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Theme:

**Advancing Community Justice, Inclusive Governance, and a
Just Energy Transition in Africa**



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WELCOME TO EGI's NEWSLETTER

In this edition, we bring you our advocacy actions, community livelihoods success stories, field insights, and collaborative engagements all anchored on our conviction that energy choices must serve people, not profits; livelihoods must be protected, not sacrificed; and just energy transition must be inclusive and foster community perspectives.

Since the inception of the Mission 300 initiative in Africa, more than 35 countries across sub-Saharan Africa have joined the cause to ensure 300 million people get connected to electricity by 2030. This marked a pivotal moment for the continent to address energy poverty and climate change through national interventions, plans, and targets to scale clean cooking access, off-grid connections, and leverage support for last-mile energy access for community productive uses.

This period marked a significant milestone for EGI as it sparked public awareness and inclusive conversations on the Mission 300 initiative in Uganda and the entire Sub Saharan African region. Our advocacy actions further called on the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development to expedite the rollout of Mission 300 while prioritizing the resolution of key bottlenecks that may hinder sustainable uptake of renewable energy technologies in Uganda.

As part of this effort, EGI rolled out national awareness on Mission 300 through moderated engagements on UBC Television, reaching a wide audience and amplifying the need for community-centred energy transitions. Further

still explore how Our engagements with oil-affected communities in Kyotera and Rakai are shaping community perspectives for inclusive last mile renewable energy uptake, fostering a vision for a just energy transition and advocating for stronger local capacity in adopting renewable energy technologies.

Alongside these efforts, this quarter also marked a period of deep reflection on the impacts of oil development in Uganda's Albertine region, particularly among communities hosting the Kingfisher oil project. This follows our previous findings that re-echoed a series of human rights abuses, including illegal burning of fishing boats, extortion within local fishing value chains, and intimidation by enforcement personnel around the Kingfisher oil operation in Kukuube. In response, EGI issued a public statement calling for the implementation of President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni's directive to dissolve all Marine Fisheries Units and establish new governance structures composed of representatives from indigenous communities and investors.

Similarly, EGI joined forces with other civil society organisations from Democratic Republic of Congo Notre Terre Sans Pétrole (NTSP), to hold a joint press conference expressing concern over ongoing oil cooperation discussions between Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. The coalition raised alarm over the lack of transparency, meaningful public participation, and adequate environmental and social

safeguards surrounding the proposed cross-border oil developments, warning that expanding projects such as Tilenga, Kingfisher, and EACOP could further threaten fishing communities, water resources, biodiversity, and shared ecosystems while exacerbating human rights violations and loss of livelihoods.

Amid these advocacy efforts, we are also pleased to share a field success story where over 60 households from oil-affected communities in Kijumba, Hoima district are now

