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Pictorial highlights of some of AFIEGO's key 2025 work

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Editorial

Dear reader, since this is the first newsletter that AFIEGO is publishing this year, allow us to wish you a happy new year. We hope that you will have a wonderful and impactful 2026.

As is our custom, each year, AFIEGO takes off time to provide an account of the work that we did, and the achievements that we registered from the previous year. We also share the challenges that we faced in the previous year and make commitments to you by sharing our key priorities for the new year.

In this newsletter therefore, we share key highlights of our 2025 work including integrating often-marginalised groups in the production of three key research briefs, taking often-underrepresented communities along in efforts to influence six key policies or laws and co-creating the just world we seek to see through supporting community-led human rights and environmental conservation work.

Furthermore, we share the work that we did at national and international level to support forest and biodiversity conservation, and our litigation efforts which saw us prosecuting at least 23 court cases in Ugandan, East African and French courts of law to foster human rights observance, biodiversity conservation and climate action while ending corporate impunity.

Other work included supporting the promotion of green economic alternatives, forming partnerships to promote cross-border advocacy, working with partners to promote the agency and respect of oil-

affected fishers' rights, putting the plight of aggrieved oil sector workers on the public agenda, and engaging media champions to support balanced reporting on oil, gas and green economic sector matters.

We invite you to take a deep dive and read the **Word from CEO** in this newsletter for more on the above and other work undertaken by AFIEGO in 2025. The exciting accomplishments realised from the above work are also discussed in the Word from CEO and so are the challenges we faced in 2025. Our key priorities for 2026 are also discussed in this section.

If you are looking for quick highlights of the achievements that we registered in 2025, we invite you to read the section, **12 months, 5 key milestones**.

Our pictorial section contains key highlights of our key activities in 2025.

In our **lobbying** section, you will see some of the over 100 lobby and advocacy products that we and our partners produced in 2025.

In **in the media** section, we bring you some of the over 178 media stories that were published from our work or were written by our staff and partners in 2025.

We hope that you will enjoy the newsletter and that you will have a better understanding of AFIEGO's impactful 2025 work after reading it.

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Our 2025 work: 12 months, 5 key milestones

AFIEGO attained various milestones in 2025. In the graphic below, we share five key milestones.

Building community power

In 2025, AFIEGO organised community engagements to build community power that would steer human rights protection, biodiversity conservation, and climate action.

By the end of 2025, the communities that we empowered were engaged in monitoring of energy-sector projects, information sharing, community-led advocacy and other activities to defend their rights.

Forest conservation

AFIEGO has been working with Bugoma forest host communities and our partners since 2020 to stop the destruction of Bugoma forest and support its restoration.

In 2025, restoration of parts of the forest commenced. Notably, the National Forestry Authority (NFA) mobilised Bugoma forest communities to restore some degraded sections of the forest. By September 2025, the communities had restored 160 acres of the forest.

Giving women economic power

To promote forest conservation, AFIEGO and our partners support community engagement in Forest-Based Enterprises (FBEs).

By the end of 2025, thanks to our efforts, three women's groups and girls in Hoima and Kikuube districts were engaged in FBEs.

The women were earning incomes, delaying sex and supporting other girls in need.

Litigation

In 2025, AFIEGO prosecuted 23 cases in Ugandan, regional and other courts.

Among others, our litigation efforts delayed the eviction of some oil-affected people prior to their compensation.

They also emboldened other East Africans to file climate and biodiversity conservation suits at courts such as the East African Court of Justice.

Enhancing clean energy access

In 2025, AFIEGO supported our IGEN-EA partners to set up one clean energy hub and two community clean energy demonstration centres in Kikuube and Buliisa districts.

We sparked an interest in clean energy entrepreneurship by women, thereby adding to efforts to promote a just energy transition in Uganda while promoting sustainable livelihoods.

CO-CREATING A BETTER WORLD WITH OUR PARTNERS: A REFLECTION ON AFIEGO'S KEY WORK IN 2025

The dawn of a New Year is a time for deep reflection for many. Some people take off time to remind themselves of the goals they set for the previous year, and assess the progress they made in attaining those goals.

Where key goals were not met, some people undertake a meticulous process to identify the challenges they faced that undermined the attainment of set goals, and what they can do going forward to achieve the goals.

