760.491	827.771
03 Renewable Energy Development	4.728	2.068
04 Energy Efficiency	11.013	11.423
Total for the Programme	1,342.726	1,325.509

Proposed allocations for the Sustainable energy vote. The allocations will not favour off-grid electrification, the most affordable option for poor Ugandans.

Sustainable Energy Development

Programme Outcome		Increased electricity consumption					
Programme Objectives contributed to by the Intermediate Outcome							
Increase access and utilization of electricity							
Programme Outcome Indicators		Performance Targets					
		Base Year	Base Line	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Electricity consumption per capita (kwh per capita)		2019/20	100	578	650	700	750
Unit cost of power (USD) - cents - Extra-large		2019/20	8	5	5	5	5
Unit cost of power (USD) - cents - Large industrial consumers		2019/20	9.8	5	5	5	5
Unit cost of power (USD) - cents - Medium industrial consumers		2019/20	15.6	5	5	5	5



Electricity price reduction targets for FY 2024/2025 and beyond exclude domestic consumers.

High power prices condemn women to cooking with harmful options like firewood and charcoal.

(c). Natural resources, environment, climate change and land programme inadequacies:

Environmental conservation and climate action are key to supporting the success of sectors such as agriculture, tourism, clean energy, fisheries and others.

Unfortunately, various activities such as sugarcane growing, charcoal burning, oil and gas, illegal possession of land titles and others are being undertaken or are seen in forest landscapes.

The Auditor General's Report of 2023 notes that there are 122 illegal land titles within Central Forests Reserves (CFRs). Of these, only two titles were revoked by the end of the 2022/2023 financial year. The report also notes that there are un-demarcated external forest boundaries.

Bugoma Central Forest Reserve, one of the few remaining tropical rainforests, is one of those forests with contested boundaries.

Between 2021 and 2022, the Ministry of Lands and National Forestry Authority (NFA) conducted a boundary opening exercise. This followed a cabinet directive in

2019.

However, over a year after the boundary opening exercise was concluded, the boundary opening report remains out of the public domain.

The 2024/2025 national budget proposals do not provide for publicisation of the boundary opening report, and financial resources available to evict or compensate persons that lay claim to the forest. This needs to be remedied.



The 2024/2025 national budget proposals should ensure that NFA and the Ministry of Lands receive adequate funds to secure forest boundaries, including those of Bugoma forest.



Further, the Government of Uganda (GoU) is seeking to increase the percentage of titled land from 21% to 40% in 2024/2025. However, because the gender analysis for the Natural resources programme fails to recognise that at 26%, Ugandan women own less titled land than men, government may fail to implement initiatives to increase women's access to titled land.

(d). Agro-industrialisation programme:

The agriculture sector plays a central role in Uganda's economy. Indeed, the agriculture, forestry and fishing sector contributed to the economic growth experienced by Uganda in 2022/2023 with information in the 2024/2025 NBF Paper showing that the sector grew by 4.8% from 4.2% in 2021/22. The sector also accounts for 61.4% of Uganda's 9.1 million labourforce. Of the people employed in the agricultural sector, 72% are women and youth. To promote their economic advancement, the sector needs to be invested in. However, the sector is expected to

Suffer a budget reduction of UGX 170 billion in 2024/25. This is because while the sector was allocated over UGX 1.8 trillion in the 2023/2024 financial year, proposals in the 2024/2025 NBF Paper indicate that the sector will receive over UGX 1.6 trillion. Cutting the agricultural sector budget undermines farmers and Ugandans' wellbeing.

Billion Uganda Shillings		FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
		Approved Budget	Proposed Budget
Recurrent	Wage	235.741	235.741
	Non-wage	157.390	191.895
Devt.	GoU	413.538	379.030
	ExtFin	1,007.192	837.325
GoU Total		806.669	806.666
Total GoU+Ext Fin (MTEF)		1,813.860	1,643.991
A.I.A		0.000	0.000
Grand Total		1,813.860	1,643.991

Proposed allocations for the Agro-industrialisation vote. The allocations are set to reduce by UGX 170 billion in the 2024/2025 financial year.
Source: 2024/2025 NBF Paper



Further, in the 2024/2025 NBF Paper, government has set a target of increasing farmers' use of Diammonium Phosphate (DAP), a synthetic fertilizer, as one of its key targets. However, to tap into markets in the European Union where organic farm produce is sought, government should be promoting environmentally-friendly fertilisers such as compost, manure and others.