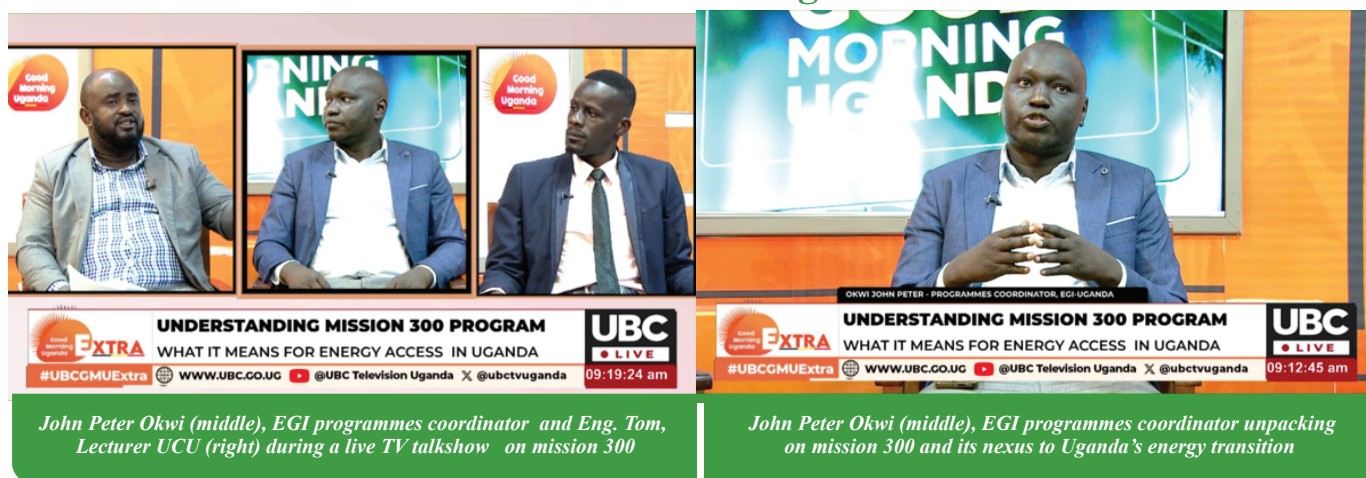
reaping the benefits of 400 fruit seedlings that EGI supplied in January 2024, a testament to the power of sustainable livelihoods in the face of extractive industries.

Looking ahead, EGI has remained steadfast in fostering collaborative joint actions to influence key energy priorities ahead of the Afreximbank conference in June. We draw strength from community resilience and the growing momentum for change. Together, let us foster solidarity, inspire action, and nurture hope.

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EGI champions national awareness on mission 300 in the East African Region



On July 24, 2026, the Environment Governance Institute (EGI) participated in a live television talk show on UBC TV to raise public awareness about Uganda's Mission 300 Programme and what it means for energy access in Uganda.

The talk show follows a national effort to translate mission 300 compact agreements into community centred realities that ensure effective delivery of last mile connection and serve energy productive uses of communities. The discussion brought together experts from EGI and Uganda Christian University to explore the critical role of youth, women, communities, and other stakeholders in advancing an inclusive energy transition.

The talk shows highlighted opportunities under Uganda's Mission 300 Energy Compact, including government plans for

last-mile electricity connections and the importance of ensuring that all citizens understand and participate in the programme. As awareness of Mission 300 remains limited among the public, the discussion sought to bridge this information gap by encouraging meaningful engagement, promoting transparency, and empowering communities to benefit from clean energy initiatives that will shape Uganda's sustainable development journey.

EGI called for the Government to strengthen compact delivery and monitoring units to ensure transparency and accountability through the process. The talk show also underscores the need to roll out national localised training of communities on effective management and utilisation of off-grid solar technologies.

EGI strengthens Youth and Students' understanding for Mission 300 program



Uganda Christian University students during the public lecture on Mission 300



Samuel Okulony engages Uganda Christian University students on the role of youth in advancing Uganda's clean energy transition.

On 6 July 2026, the Environment Governance Institute (EGI), in partnership with the Student Council of Uganda Christian University (UCU), held a public lecture to enhance students' understanding of the Mission 300 initiative and their role in advancing Uganda's clean energy transition. Discussions highlighted the opportunities available for young people through , skills development, renewable energy innovation, and research, while emphasizing the importance of meaningful youth participation in the country's energy transition

Participants engaged in presentations, interactive discussions, and a participatory

session that captured students' views, concerns, and recommendations on the effective implementation of Mission 300 in Uganda. The event also underscored the critical role of universities and academia in promoting renewable energy research, innovation, and advocacy.

Uganda Christian University students committed to tap into the mission 300 opportunities particularly the government plan in the compact to scale up the youth green corps program.

EGI joins CSOs to raise concerns over cross boarder oil agreements



Civil society organisations (CSOs), led by the Environment Governance Institute (EGI), present key concerns during a joint press conference on the ongoing Uganda–DRC cross-border oil cooperation discussions.