At AFIEGO, we underwent the same process and through this article, I share with you some of the key work that AFIEGO undertook in 2025, and the accomplishments that were realised from that work. I also share the challenges that we faced and what we hope to do to address these challenges in 2026.

KEY 2025 ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

(a) Knowledge production alongside marginalised groups: AFIEGO employs various strategies including research to promote the attainment of AFIEGO's vision. The research that AFIEGO undertakes is empowering of the stakeholders, including communities, small business owners working in the green economic sectors, youth, women and others, that AFIEGO works with. This is because we work alongside the aforementioned stakeholders and

experts to conduct research.

In 2025, AFIEGO, our Inclusive Green Economy Network-East Africa (IGEN-EA) partners and the aforementioned stakeholders produced three community- or other important stakeholder-led research briefs. These included a brief documenting the tourism potential of the Greater Masaka sub-region vis-a-vis EACOP project risks, a research brief on tourism stakeholders' views of Uganda's oil sector and a simplified version of Uganda's Energy Transition Plan (ETP).

The research briefs were disseminated in March, July and April 2025 respectively.

Our research was impactful because it empowered often marginalised groups such as communities, youth and small business owners to take part in knowledge production. Further, the research was widely disseminated for awareness raising purposes with 722,432 people receiving information from the briefs. We reached these people through dissemination of physical copies of research briefs, in-person meetings, webinars, social media, website publications, newspaper articles and radio among others.

We hope that going forward, the research will be used by key stakeholders to inform policies, programmes and plans among others.

(b) Taking communities and other stakeholders along in policy influencing work: AFIEGO places onus on working with communities, women, youth and

other stakeholders to influence energy sector policies and laws for the common good. In 2025, AFIEGO continued with this work, and as is the norm, we ensured that we partnered with the aforementioned stakeholders to weave human rights observance, biodiversity conservation, climate action and green jobs ambitions into public policies and laws.

In 2025, AFIEGO and our aforementioned partners engaged in processes to influence at least six policies and laws. These included the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Bill, 2024, the Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy (LARRP), the Uganda Wildlife Management Policy, the Consumer Protection and Management Bill, Uganda's Energy Transition Plan (ETP) of 2023 and the European Union's Deforestation-Free Regulation (EUDR).

Through our advocacy that was undertaken between February and September 2025, we demanded that the Consumer Protection and Management Bill is tabled before parliament, debated and enacted to enhance clean energy access.

We also asked that the LARRP is completed by the Ministry of Lands and operationalised to protect oil-affected women's rights.

Further, we requested the EU Delegation in Uganda to engage other stakeholders so that oil and gas are added to the EU Deforestation Free Regulation.

We also advocated for strengthening

of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Bill, 2024 through submitting proposals for the bill to parliament among others.

Further, we supported women and youth to petition the Minister of Energy demanding for reforms to the ETP. The women and youth asked that coal, oil and gas are removed from the list of transition fuels contained in the ETP to drive real climate action.

Besides engaging policy makers, we also raised public awareness of the policy positions that we were promoting. We used traditional and social media to raise public awareness, culminating in AFIEGO reaching an estimated 1,408,190 people.

I am happy to report that following ours and others' advocacy, the Deputy Speaker of Parliament **demanded** that the executive arm of government tables the Consumer Protection and Management Bill before parliament for debate and enactment. This was in February 2025 in Kampala. We believe that a strong consumer protection law that is enforced will enhance clean energy access, especially off-grid solar which is largely used by poor communities.

(c) Co-creating a better world through mutual community empowerment: At AFIEGO, we believe that a single voice demanding change is powerful. When the voices multiply and communities come together to demand change, their voices become even more effective.

In 2025 therefore, AFIEGO supported at least seven community groups that came together in 2024 to fight back against the injustices imposed on them due to the oil and gas sector. Such groups

include Association of Greater Masaka EACOP PAPs Petitioners (AGMEPP), Environmental Conservation Agency Group (ECAG), and Buliisa Patience Alliance Group (BUPAG) among others. We supported the groups to hold planning meetings, engage in community sensitisation and to undertake advocacy to promote justice for oil-affected communities.

Further, we worked alongside community leaders and convened community trainings on livelihood restoration options due to EACOP-affected people, as well as commitments made in the EACOP Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) report to manage the EACOP social and biodiversity risks.

We undertook other community engagements and by the end of 2025, the communities we work with were empowered. They were avidly documenting and sharing the human rights violations against them, as well as the environmental impacts arising from oil sector activities in their villages.