(e). Under-funding of tourism sector: Government is proposing to allocate UGX 248.7 billion, equivalent to 0.46% of the 2024/2025 national budget proposals, to the tourism sector. The Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities in its 2022/2023 Tourism Development Programme Annual Performance report notes that in the first three years of the National Development Plan (NDP) III period, government was expected to have invested a total of UGX 2.906 trillion in the tourism sector. However, this didn't happen

Only a cumulative total of UGX 576 billion was approved as government funding. This includes the UGX 238 billion in non-tax revenue collections from the ministry and its agencies.

The report also notes that during the 2022/2023 financial year, only UGX 199 billion was appropriated against the NDPIII planned expenditure of UGX 635 billion.

Continued under-funding of the tourism sector undermines government targets to increase annual tourism revenues from USD 1.45 billion to USD 1.862 billion, maintain the contribution of tourism to total employment at 667,600 people, increase inbound tourism revenues per visitor from USD1,052 to USD1,500, and maintain the average number of International Tourist arrivals from the U.S, Europe, Middle East, China and Japan at 225,300 tourists among others.

The sector, which earned Uganda USD 1,066.41 million in 2022/2023, needs to be adequately funded.



To attain the tourism sector targets, government needs to diversify tourism products on sale in the country, train more Ugandans including host communities to work in the tourism industry and incentivise the private sector to set up more tourist accomodation facilities.



Government also needs to address unsustainable developments such as oil, gas and other infrastructural developments in forest landscapes, illicit trade in animal parts and others that have caused a reduction in key biodiversity or are a risk to biodiversity conservation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In light of the above, AFIEGO and our IGEN-EA partners recommend the following:

(i) Citizens should engage their Members of Parliament (MPs) to increase funds for the off-grid renewable energy vote to ensure vulnerable groups' access to renewable energy.

(ii) Further, citizens should engage their MPs to ensure that electricity price reduction targets are set for MSMEs and domestic consumers.

(iii) In addition, parliament should ensure that funds are provided to the Ministry of Lands and NFA to publicise the Bugoma forest boundary opening report in the coming financial year without fail. All companies and individuals operating

in the forest should be evicted.

(iv) Furthermore, parliament should task the Ministry of Lands to set targets for increasing women's access to titled land.

(v) Finally, parliament should task the Ministry of Finance to increase the budget allocations for the agro-industrialisation and tourism programmes or votes. The allocated funds should be spent on sustainable activities aimed at protecting biodiversity, compensating communities affected by human-wildlife conflicts, supporting organic agriculture and increasing farmers' access to extension services among others.

By AFIEGO and IGEN-EA

Pictorial of our activities

AFIEGO AND PARTNERS CONVENE REGIONAL MEETING ON EACOP COURT CASE AT EAST AFRICAN COURT OF JUSTICE



Between March 6 and 7, 2024, AFIEGO supported our regional partners from Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania that are prosecuting the court case aimed at stopping development of the EACOP at the East African Court of Justice (EACJ) to hold a workshop in Kampala.

During the workshop, we and our partners discussed and drafted submissions to enable us to prosecute the court case. The submissions were filed at the EACJ in March 2024. The case that we are prosecuting is aimed at upholding the rule of law as well as protecting the environmental, human and livelihood rights of over 177 million East Africans amidst the EACOP project.

AFIEGO SUPPORTS TILENGA OIL PROJECT-AFFECTED HOUSEHOLDS TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE & ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE WITH UGANDA LAW SOCIETY



On March 6 and 7, 2024, AFIEGO supported some of the members of the 42 Tilenga oil-project affected households that were sued by government in December 2023, culminating in Hoima High Court issuing an eviction order against them, to visit the offices of the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Chief Justice, Deputy Chief Justice, Principal Judge and Uganda Law Society (ULS).

The purpose of the office visits was to promote dialogue to foster justice for the people. Only the visit to the ULS was successful as the other parties were not in office.

AFIEGO thereafter supported the people to hold a press conference on March 7, 2024 in Kampala. During the press conference, the people called on the judiciary to engage more with communities to promote a pro-poor people justice system.

AFIEGO SUPPORTS IGEN-EA PARTNERS TO PARTICIPATE IN BUDGET REVIEW RETREAT



Between March 25 and 26, 2024, AFIEGO supported IGEN-EA representatives to participate in a two-day national budget review retreat in Kampala.

During the retreat, IGEN-EA contributed to CSO budget position papers that were submitted to parliament to promote adequate budget allocations to the green economic sectors.