On 2nd July, The Environment Governance Institute (EGI), together with other civil society organisations from DRC including Notre Terre Sans Pétrole (NTSP), held a joint press conference to express concern over ongoing oil cooperation discussions between Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in the Albertine Graben. The organisations raised alarm over the lack of transparency, meaningful public participation, and adequate environmental and social safeguards surrounding the proposed cross-border oil developments. They warned that expanding projects such as Tilenga, Kingfisher, and

EACOP could further threaten fishing communities, water resources, biodiversity, and shared ecosystems while exacerbating human rights violations and loss of livelihoods. The organisations called on the governments of Uganda and the DRC to ensure transparent and inclusive decision-making, conduct independent environmental and social impact assessments, guarantee meaningful consultation with affected communities, and suspend any new transboundary oil expansion until sufficient safeguards are in place.

EGI documents the lived realities of the impacts of EACOP-affected communities in Greater Masaka



John Peter Okwi captures some of the lived experiences of a PAP in Rakai



John Peter Okwi interviewing one of the EACOP-affected persons in Kyotera

On March 30, 2026, the Environment Governance Institute (EGI) carried out field interviews in the EACOP-affected districts of Rakai and Kyotera in Uganda's Greater Masaka region to understand community energy needs, views on renewable versus fossil fuel energy, and local support for green energy solutions.

Using a qualitative approach with structured open-ended questionnaires, EGI conducted 20 in-depth household interviews with men, women, and local leaders in Kakuuto and Lwanda sub-counties. This field activity captured lived experiences and informed a people-centered Just Energy Transition in Africa.

EGI joins partners CSO to advance post- COP30 actions in Uganda



EGI joins stakeholders at the Post-COP30 Dialogue hosted by Girls For Climate Action and UNDP to advance climate justice, gender equality, and inclusive climate action in Uganda.

Girls For Climate Action, in partnership with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), convened a Post-COP30 Dialogue focused on advancing climate justice, gender equality, and accountability in Uganda. The meeting brought together a diverse group of climate actors, including environmental human rights defenders, youth- and women-led organizations, policymakers, and community advocates to reflect on COP30 outcomes and identify practical pathways for national action.

Discussions emphasized the urgent need for inclusive participation in climate decision-making, stronger accountability mechanisms, and better alignment of Uganda's national climate strategies with global commitments. Participants also highlighted the importance of amplifying grassroots voices, protecting environmental defenders, and ensuring that women and young people remain at the center of climate solutions. Key recommendations from the dialogue will guide ongoing advocacy, policy engagement, and collective action at both national and international levels.

EGI joins IGEN-EA to develop the network's strategic plan, 2017-2031



A group photo showing members of (IGEN-EA) during strategic planning meeting to shape the network's three-year strategy

On June 12, 2026, EGI participated in the Inclusive Green Economy Network-East Africa (IGEN-EA) strategic planning meeting that brought together members from Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania. The meeting provided an opportunity for participants to reflect on the

network's progress, share ideas and contribute to the development of IGEN-EA's three-year strategic plan. The strategic plan will guide the network's efforts to promote green economic growth, environmental sustainability, and inclusive development across East Africa

Bearing fruits- Kijumba oil affected communities reap from sustainable fruit growing



Community members from Kijumba pose with fruit seedlings received through EGI's sustainable livelihood initiative



One of the mango trees planted through EGI's livelihood initiative now stands tall and fruitful