This aided community and civil society advocacy to promote the restoration of community rights, environmental conservation and climate action among others.

(d) Supporting community-led forest conservation efforts: World over, indigenous peoples and local communities work in community groups or alongside governments to promote forest and biodiversity conservation. In Uganda, traditionally and even today, local communities work to promote forest conservation too.

For many communities, civil society support is important in ensuring community participation in forest conservation. In recognition of this, AFIEGO has since its establishment worked with communities to undertake research, engage in stakeholder sensitisation and undertake advocacy to support forest conservation.

In 2025, AFIEGO continued with this work through supporting the Save Bugoma Forest Campaign (SBFC) Local Taskforce to engage in stakeholder mobilisation and advocacy to stop the destruction of Bugoma Central Forest Reserve for sugarcane growing while supporting its restoration. With the SBFC local taskforce, we held community and other stakeholder meetings, radio talkshows and advocacy actions to demand that the destruction of Bugoma forest for sugarcane growing is stopped, and that the forest is restored.

In 2025, as a result of sustained advocacy including by communities, we saw restoration of parts of Bugoma forest commence. Notably, the National Forestry Authority (NFA) mobilised Bugoma forest communities beginning in February 2025 to restore some degraded sections of the forest.

By September 2025, the communities had restored 160 acres of forest land previously destroyed by encroachers other than Hoima Sugar Limited (HSL).

Reports shared by communities and district leaders in September 2025 also indicated that HSL was restoring parts of Bugoma forest following a September 2022 restoration order issued by the National Environment Management

Authority (NEMA). The restoration, which AFIEGO alongside our SBFC partners advocated for since 2022, was commendable but challenges remained.

Further, by July 2025, we saw more women and girls being engaged in tree planting to support afforestation efforts. The women and girls' efforts bore wonderful fruit of not only increasing tree cover on private land, but also enhanced women and girls' incomes, thereby supporting girls to stay in school.

(e) Working in partnerships to support biodiversity conservation: In relation to the above, AFIEGO partnered with national and international civil society organisations as well as small business owners to promote biodiversity conservation in the ecosensitive and biodiverse Albertine Graben.

Some of the research that AFIEGO and our IGEN-EA partners published in March and July 2025 was aimed at showcasing green economic alternatives that could be promoted to support biodiversity conservation as opposed to destructive activities.

In addition, we supported communities affected by oil-induced elephant-human conflicts in Buliisa district to engage with Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA) in July 2025 to find solutions for the conflicts, and to address compensation demands arising from elephant incursions into community croplands. Addressing of the elephant-human conflicts was key to supporting community livelihoods and biodiversity conservation.

Further, in October 2025, AFIEGO participated in the World Conservation Congress (WCC) for the International

Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) in Abu Dhabi. We drew attention to the risks presented by oil activities on biodiversity in the Albertine Graben. We also worked with our partners at the Congress to push for adoption of motion 140 aimed at protecting Congo Basin forests, including those in the Albertine Graben.

I am happy to report that in August 2025, the Ugandan government through UWA resumed construction works for an electric fence around Murchison Falls National Park (MFNP) to address the elephant-human conflicts. Some of the communities affected by the conflicts were also compensated. However, oil activities which communities say worsened the elephant-human conflicts continued in the park in 2025.

Further, motion 140 about avoiding irreversible ecological damage and tipping point risks in the Congo Basin, which AFIEGO co-sponsored, was adopted during the IUCN WCC.

(f) Litigation: In 2025, AFIEGO supported the prosecution of 23 court cases in Ugandan, East African, and French courts. The cases were aimed at challenging the human and environmental rights violations as well as climate change risks linked to oil projects such as the EACOP.

Among the cases that we litigated was one at the East African Court of Justice (EACJ) that was aimed at challenging construction of the EACOP in Uganda and Tanzania. Other cases included support to Tilenga- and EACOP-affected community members that were sued by government in 2023 and 2024 to forcefully take their land for the Tilenga

and EACOP oil projects respectively. AFIEGO supported the affected people to appeal against rulings that allowed government to evict them prior to their compensation.

Yet other cases included a case at the High Court in Uganda aimed at striking down the 2021 permissions allowing the Tilenga oil project to proceed, cases aimed at supporting the protection of the civic space in Uganda and others. While our litigation efforts faced setbacks that will be discussed later on, they supported us to raise public awareness and pressure against the EACOP.

