

AIFE-Uganda statement on their ANTI-EACOP Campaign.

The Ugandan and Tanzanian governments signed agreements with a major French oil Company, Total and China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) to build a 1,443-kilometer pipeline from Uganda's Murchison Falls National Park to the Tanzanian port of Tanga on the Indian Ocean. The pipeline will go through 2,000 square kilometers (770 square miles) of protected areas and 12,000 families will be displaced from their land. If completed, the \$5 billion pipeline will transport heavy crude from more than 130 wells inside Uganda's largest national park (Murchison falls National Park), which is home to threatened African elephants and lions, a formidable population of Nile crocodiles, and more than 400 bird species. The construction of this pipeline is projected to release 34.3 million tons of carbon into the atmosphere each year once complete. This comes at a time when the entire world is aiming to remain within the recommended 1.50C and abide by the principles of the Paris Agreement. Looking at all this and the abuse of human rights that has come with this we have decided to be to mobilize Civil society organizations, Policy makers, the media and affected communities to campaign against the construction of this pipeline and fail its construction and save the world and Uganda from the devastating effects that this oil pipeline will cause.

What we are doing at AIFE to save the situation

We are working to build network of coherent Civil Society, Environmental activists the Media, Policy makers and communities armed with information to campaign against the oil pipeline. We are aiming to nurture and harness a shared platform for the purposes of coordination, networking and advocacy in a bid to stop the construction of the oil pipeline.

Our activities for the campaign.

We are carrying out a range of activities including, Planning meetings, trainings, Capacity building for Civil society organizations and the media. We have a media outreach component is using online TVs, Radio talk shows press releases, podcasts and social media including twitter spaces. To back our campaign, we have policy platform that continues to produce papers, policy briefs and policy statements for purposes of advocacy.

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