



Recommendations of the CSO stakeholders from the Bunyoro sub-region on the East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) (Special Provisions) Bill 2021 Adopted from the stakeholders meeting held at Barakah Hotel in Kakumiro District on 02nd November 2021 and organised by Bunyoro Albertine Petroleum Network on Environmental Conservation (BAPENECO) and Kitara Civil Society Organizations' Network (KSCON).

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No	Issues	Recommendation
1)	National Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Make special provision for the pipeline host communities in employment, training, contracts and supply opportunities.▪ National content plans should be developed and incorporated in the Bill
2)	Full disclosure of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and the Host Government Agreements (HGA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Copies of the IGA and HGA should be attached to and published with the Bill as schedules to enable transparency and full disclosure as Uganda is a member of the EITI. Full disclosure will also facilitate informed dialogue and consultations on the Bill
3)	Taxation: It was observed that the tax provisions are unjustifiable too generous to the EACOP company.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The ten-year tax holiday on payment of income tax on income derived from tariffs by the EACOP company needs to be revised▪ The EACOP Company should pay the prescribed stamp duty of 1.5% on land transfers instead of the proposed capped figure of UGX500,000▪ Clauses providing wide ranging tax exceptions in respect of withholding and VAT should be revised to provide for payment of the fair share of the taxes



		payable.
4)	Stakeholder: The Bill focusses on stakeholders and shippers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Bill should include and make special provision for Project Affected Persons (PAPs), Project Affected Households (PAHs), Host communities, Local governments, Cultural institutions and civil society organisations
5)	Activity implementation prior to passing of the Bill. It was observed that a number of project activities are on going before the Bill is enacted into law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The government and the partners should halt project activities until the Bill is passed into law.
6)	Retroactive application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All provisions Bill should commence upon Gazetting of the Act including sections 11(1) and 38
7)	Decommissioning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The EACOP company's fund transfers to the decommissioning fund should commence on first oil and not after five years as proposed in the Bill
8)	Land rights and compensation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The bill should clearly indicate the time for compensations and under what frame work has it been



		<p>done as projects have already moving on and how rights of the communities are protected</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ In light of the proposed changes to Article 26 to provide to taking of possession before payment of compensation, the Bill should provide for non-derogation from the principles of fair and adequate compensation prior to taking possession of the land
9)	Dissemination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Increase information dissemination to stakeholders including members of the public, host communities, members of Parliament and even the Cabinet.▪ Translate the Bill and the IGA and HGA into local languages and make them publicly available