The cases also supported us to delay the eviction of some oil-affected people, giving them a lifeline to continue making a living as their livelihoods are land-based. Further, the cases emboldened other East African civil society actors to file climate suits at the EACJ in 2025.

(g) Promoting green economic alternatives: In 2025, AFIEGO continued to work with our partners under IGEN-EA to promote inclusive green economic alternatives that meet the needs of communities and youth, support climate action, and promote human rights observance.

Among others, in 2025, AFIEGO supported IGEN-EA to engage in advocacy aimed at greening the FY 2025/2026 national budget. To this end, between March and August 2025, AFIEGO supported IGEN-EA members to participate in meetings, publish advocacy materials and undertake other advocacy engagements aimed at fostering partnerships and pushing for increased budget allocations to green economic sectors.

Further, AFIEGO supported IGEN-EA to conduct some of the above-mentioned research and disseminate it at webinars as well as workshops and radio talkshows held between March and September 2025. This helped to raise stakeholder awareness about untapped green economic alternatives.

In addition, AFIEGO supported IGEN-EA to engage women and youth to increase their interest in clean cooking and green jobs as opposed to oil jobs through organising exchanging learning visits and green jobs fairs in April and May 2025.

Further, between May and September 2025, AFIEGO supported IGEN-EA to set up three clean energy hubs and community demonstration centres in Kikuube and Buliisa districts, while also supporting community visits to an already-existing IGEN-EA clean energy hub in Fort Portal city.

AFIEGO worked with IGEN-EA to do much more, and I am happy to report that the work bore some fruits. For instance, we saw increased youth interest in promoting green jobs, with Makerere University youth proposing to set up green jobs clubs to foster the above aim.

In addition, government increased budget allocations to key green economic sectors such as the sustainable energy one. The sector saw a 5.5% increase with allocations increasing to UGX 1.04 trillion for FY2025/26, up from UGX 982.56 billion in FY2024/25.

Community interest in clean energy entrepreneurship was also enhanced, thanks to the four clean energy hubs or

demonstration centres that IGEN-EA set up or operated in 2025.

AFIEGO engaged in other activities including cross-border engagements with partners from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), which saw us set up a network, the DRC-Uganda Civil Society Network for Transboundary Nature Conservation (TNCN) in March 2025, to promote collaboration.

We also worked with OilWatch Africa and the FishNet Alliance to push back against the expansion of the fossil fuel industry in Africa while protecting fishers' rights.

Other work included putting the plight of aggrieved oil sector workers on the public agenda to support the restoration of their rights and debunk the myth that oil jobs are dream jobs. We also engaged media practitioners to create media champions to support balanced reporting on the oil and gas industry among others.

CHALLENGES

Despite the work done, challenges continued to be seen. For instance, key laws such as a Solar Energy Policy, Consumer Protection law, the LARRP and others were yet to be enacted by the end of 2025.

Further, though oil-affected communities were empowered by the end of 2025, they continued to face intimidation and threats due to the repressed civic space in Uganda. Violation of national laws, ESIA and other commitments by oil

companies also continued to be seen, to the detriment of community rights and biodiversity conservation.

When it comes to forest and biodiversity conservation, Bugoma Forest, Murchison Falls National Park and others continued to be destroyed or continued to be at risk of destruction due to sugarcane growing, land grabbing, as well as oil and gas challenges.

Furthermore, the case that we filed to challenge construction of the EACOP at the EACJ was dismissed on technical grounds in November 2025. Other court cases in Uganda continued to be delayed due to the sloth in the Ugandan judicial system.

In 2025, communities, district leaders, women and youth among other stakeholders continued to show interest in green economic alternatives. Communities particularly expressed desires to become clean energy entrepreneurs. There is need to harness this interest to promote green jobs.

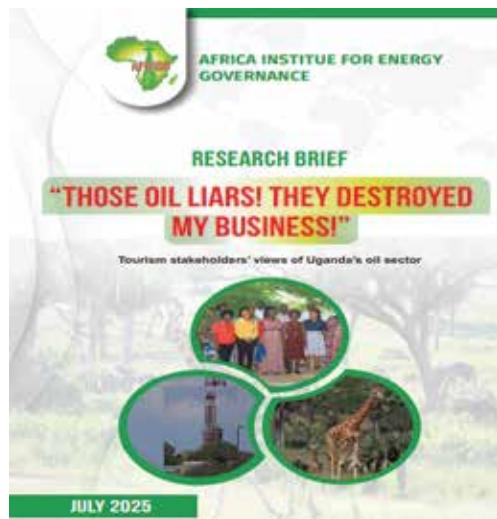
Finally, the civic space in Uganda remained constrained in 2025 with arrests, prolonged detentions and others being seen.