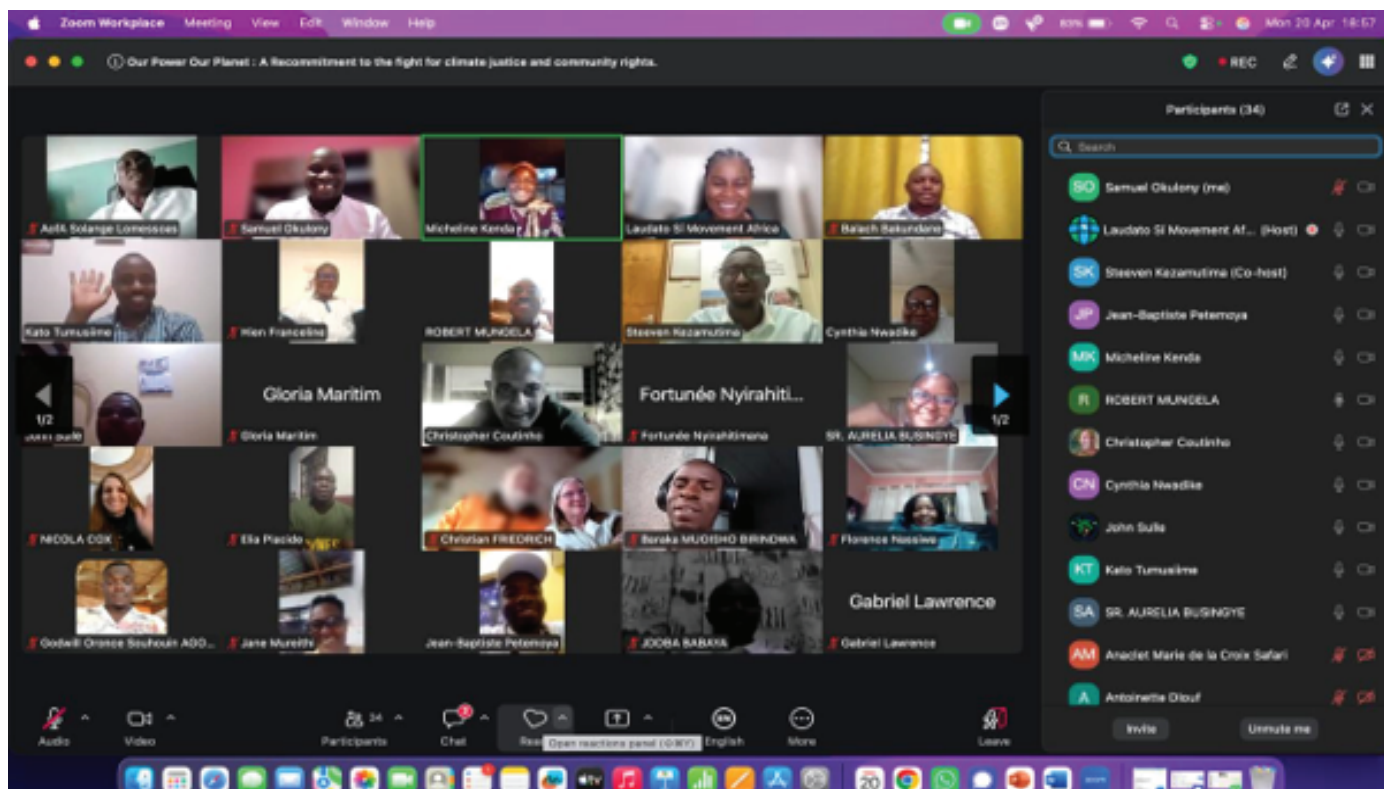
In June 2024, EGI supported over 70 households in Kijumba communities with fruit seedlings as part of its sustainable livelihood initiatives aimed at strengthening community resilience in oil-affected areas. In July 2026, the vision of this intervention began to bear tangible fruits, the seedlings distributed two years ago started bearing their first harvest.

This intervention sought to provide families with alternative and long-term income sources while reducing their dependence on fragile

ecosystems increasingly threatened by oil developments. Through fruit growing, the project has helped diversify household incomes, improve food security and nutrition, and create opportunities for small-scale income generation through the sale of fruits and related products. It has also contributed to environmental restoration by encouraging tree planting, improving soil conservation, and enhancing local biodiversity. This initiative reflects EGI's commitment to ensuring that communities affected by extractive projects have access to sustainable, people-centered solutions that protect both livelihoods and the environment.