AFIEGO SUPPORTS IGEN-EA PARTNERS TO ASSESS THE TOURISM POTENTIAL OF ITHOYA FOREST

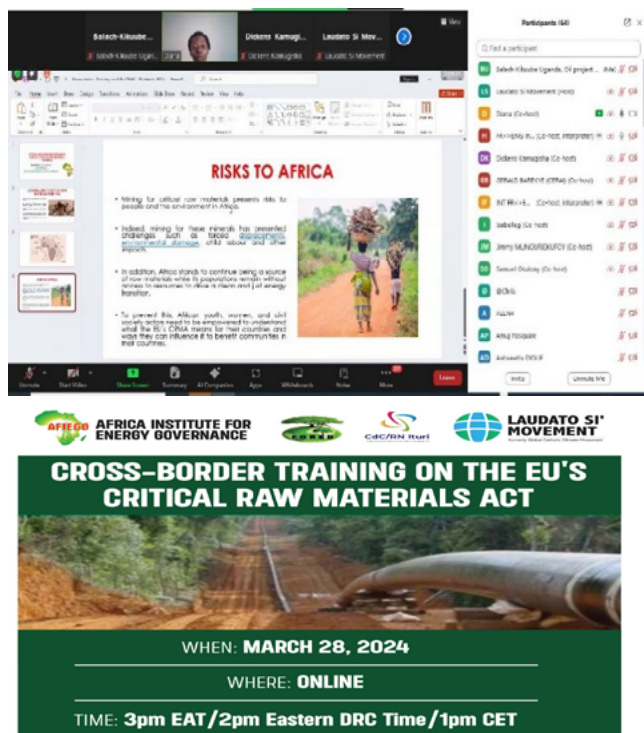


Between March 6 and 8, 2024, AFIEGO supported our IGEN-EA partners to visit Ithoya forest reserve in Kikuube district in Western Uganda. The partners assessed the opportunities for promoting tourism in the forest to promote biodiversity conservation and community livelihoods.

During the same period, AFIEGO also participated in an exchange learning with our Uganda Green Livelihoods Alliance (GLA) 2 partners.

We documented best practices in involving women in the governance of forest landscapes.

AFIEGO TRAINS YOUTH AND WOMEN ON EU'S CRITICAL RAW MATERIALS ACT



On March 28, 2024, AFIEGO held an online capacity building training on the European Union's (EU) Critical Raw Materials Act (CRMA) for youth, women and civil society actors that are engaged in climate change and a just energy transition activism in Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

The purpose of the training was to support the aforementioned stakeholders to understand what the EU's CRM Act means for their work aimed at promoting a just energy transition or promoting environmental conservation and human rights observance amidst mining sector activities.

Over 64 actors participated in the training. They agreed to create a platform through which they will engage in advocacy to promote fair and sustainable implementation of the CRMA.

AFIEGO AND SAVE BUGOMA FOREST CAMPAIGNERS DEMAND FOR BUGOMA FOREST BOUNDARY OPENING REPORT



On March 15, 2024, AFIEGO and our Save Bugoma Forest Campaign partners held a press conference in Kampala.

During the press conference, we called on the Ministry of Lands to work with the National Forestry Authority (NFA) to publicly release the Bugoma forest boundary opening report. The forest boundaries were opened in 2021 and 2022.

We also rejected any reports that legitimise the grabbing of Bugoma forest land by Hoima Sugar Ltd, which is growing sugarcane in the forest.

In March 2024, disseminated the lobbying and advocacy materials below.

March 13, 2024

Mr. Philippe Groueix
The General Manager,
Total Energies E&P (U),
Kampala Uganda.



Dear Sir,

RE: REQUEST TO COMPENSATE OUR LAND TAKEN FOR THE OIL WELLS PROJECT

We, the oil well-affected persons of Oribo village in Bulisa sub-county, Bulisa district, are writing to express our deep concerns regarding the compensation grievances we have been facing under Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) 3b of the Tilenga oil project.

First and foremost, we extend our gratitude to you and your team for your tireless efforts in addressing the grievances of project-affected persons (PAPs) within the Tilenga oil project ambit. However, we wish to bring to your attention the prolonged issue of inadequate compensation faced by many members of our community.

As far back as 2018, our lands were compulsorily acquired to make way for oil well developments. Regrettably, Total Energies E&P only compensated a fraction of the affected PAPs, leaving many others without recourse. It has now been over four years since the acquisition, yet a significant portion of our community remains uncompensated, despite the imposition of cutoff dates on our lands.