AFIEGO will work towards addressing the above challenges in 2026.

By CEO

Pictorial of our 2025 activities

AFIEGO AND HER PARTNERS PUBLISH THREE RESEARCH BRIEFS IN 2025



In 2025, AFIEGO produced three community- and other stakeholders-led research briefs. These included community-based research documenting the views and perceptions that Uganda's tourism sector stakeholders have towards the country's oil and gas sector.

Furthermore, AFIEGO and the Inclusive Green Economy Network (IGEN-EA) produced a research brief on the tourism potential of the Greater Masaka sub-region vis-à-vis EACOP project risks.

In addition, AFIEGO produced a simplified version of Uganda's Energy Transition Plan (ETP) to raise awareness of the strengths and gaps of the plan.

The research briefs were disseminated to over 722,432 people to create public awareness and pressure needed to influence public and private policies, plans and practices among others

AFIEGO AND PARTNERS MAKE PROPOSALS TO INFLUENCE SIX POLICIES AND LAWS IN 2025



Working with communities and other partners, AFIEGO worked to influence at least six policies and laws for the common good in 2025.

AFIEGO and our partners worked to influence the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Bill, 2024, the Energy Transition Plan of 2023, the Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy that is under development, the Consumer Protection and Management Bill and others discussed in the Word from CEO.

Our policy influencing work ensured that community and other stakeholders' views are submitted for consideration in public policies for the common good.



AFIEGO EMPOWERS COMMUNITIES TO DEFEND THEIR LAND, ENVIRONMENT AND OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS

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In 2025, AFIEGO intensified its community empowerment work to strengthen the capacity of communities affected by large oil projects to defend their land, environmental and other human rights.

AFIEGO organised community engagements including meetings, exchange learnings, radio talkshows and targeted trainings among others across oil-affected districts to build awareness on land acquisition processes, compensation, livelihood restoration and environmental monitoring standards among others.

The community engagements that we held ensured that communities continued to defend their land and environmental rights. They also documented violations of ESIA commitments and shared these violations, thereby supporting advocacy to restore human rights and support climate action.

AFIEGO STRENGTHENS COMMUNITY-LED FOREST GOVERNANCE IN 2025



AFIEGO has been working with Bugoma forest host communities to promote conservation of Bugoma forest since 2021.

In 2025, AFIEGO continued with this work and organised engagements including community planning or sensitisation meetings, radio talkshows, exchange learning visits and other activities for and with communities.

Several achievements were registered from our 2025 work, and that undertaken before.

These include enhancing government efforts to involve communities in the conservation of Bugoma forest, increasing community tree planting efforts in the Bugoma forest area, and enhancing communities' incomes through encouraging community participation in forest-based enterprises.

AFIEGO MOBILISES NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS TO ADDRESS OIL THREATS TO FOREST LANDSCAPES



In relation to the above, in 2025, AFIEGO mobilised national and international stakeholders to address the risks presented by oil activities in Murchison Falls National Park and other forest landscapes in Uganda.

AFIEGO supported research, as previously discussed in this newsletter, and organised meetings with key stakeholders such as workers in Uganda's tourism sector to build alliances to drive advocacy that would address the risks.

Furthermore, AFIEGO supported staff to participate in various engagements including COP30 in Brazil and the IUCN World Conservation Congress in Abu Dhabi in November-December and September 2025 respectively.

The staff raised international awareness and lobbied for international action to address the oil risks. AFIEGO staff also called on the international community to dialogue with the Ugandan government to reform the country's Energy Transition Plan.

AFIEGO AND PARTNERS PROSECUTE EACOP, TILENGA, OIL REFINERY AND OTHER COURT CASES



In 2025, AFIEGO and our partners prosecuted 23 court cases in Ugandan, East African and French courts to challenge the climate change as well as the human and environmental rights violations linked to oil projects such as the EACOP.

Some of the cases included the legal challenge that we and our partners filed at the East African Court of Justice (EACJ) challenging the development of the EACOP.

