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Dear Sir/ Madame,

R.E.PETITION TO STANBIC BANK, ABSA BANK AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO OBJECT TO FINANCING OF OIL AND GAS ACTIVITIES IN UGANDA

On behalf of the EACOP affected communities and on my own behalf, I take this opportunity to thank you, the Stanbic Bank and Absa Bank for the Bank's historic and continued role in Uganda's path to development over the years. Up until now, we believe that the engagement between the Stanbic Bank, Absa Bank and our government provides critically needed financial and human resources needed to assist our country in the journey towards development and socioeconomic transformation.

We, communities that have been affected by the oil and gas activities including Tilenga, East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP), Kingfisher and other oil projects in Uganda are raising our concerns about the potential risks of financing oil and gas activities in our Country. We are doing so because these activities will hurt human rights, environmental conservation and community livelihoods.

1. As you are aware, the EACOP and other oil projects including the Tilenga, Kingfisher, and the oil refinery are located in the areas of social importance and critical biodiversity including land owned by most vulnerable people, national parks, game reserves, forests, water sources like lakes and rivers, sacred natural and historical sites, and many others. The impact of oil activities on these ecosystems is already huge the ongoing oil exploitation processes present huge social, environmental, economic, and political implications for our country and people.

2. For instance , in Uganda the EACOP project will affect 10 districts of Hoima, Kikuube, Kakumiro, Kyankwanzi, Mubende, Gomba, Sembabule, Lwengo, Rakai and Kyotera; 27 Sub-counties, 3 Town Councils and 171 Villages. Through the compulsory land acquisition, the project will abuse the land rights of over 13,000 households' in Uganda and Tanzania. Of these 13,000, roughly 200 households in Uganda and 331 households in Tanzania will have to be resettled, and approximately 3,200 to 3,500 households in Uganda and 9513 households in Tanzania will be economically displaced according to Oxfam, 2020.

3. The EACOP affected communities continue to suffer from untold grievances such as low and unfair compensation for crops, stopping communities from using their land to grow perennial crops and set up new developments has worsened poverty, food insecurity and has increased school drop-out rates especially among the girls.

4. Worst of all, the pipeline will run alongside the Lake Victoria Basin. Supporting of projects of this nature is like committing suicide to over 40 million people who rely on for drinking water and food production. In case of any oil spill from the pipeline at any point, there is a great risk that the spill will poison the lake and local communities will be left with no other means of survive.

5. We are also concerned about the loss of habitats and disturbances in ecosystems due to oil activities in Uganda could result in migration of animals to the DRC and other neighboring countries. This would result in human-wildlife conflicts, which could negatively affect environmental conservation efforts. This would be most unfortunate as our countries make money off tourism.

6. In addition to loss of habitants, oil activities in Murchison Falls National Park operate around the clock, disrupting wildlife, water sources human health, recreation and other aspects of the public lands that were set aside and held in trust for the Ugandan people.This is another source of worry especially communities.

7. Supporting oil exploitation project of this scale could lock Uganda into fossil fuel dependency and undermine the country's opportunity for a green transition, leaving Ugandans much poorer.
8. Further, thecarbon footprint for the oil and gas development is too huge at a time when countries including Uganda and other are engaged in efforts to reduce their carbon emissions in line with the Paris Climate Change Agreement. It's estimated that the EACOP project will contribute to over 34.3 million metric tonnes of carbon per year when oil and gas production starts. (See Afiego 2019)
9. We hope that objecting to finance oil and gas projects will stop the injustices against us

In the views of the above, we ask you to do the following

i. Stop plans of financing oil and gas projects under the Tilenga, Kingfisher and East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) in Uganda
ii. Promote clean renewable energy projects through approving only green projects that promote sustainable development.
iii. Engage Total and other oil project developers to immediately pay us fair and adequate compensation.
iv. Invest in projects that promote environmental conservation, climate justice and human rights protection of the people as opposed to fossil fuels projects.

Thank you,

STRATEGIC RESPONSE ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (STREC)
12 MAY 2022
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Cirrus Kabaale,
CEO and co-founder –STREC,
On behalf of the 36 signatories below from Mubende District

No.	Name	Sex	Village	Signature
1.	Ssegujja Ivan	M	Nyondo	
2.	Namirembe Lydya.M	F	Kigondo	
3.	Mujwiga Fred	M	Buganyi	
4.	Male Emmanuel	M	Katuula	
5.	Zzamula Emanuel	M	Kisagazi	
6.	Ssekalejja Paul	M	Nyondo	
7.	MusalaSserevesta	M	Bututi	
8	Mutebi Wilson	M	Sunga	
9.	Mukasa Joseph	M	Saaka	
10.	NakanyikeMagulet	F	Busooba	
11.	Kagoza Leo	M	Kagoma	
12.	Sselugo Richard	M	Lugala	
13.	KabandaVisenti	F	Busooba	
14.	Nalugooti Sarah	F	Kagoma	

15.	Edward	M	Busooba	
16.	Nansasi Betty	F	Katuula	
17.	KakoozaAlozious	M	Kisagazi	
18.	Ssemambo Richard	M	Kitanda	
19.	NamulemFatumah	F	Kijaagi	
20.	Kabuye	M	Kijaagi	
21.	Katondo Godfrey	M	Bujuuko	
22.	Mugerwa Issa	M	Nyondo	
23.	Nabulya Betty	F	Kigondo	
24.	Nanyonga Veria	F	Lugala	
25.	Namatovuu Rs	F	Rusikizi	
26.	Kasuujja Joseph	M	Busooba	
27.	Namutebi Florence	F	Kisagazi	
28.	Nampuuga Sarah	F	Kyambogo	
29.	Mugenyi Aventino	F	Bututi	
30.	Buwera Mark	M	Saaka	
31.	Nabawanuka Eddy	M	Saaka	
32.	Mutebi Nadad	M	Busooba	
33.	Ddumba Mugagga	M	Kijaagi	
34.	Ssekanjako John Charles	M	Katuula	
35.	Nkulunziza Geture	F	Buganyi	
36.	Namugenyi Prossy	F	Nyondo	

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- The Speaker of Parliament
- The General Manager, CNOOC (U) Ltd
- The General Manager, Tullow Oil (U)
- The CEO, Uganda National Oil Company (UNOC)
- The Executive Director, Petroleum Authority of Uganda (PAU)