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Our Power, Our Planet: A Recommitment to the Fight for Climate Justice and Community Rights



EGI CEO Samuel Okulony participates in the "Our Power, Our Planet" webinar, joining climate advocates

The “Our Power, Our Planet” webinar successfully brought together activists, faith actors, civil society organizations, and community leaders to reaffirm their collective commitment to climate justice and the protection of community rights across Africa. Held on 20 April 2026, the session created a reflective space to assess the growing impacts of the climate crisis and the continued threats posed by fossil fuel expansion.

Building on the momentum of the #StopEACOP campaign participants revisited the movement’s journey in resisting harmful projects such as the East African Crude Oil Pipeline. The discussions highlighted the importance of sustained advocacy, solidarity,

and the central role of affected communities in shaping solutions.

The webinar amplified voices from the ground, including community members and advocates who have documented the social, environmental, and human rights impacts of extractive projects. It also strengthened collaboration among faith-based organizations, campaigners, and civil society actors, reinforcing a shared vision for a just and inclusive energy transition.

Participants left the session with a deeper understanding of the implications of fossil fuel development, renewed motivation to support the #StopEACOP campaign, and a strengthened commitment to advancing climate justice within their communities. The webinar ultimately reinforced the power of collective action in building a resilient and people-centered movement for a sustainable future.

Albertine Graben Oil Expansions: Communities call for stronger Safeguards



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Museveni urged to honour oil campaign pledge to fishing communities



In a joint statement, Environmental Governance Institute Uganda (EGI) and Climate Rights International (CRI) urged the government to establish community-based fisheries protection units and halt evictions near the Kingfisher o The Kingfisher project is operated by TotalEnergies, China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC), and the Uganda

National Oil Company (UNOC). During his re-election campaign in August 2025, Museveni pledged that indigenous fishing communities would play a central role in managing lakes, with fisheries protection units operating in partnership with communities while respecting their rights.

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Activists Urge Museveni to Honour Promises to Fishing Communities Affected by Oil Project



Civil society organisations have called on Yoweri Museveni to urgently fulfil his commitments to fishing communities affected by oil developments along Lake Albert, warning that delays risk worsening human rights violations and eroding public trust.

In a joint statement, the Environmental Governance Institute Uganda and Climate Rights International said the president should

take immediate steps to establish community-based fisheries protection units and reverse evictions linked to the Kingfisher oil and gas project. The organisations revealed that they had earlier written to the president on March 31, urging intervention to safeguard the livelihoods of communities living near the project.

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Rights Groups Urge Museveni to Halt Evictions, Protect Lake Albert Fishing Communities