Others include continuing to provide legal support to some of the 80 EACOP-affected people from the Greater Masaka sub-region that were sued by government in 2024 seeking to deposit their compensation in court.

AFIEGO also provided legal support to Tilenga- and oil refinery-affected communities who are seeking justice following the violation of their land rights in 2012, 2021 and 2023 among others.

Notably, AFIEGO provided legal support to youth activists that were arrested and detained while they protested against the EACOP.

The key achievements realised from our litigation efforts in 2025 can be seen in the Word from CEO.



AFIEGO AND PARTNERS LAUNCH CROSS-BORDER NETWORK TO SUPPORT BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

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In 2025, AFIEGO deepened its cross-border work to promote transboundary ecosystem conservation and regional solidarity among communities affected by extractive activities.

To foster the above work, AFIEGO and our partners launched the DRC-Uganda Civil Society Network for Transboundary Nature Conservation (TNCN), which brings together CSOs from Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The network was launched in March 2025.

In addition, in September 2025, AFIEGO and our partners under the FishNet Alliance convened a continental meeting in Uganda for oil-affected fisherfolk from across Africa to foster collaboration for protection of oil-affected fishers' rights.

AFIEGO also supported our OilWatch Africa partners to convene a meeting in Uganda in September 2025 to aid solidarity building among CSOs and oil-affected communities to address oil threats.

AFIEGO AND PARTNERS ENGAGE IN EFFORTS TO PROMOTE A JUST ENERGY TRANSITION IN 2025

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In 2025, AFIEGO and our partners undertook activities focused on the promotion of a clean and just energy transition.

For instance, we simplified Uganda's Energy Transition Plan and disseminated it to youth, women and other stakeholders to encourage advocacy to reform the plan.

Thereafter, we supported 212 youth to petition the Minister of Energy seeking reforms that include removing oil and gas, which are identified as transition fuels, from the plan.

Furthermore, we mobilised civil society actors to petition the EU in Uganda to add oil and gas to the EU Deforestation Free Regulation to address oil risks to forests.

We also supported youth and women to engage in advocacy to demand for clean, renewable energy alternatives for communities.



AFIEGO AND IGEN-EA PARTNERS PROMOTE GREEN ECONOMIC ALTERNATIVES

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In 2025, AFIEGO continued to work with its partners under the Inclusive Green Economy Network-East Africa (IGEN-EA) to advance inclusive economic alternatives.

AFIEGO supported IGEN-EA to undertake research, create awareness about green economic opportunities and set up a clean energy hub as well as clean energy demonstration centres to promote clean energy uptake.

Among others, the work undertaken by IGEN-EA ignited interest in women and youth, who expressed interest in becoming clean energy entrepreneurs.

The work also enhanced community and other stakeholders' awareness of available clean energy alternatives and other green economic alternatives.

Lobbying in 2025

AFIEGO and our partners produced over 100 lobby and advocacy materials including petitions, communiques, advocacy letters, Community Voice publications, factsheets, press statements and others in 2025. Below are some of the products that we produced.



COMMUNITY VOICE

FEBRUARY, 2025



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PUPILS DROP OUT OF SCHOOL DUE TO ELEPHANT-HUMAN CONFLICTS

Some pupils in Bulisa district have dropped out of school following persistent human-elephant conflicts. Parents report that they are afraid to send their children to school due to roaming elephants, which have also caused loss of lives and property.

Tragically, a 53-year-old woman was mauled this month (February 2025) and killed by an elephant, while her grandson sustained serious injuries. The ongoing invasion has disrupted education and endangered livelihoods, sparking fear among residents.

The communities are calling on government to do the following:

- Compensate elephant victims;
- Ensure that the compensation processes is fasttracked;
- Reduce the bureaucracies involved in the application for compensation; and
- Stop oil activities in Murchison Falls National Park to address the elephant-human conflicts, which communities say are induced by oil exploitation activities in the park.







FACTSHEET: EACOP APPEAL CASE AT THE EAST AFRICAN COURT OF JUSTICE



COMMUNIQUE: INDIANS CANNOT TRUST STUDIES AND FINDINGS BY TOTAL ENERGIES ON OIL IMPACTS ON MURKINON FALLS NATIONAL PARK

3. ESTIMATED NUMBER

1. INTRODUCTION
On September 23, 2005, Africa Institute for Energy Governance (AFIEGO) held meetings with distinguished representatives from Ethiopia and Djibouti. Among others, the meeting discussed the environmental, social and economic challenges faced by communities due to the ongoing oil exploration activities in Uganda. AFIEGO also held discussions on the aforementioned subjects with civil society partners.