Furthermore, even those who did receive compensation continue to grapple with grievances concerning orphaned land taken by the company during the compulsory acquisition process. This delay in adequate compensation for both our land and the orphaned properties has inflicted severe hardships upon our families, including loss of livelihoods, food security, and diminished incomes.

We urgently implore you and your team to expedite the resolution of our compensation grievances, as the prolonged delay exacerbates the suffering endured by our community. Swift action is imperative to mitigate the adverse impacts on our lives and livelihoods.

We remain hopeful that with your intervention, justice will prevail, and our community's rights will be duly recognized and addressed.

Our requests:

Therefore, as the PAPs from Oribo Village, we are requesting the following from your office:

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March 14, 2024

Justice Benjamin Kabito,
The Chairperson,
Judicial Service Commission
Kampala, Uganda



Dear Sir,

RE: REQUEST FOR A MEETING SEEKING REDRESS FOR JUDICIAL INJUSTICES

The above refers

On behalf of the undersigned Tilenga, oil-refinery, and East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) oil Projects Affected Persons (PAPs) of Bulisa, Hoima, and other oil-affected districts, and on my own behalf, I am writing to request a meeting with you to discuss how to address the suffering caused by delayed justice in Uganda.

Since 2014, we have initiated legal proceedings in the High Court and Court of Appeal against the government and oil companies. However, several cases remain unresolved, totalling more than five. These cases encompass various issues concerning our constitutional rights to land, family, life, and other fundamental rights.

To exacerbate matters, as oil-affected people await justice from the courts, the government is filing cases against us, some of which are determined in a record time of four (4) days from filing to judgment. In the cases filed by the government against us, we are never served, have no time to file defenses, no representation, and other procedures to ensure a fair hearing.

For example, on December 8, 2023, Justice Jesse Byaruhanga of the Hoima High Court ruled against us without giving us an opportunity to file our defense or to get a lawyer for representation. The case was filed on December 4, 2023, and by December 8, 2023, the Judge ruled that our 42 families should be evicted to make way for oil activities. This judgment is a clear violation of Article 26 of the Constitution, which provides against deprivation.

In addition to filing cases in the High Court, we have been filing appeals in the Court of Appeal, but since 2022, our appeals have never been fixed for hearing. Today, as parents, we are going through untold suffering and humiliation as we cannot take our children to school, feed them,

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March 28, 2024

Hon. Justice Richard Bulezi
The Deputy Chief Justice, Court of Appeal
Kampala-Uganda



My Lord,

REQUEST FOR A MEETING TO DISCUSS THE IMPACTS OF DELAYED JUSTICE ON FAMILIES AFFECTED BY OIL DEVELOPMENTS

Greetings from the African Institute for Energy Governance (AFIEGO). AFIEGO is a Ugandan non-profit company limited by guarantee, with the primary objective of promoting good energy governance in Uganda and the Great Lakes region.

Since 2009, we have been dedicated to supporting citizens, especially the poor and vulnerable communities affected by various projects, including oil, electricity, and other energy-related projects. We advocate for access to rights, including the public's right to access justice for redress through public interest litigation. Unfortunately, since 2020, oil-affected communities facing dangers of evictions and displacement without compensation have filed over four (4) appeals with the Court of Appeal. However, the appellants continue to face injustices due to the delayed hearing of their cases by the court.

It is against this backdrop that I am writing to you as Deputy Chief Justice, in line with Article 136 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda, to express citizens' frustration with unwarranted delays by the Court of Appeal in handling human rights and environmental conservation cases filed by oil Project Affected Persons (PAPs).

My Lord, for example, Civil Application No. 191 of 2021 arising from Miscellaneous Cause No. 0025 of 2020, Sabiri Michael & 13 others versus Attorney General, was filed in 2021, but to date, there has been no progress in hearing this case. The above application was filed seeking enlargement of time within which to file and serve the Notice of Appeal, Record of Appeal, and Memorandum of Appeal challenging the decision of the High Court in Misc. Cause No. 0025 of 2020. Other appeals include Mugha Mulimba & others vs Attorney General, civil appeal no 0006 of 2024 arising from Misc. cause No 24 of 2023.

The delays by the Court of Appeal in hearing cases filed by oil-affected communities have continued to cause untold suffering to the affected people. They live a life of uncertainty, with terrible impacts on them as individuals, their families, and communities. For years, the affected communities have been denied the right to use their land to grow food, educate their children, and meet other basic needs. They live in isolation and desperation, and their families have collapsed. They need justice.