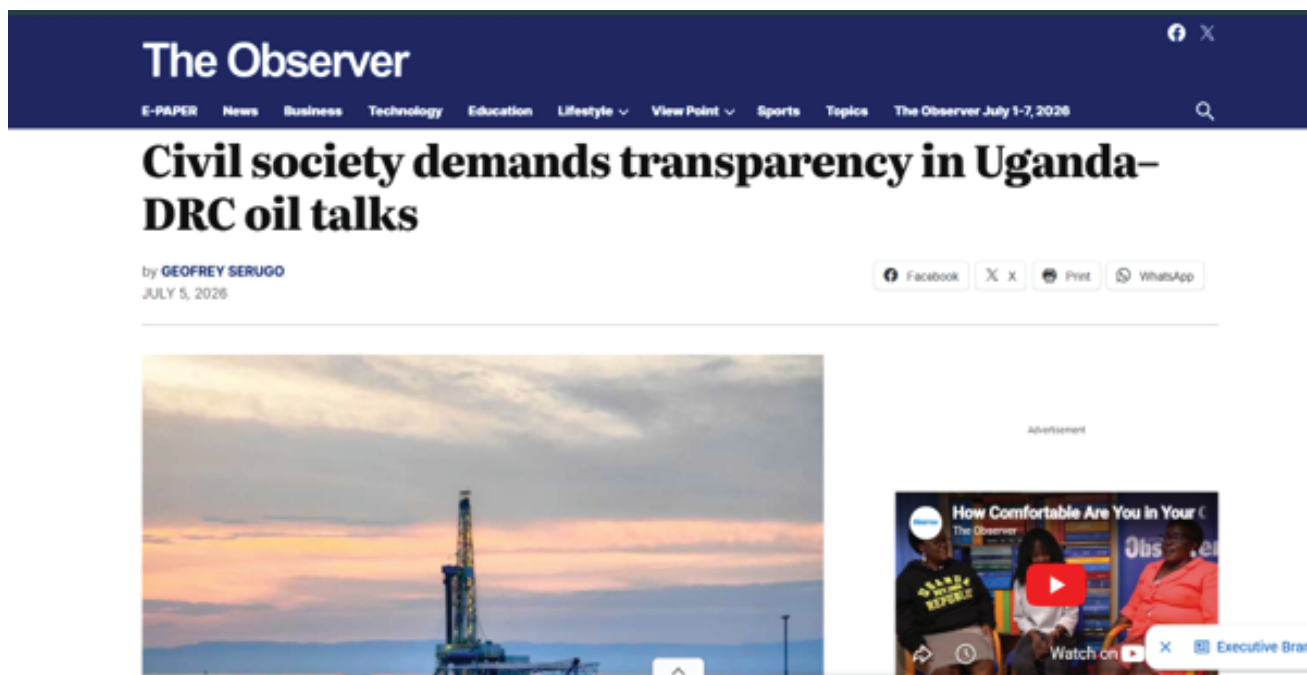


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Civil society demands transparency in Uganda–DRC oil talks



Civil society organisations have raised concern over ongoing discussions between Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) regarding possible joint oil development in the

Albertine Graben, warning that the process lacks transparency and could have far-reaching environmental and social consequences.

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Activists demand halt to Uganda–DRC oil expansion over transparency concerns

