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To: Mr. Samuel F. Mwogeza,
The Interim CEO, Stanbic Bank Uganda,
Kampala-Uganda.

Dear Sir,

UGANDAN AND TANZANIAN CSOS PROTEST LETTER OVER STANDARD/STANBIC BANK'S PARTICIPATION IN EACOP PROJECT

The above refers

We, the undersigned Ugandan and Tanzanian Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) working to promote environmental conservation, human rights observance and climate action in Uganda and Tanzania, greet you!

We are writing to you following June 13, 2024 news that indicates that Standard Bank will provide a R90 billion[1] project finance loan for construction of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP). Standard Bank operates as Stanbic Bank in Uganda.

The EACOP is a planned 1,443-kilometre crude oil pipeline that is to be built from oil fields in Western Uganda to the port of Tanga in Tanzania[2].

[1] **News24:** https://www.news24.com/fin24/climate_future/standard-bank-set-to-help-fund-r90-billion-east-african-oil-pipeline-20240613

The pipeline project has been widely criticised on account of the gross human rights violations[1] perpetrated against the over 13,000 households[2] with over 86,000 people[2] from whom land is being acquired for the project. The project has also stoked controversy due to the violence committed against Ugandan and Tanzanian environmental and human rights defenders including community ones that are campaigning against the project[3].

More so, the pipeline has raised alarm because if it is constructed, it will negatively impact mangroves, wetlands, forests, nature reserves, rivers and other ecosensitive areas that not only support the livelihoods of millions of East Africans but also support biodiversity conservation.

The world is suffering twin crises of biodiversity loss and climate change yet if constructed and operated, the full value chain emissions of the EACOP over 25 years of operation would be 379 million metric tonnes of carbon[4]. Experts also estimate that the pipeline will affect nearly 2,000 sq. km of protected area[5].

Consequently, 27 commercial banks[6], 29 insurers[7] and three Export Credit Agencies (ECAs) have said that they will not support the EACOP.

It is evident that the EACOP will worsen Uganda and Tanzania's under-development through failing to manage the socio-economic impacts arising from the displacement of over 86,000 people, worsening the climate crisis and impacting the ecosensitive resources that millions of Ugandans and Tanzanians rely on to make a living.

Available evidence already indicates that displaced households in Uganda have been unable to replace all or part of the land that they lost to the EACOP, suffered reduction in crop productivity

[1] Human Rights Watch: https://www.hrw.org/report/2023/07/10/our-trust-broken/loss-land-and-livelihoods-oil-development-uganda
[2] Friends of the Earth, France: https://www.amisdelaterre.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/20210407-numbers-of-individual-persons-affected-by-eacop.pdf

[3] Human Rights Watch: https://www.hrw.org/report/2023/11/02/working-oil-forbidden/crackdown-against-environmental-defenders-uganda

[4] Climate Accountability Institute: https://climateaccountability.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/CAI-EACOP-Rptlores-Oct22.pdf
[5] WWF: https://media.wwf.no/assets/attachments/99-safeguarding_nature_and_people___oil_and_gas_pipeline_factsheet.pdf

[6] StopEACOP: https://www.stopeacop.net/banks-checklist

[7] StopEACOP: https://www.stopeacop.net/insurers-checklist

and experienced income losses after their displacement[8]. In Tanzania, complaints about under-compensation of the affected people have been documented[9]. Further, oil drilling activities under the Tilenga and Kingfisher oil fields that are expected to supply oil for the EACOP have also already had catastrophic impacts on biodiversity[10] and fishing livelihoods[11].

Moreover, both Uganda and Tanzania's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) indicate that key economic sectors such as agriculture, fishing, tourism, business and others on which millions of Ugandans and Tanzanians depend to make a living are some of the most at risk to climate change.

Any financial institution that invests in the EACOP and other livelihood-, climate- and biodiversity-wrecking projects invests in the under-development of Ugandans and Tanzanians.

Standard/Stanbic Bank prides itself on financing Africa's development. Investing in the EACOP is antithetical to the above. The undersigned therefore hereby call on Standard/Stanbic Bank to do the following:

1. Write back to us by August 30, 2024 to communicate the bank's official position indicating whether Standard/Stanbic bank will finance the EACOP or not.
2. Stop providing financial advisory services to the EACOP project immediately.
3. Desist from providing finances for the EACOP.
4. Provide more financial support to clean energy and other green economic alternatives that have the potential to create nearly four million jobs, enhance national GDP by 10% and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 28%[12].

We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. To contact the undersigned, please email our representative, Youth for Green Communities on info@ygcug.org or aryampa.brighton@gmail.com

Thank you,

[8] AFIEGO: https://www.afiego.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Research-report-EACOP-project-impact-on-affected-people-in-Uganda-1.pdf
[9] Climate Home News: https://www.climatechangenews.com/2024/07/12/where-east-african-oil-pipeline-meets-sea-displaced-farmers-bemoan-bad-deal-eacop/
[10] AFIEGO: https://www.afiego.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Research-brief-Impact-of-Tilenga-oil-activities-on-Murchison-Falls-NP-July-2024.pdf
[11] AFIEGO: https://www.afiego.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Research-brief-Impact-of-Lake-Albert-oil-project-in-fisherfolk-in-Uganda-April-2024-2.pdf
[12] Government of Uganda: https://gggi.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Uganda-Green-Growth-Development-Strategy-20171204.pdf

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CEO, Youth for Green Communities

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1.	Youth for Green Communities (YGC)	Uganda	
2.	Organization for Community Engagement (OCE)	Tanzania	
3.	Africa Institute for Energy Governance (AFIEGO)	Uganda	
4.	Center For Environmental Research and Agricultural Innovations (CERAI)	Uganda	

5.	Students Against EACOP Uganda	Uganda	
6.	Youth For Environmental Justice and Climate Action (YECA)	Uganda	
7.	Strategic Response on Environmental Conservation (STREC)	Uganda	
8.	Women On Environment Mission (WEM)	Uganda	

9.	Strides for Green Initiative (SGI)	Uganda	
10.	Environment Governance Institute	Uganda	
11.	East African Crude Oil Pipeline Affected People's Network	Uganda	
12.	Women for a Green Economic Movement (WoGEM)	Uganda	
13.	National Association of Professional Environmentalists (NAPE)	Uganda	
14.	Fridays For Future Uganda (FFFU)	Uganda	
15.	East African Crude Oil Pipeline Host Communities (EACOP HC)	Uganda	

16.	Oil Refinery Residents Association (ORRA)	Uganda	
17.	African Initiative on Food Security and Environment (AIFE)	Uganda	

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- The CEO, Standard Bank Group, South Africa