The meetings and discussions were organized following an article titled, *Afternoon Falls: Why the right from G.O.P. abstained* (Opinion), being published in the *New York Times* newspaper of August 20, 2013. In the article, the *New York Times* informed the public that Ted Cruz agrees in principle with the conservative political philosophy of the Tea Party, but that he does not support the茶黨的政策. The article also mentioned that Cruz's support for the Tea Party's policies is not consistent with the views of the Tea Party itself, which is a conservative political movement that has been active in the United States since the early 1990s. The article also mentioned that Cruz's support for the Tea Party's policies is not consistent with the views of the Tea Party itself, which is a conservative political movement that has been active in the United States since the early 1990s.

agenda. In 2008, Anthony (UWA) & Uganda Conservation Registry, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and others had conducted a survey and concluded that oil activities must not affect the Tuguru oil field area and therefore a moratorium should be established in Murchison Falls National Park.

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2. OBSERVATIONS
(i) Baseline measurements: First, the community members and civil society members rated the

In the media in 2025

In 2025, AFIEGO staff and our partners wrote newspaper articles that were published by online and print media houses. In addition, the media published articles or stories from press statements and media interviews that we published or participated in respectively. Over 178 media stories were published in 2025 from our work. Some are captured below.



REFORM THE ENERGY TRANSITION PLAN, TURN AMBITION INTO ACTION!

Uganda's Energy Transition Plan (ETP) is vital, but it needs strong support and reform. Reforms are needed to remove coal, oil and gas as transition fuels. As COP26, government must advocate for grant-based finance to reform the ETP & scale up implementation to ensure clean energy access for all.

East Africa Court Dismisses Activists' Case Over Massive Franco-Chinese Oil Project

by Agence France-Presse | November 27, 2025

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Ugandan government should commission an independent study on Murchison Falls Wildlife



Editor, In the month of August 2025, New Vision ran an article under the title, 'Murchison Falls Wildlife Safe from oil activities.' The article indicated that experts sponsored by TotalEnergies, Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA), Uganda Conservation Society, the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Makerere University carried out a survey to find out whether oil activities have had an impact on Murchison Falls Wildlife.



Satellite images reveal oil project surge in Ugandan park and wetland

Eddie Toto | 13 Sep 2025 | Africa

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New satellite analysis shows that wells and roads for a project in Uganda feeding Africa's longest heated oil pipeline have progressed significantly within a protected area and near a critical wetland.

The Tilenga oil field marks the starting point of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project, currently under construction by the French multinational TotalEnergies. The pipeline will run 1,443 kilometers (897 miles) from the Tilenga and Kingfisher fields in landlocked Uganda to the Indian Ocean port of Tanga in Tanzania for export.

Bridge the protection gap in the green, agricultural economy

by IGEN-EA | October 11, 2025



Upcoming events

February 02, 2026; Kampala: Organise a staff retreat to discuss and agree on priorities for 2026

February 06, 2026; Kampala: Support IGEN-EA to submit position papers on the 2026/2027 national budget proposals to parliament

February 10-13, 2026; Bunyoro and Greater Masaka; Organise meetings with oil project-affected communities to agree on priorities for 2026

February 20, 2026; Kampala: Support women and youth to engage in advocacy to align the 2026/2027 national budget proposals with Uganda's Energy Transition Plan

February 24, 2026; Hoima: Support oil refinery project-affected persons to participate in the hearing of their case at Hoima High Court

February 27, 2026; Kampala: Disseminate research assessing compliance by the EACOP project developers and their sub-contractors to the project's livelihood restoration plan

About AFIEGO

Africa Institute for Energy Governance (AFIEGO) is a non-profit company limited by guarantee that was incorporated under Uganda's Companies Act. AFIEGO undertakes public policy research and advocacy to influence energy policies to benefit the poor and vulnerable. Based in Kampala-Uganda, the non-profit company was born out of the need to contribute to efforts to turn Africa's clean energy potential into reality and to ensure that the common man and woman benefits from this energy boom. Through lobbying, research and community education, AFIEGO works with communities and leaders to ensure that clean energy resources are utilised in a way that promotes equitable development, environmental conservation and respect for human rights.

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