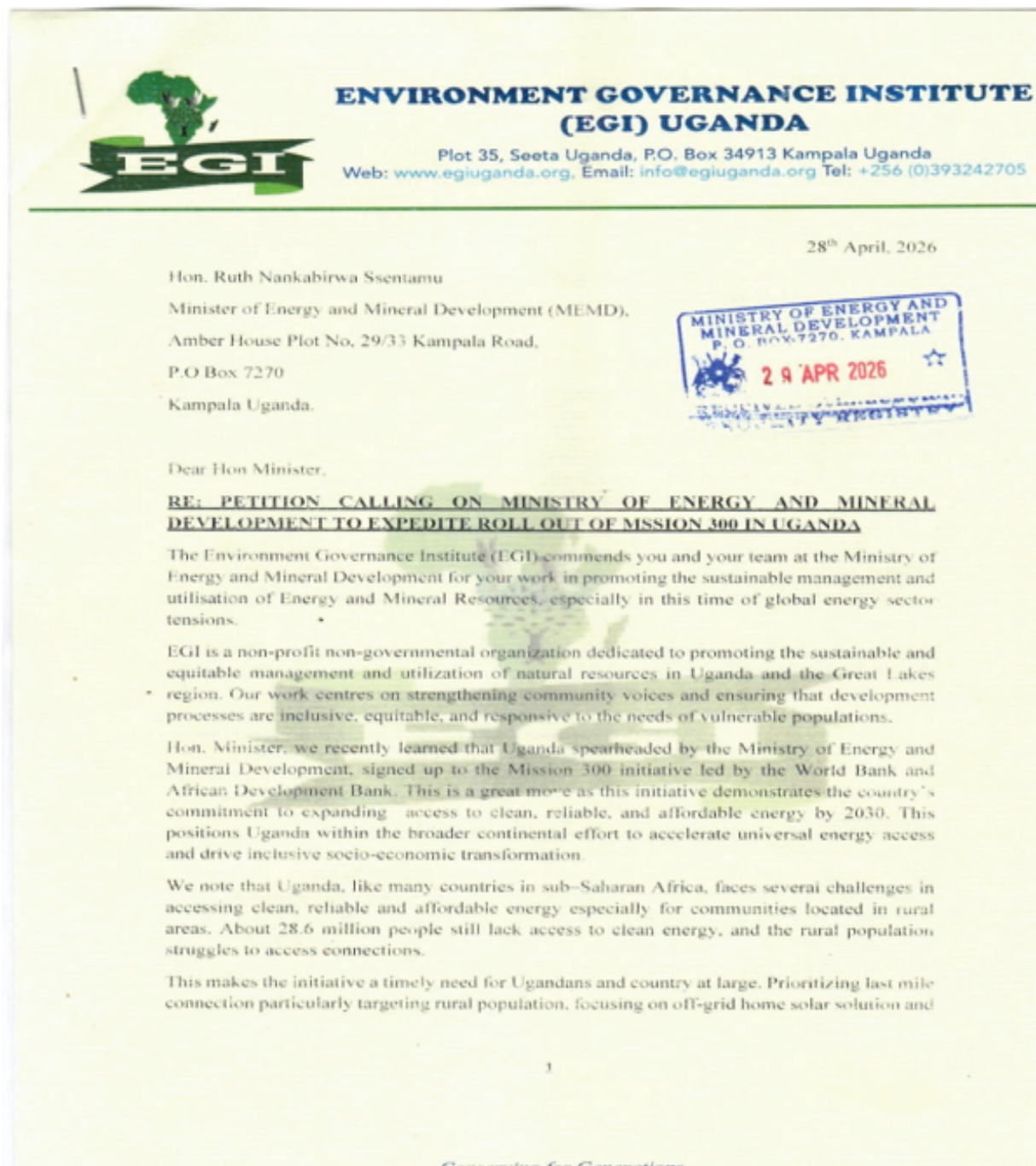


Civil society coalitions Notre Terre Sans Pétrole (NTSP) and Stop EACOP have called on the governments of Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to suspend plans for

transboundary oil expansion in the Albertine Graben, citing lack of transparency and potential environmental risks.

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Petition Calling on Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development to expedite roll out of Mission 300 in Uganda



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Civil Society Call for Afreximbank to Lead on a Just and Future Fit Energy Transition Ahead of the 33rd AGM



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Dear Dr. Elombi,

RE: Civil Society Call for Afreximbank to Lead on a Just and Future-Fit Energy Transition Ahead of the 33rd Annual General Meeting

We, the undersigned environmental and human rights civil society organisations working to promote environmental conservation, human rights protection, and a just energy transition across Africa, write to you ahead of Afreximbank's 33rd Annual General Meeting, scheduled for June 21–24, 2026, in El Alamein, Egypt. We urge you to use this important gathering to strategically align the Bank's financing priorities with Africa's long-term development, climate, and equity goals, and to decisively confront the pressing development, environmental, and human rights challenges shaping our continent's future.

As organizations working with communities affected by extractive industries, climate change, energy investments, and public finance decisions, we bring evidence-based experiences from frontline communities across the continent. For the past two decades, we have continued to witness

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Up Coming Events

15th August 2026 - Research on Situating Critical Mineral Mining in Uganda within the Ambitions for a Global Just Energy Transition

27th August 2026 Organize an online webinar with CSO, local community create awareness and capture community perspectives on impacts of EACOP self-financing

13th September 2026 - Meeting with AFREXIMBANK to align their investments to Just energy Principles

25th October 2026 - Radio talk show on the role of Public Finance in Just Energy Transition
Community Engagement