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**This International
Forest Day,
AFIEGO recognises the
vital role of indigenous people
and local communities in
protecting forests and
biodiversity.
#intIForestDay #GLA**



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LAUDATO SI'
MOVEMENT

**CROSS-BORDER TRAINING ON THE EU'S
CRITICAL RAW MATERIALS ACT**

WHEN: MARCH 28, 2024

WHERE: ONLINE

TIME: 3pm EAT/2pm Eastern DRC Time/1pm CET

In March 2024, AFIEGO staff, research associates and youth champions wrote newspaper articles that were published in the leading newspapers. The media also published stories from interviews held by AFIEGO staff in March. Some of the published stories are captured below.



The New Vision
@newvisionwire

"It is evident that even with the recently installed capacity of 1,379mw, this power has never been exhaustively consumed by the country at peak demand," said Patrick Edema, an environmental engineer.

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Will connected Kanuma dam power revamp high power tariffs?

From newvisionapp.page.link

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The Observer

BUSINESS EDUCATION LIFESTYLE VIEWPOINT SPORTS TOPICS QUIZ

Conservationists reject govt's Bugoma forest boundary opening report

March 25, 2024 Written by Ernest Jjingo



Dated November 30, 2023, the report was forwarded by the Minister of Lands to the Minister of Water and Environment.

BY JULIET KIOOGOO

The National Forestry Authority (NFA) has been listed among the 33 claimants of Bugoma Central Forest Reserve land for which it is mandated to protect under the laws, a survey report has revealed.

The boundary opening report by Bugoma Central Forest Reserve shows that NFA lays claim to approximately 43,344 hectares of land with 120,000 of boundary outline of 100m, 44.5km of the boundary is marked by natural features including rivers, hills, and other features.

The report indicates that NFA is holding on the statutory instrument number 15 of the forest reserve declaration under of 1998, forest reserve on reference number 104/15, gazetted reference 47/24, 48/24, 49/24, 50/24, 51/24, 52/24, 53/24, 54/24, 55/24, 56/24, 57/24, 58/24, 59/24, 60/24, 61/24, 62/24, 63/24, 64/24, 65/24, 66/24, 67/24, 68/24, 69/24, 70/24, 71/24, 72/24, 73/24, 74/24, 75/24, 76/24, 77/24, 78/24, 79/24, 80/24, 81/24, 82/24, 83/24, 84/24, 85/24, 86/24, 87/24, 88/24, 89/24, 90/24, 91/24, 92/24, 93/24, 94/24, 95/24, 96/24, 97/24, 98/24, 99/24, 100/24, 101/24, 102/24, 103/24, 104/24, 105/24, 106/24, 107/24, 108/24, 109/24, 110/24, 111/24, 112/24, 113/24, 114/24, 115/24, 116/24, 117/24, 118/24, 119/24, 120/24, 121/24, 122/24, 123/24, 124/24, 125/24, 126/24, 127/24, 128/24, 129/24, 130/24, 131/24, 132/24, 133/24, 134/24, 135/24, 136/24, 137/24, 138/24, 139/24, 140/24, 141/24, 142/24, 143/24, 144/24, 145/24, 146/24, 147/24, 148/24, 149/24, 150/24, 151/24, 152/24, 153/24, 154/24, 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Upcoming events

April 4, 2024; Kampala: Launch of storybook in which oil-affected communities share about oil projects' impacts on their lives

April 8-11, 2024; Greater Masaka: Community sensitisation meetings on project-affected people's livelihood restoration entitlements

April 12, 2024; Greater Masaka: Training for community-based monitors to empower them to report environmental and human rights abuses amidst oil activities

April 15, 2024; Hoima: Hearing of the case of the oil refinery-affected people's court case

April 16, 2024 Kikuube: Meeting with Bugoma forest host communities to empower them to monitor implementation of the European Union-Uganda Forest partnership

April 19, 2024; Kampala: Filing memorandum of appeal in the case of Mugisa Jealousy Mulimba & 8 others Vs. Attorney General with Court of Appeal

April 23, 2024; Kampala: Joint scheduling conference for the appeal case of Tilenga oil project-affected families

April 15-30, 2024: Albertine Graben: Support research on oil impacts to key forest landscapes in the Albertine Graben

April 30, 2024; Kampala: Meeting with the Chairperson of the Judicial Service Commission to discuss delays in hearing the appeals filed by oil project affected persons

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Our Vision

A society that equitably uses clean energy resources for socio-economic development

Our Mission

To promote energy policies that benefit poor and vulnerable communities