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Editorial

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WELCOME TO THE 20TH EDITION OF THE SUSTAINABILITY SCHOOL BULLETIN.

We started publishing this bulletin in 2013 as a way of keeping a track record of the key activities implemented within the Sustainability School programme and also generating debate on contemporary sustainability issues of concern in Uganda and the world at large. Previous editions are available online at; greenradio.ug

In 2014, the Community Green Radio (CGR) was born out of the main Sustainability School Programme. This bulletin therefore carries articles about the Sustainability School Programme and the Community Green Radio.

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COMMUNITY GREEN RADIO STARTS BROADCASTING FROM OWN NEW STUDIOS

By Julius Kyamanywa and Precious Naturinda

It's been a long journey dating from the days of affiliation. Community Green radio is now broadcasting in its own studios in Kiboga town. The state of art studios are located at Kiboga Hill in Kiboga town and started operation in July this year.

The building housing the studios is also the permanent home for the radio. "This is just part of the work we are doing. We have big plans for this radio. We now have capacity to host different categories of people including the president", Mr. Frank Muramuzi, the Executive Director of NAPE told the staff when he visited the radio station recently.

The building hosting the radio is yet to be fully furnished but the Executive Director believes building the studio is a step in the right direction.

Allan Kalangi, the Program Officer in charge of the radio at NAPE says a world class studio like that is crucial since it offers enough space to host a relatively big number of community members.

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Community Green Radio that started in 2014 was initially operating



In the studios: R-L : The CGR station Manager, Mr. Julius Kyamanywa, Mr. Frank Muramuzi, the ED of NAPE and Mr. Richard Mugisha the OSIEA Uganda Programme Manager looking at the new studio set up.

In yellow T-shirt is Mr. Steven Kananura, a listener of the radio and next to him is Mr. Allan Kalangi, the Manger thee NAPE Sustainability School Programme. With back to the camera is radio presenter Joseph Sendi alias DJ Jajja Coco Dee

through affiliation with Liberty FM in Hoima town. The radio now operates independently on frequency 103.9 FM; both live and online and covers over 13 districts in central and western Uganda.

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BUNYORO OIL-HOST COMMUNITIES EXPRESS ENVIRONMENTAL AND LIVELIHOOD CONCERNS AS CNOOC SEEKS APPROVAL TO DEVELOP KINGFISHER OIL FIELD

By Precious Naturinda

In Mid-June this year, Petroleum Authority of Uganda (PAU) organised public hearings in Kikuube and Hoima districts to get the public views about Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) report for Kingfisher oil field in Kikuube district.

The ESIA report that was submitted by China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) Uganda Ltd to National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA) was seeking approval to kick start commercial oil developments in the area.

CNOOC Uganda which was licensed to operate Kingfisher oil field contracted Golder Associates and Eco to conduct ESIA on the development of the oil field.

The public hearings were overwhelmed by public concerns of environmental degradation and threatened community livelihoods by displacements, lack of jobs and failure to get market for locally produced goods.

Locals and leaders asked government and oil companies to improve community livelihoods, enhance environmental protection and community benefits from oil projects. Kadri Kirungi, the Hoima district

Chairperson said that those affected by oil projects are miserable due to lack of financial literacy skills to improve their livelihoods.

"People who were displaced in the land earmarked for the oil refinery received a lot of money for compensation but today they are the poorest in the district," Mr. Kirungi said. The district chairperson also asked government and oil companies to give primary consideration for jobs and business to communities hosting oil developments so that they benefit. "Poverty has hit us despite having these projects. Please change and give us economic benefits," he said.

Buhaguzi county Member of Parliament, Daniel Muhairwe noted that speculators are grabbing land, which has pushed residents to the wetlands and forests for survival. He asked government to give land titles to customary land owners who are being displaced by speculators who he said are obtaining titles fraudulently. "If a person's land is grabbed, he will not fail to encroach on a wetland or forest for survival," he lamented.

Betty Bagadila, a resident of Kaiso-Tonya in Buseruka Sub County in Hoima district said the report did not address challenges of women such as long distances to fetch water and firewood.



Some of the residents who attended the public hearing

"Natural forest cover is being degraded by the oil developments and even some water sources have been affected. This has a great bearing on women who are responsible for collecting firewood and water. They are already walking long distances for the same. So, how shall we as rural women benefit from the project yet you are not addressing our challenges," Ms. Bagadila asked.

Others expressed concern that CNOOC Uganda did not outline how it planned to avoid or mitigate the effects of oil spill on Lake Albert, its catchment and other ecosystems.

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The Retired Bishop of Bunyoro Kitara Diocese, Reverend Nathan Kyamanya noted, "I expected risk management for unplanned events to be included in this report because it concerns my life.

They are telling us that they have it in mind but we want it here because we

want to know." NEMA Deputy Executive Director, Christine Akello agreed that the oil spill threats are real but she observed that they could be avoided with proper plans.

The Kingfisher ESIA report states that

during the development of project, there is a risk of water, soil and air pollution, degradation of vegetation, displacement of people and disturbance of previously unidentified cultural sites.

SEARCH FOR MINERALS KICKS OFF KIBOGA AND KYANKWANZI DISTRICTS

By Samuel Mugabi

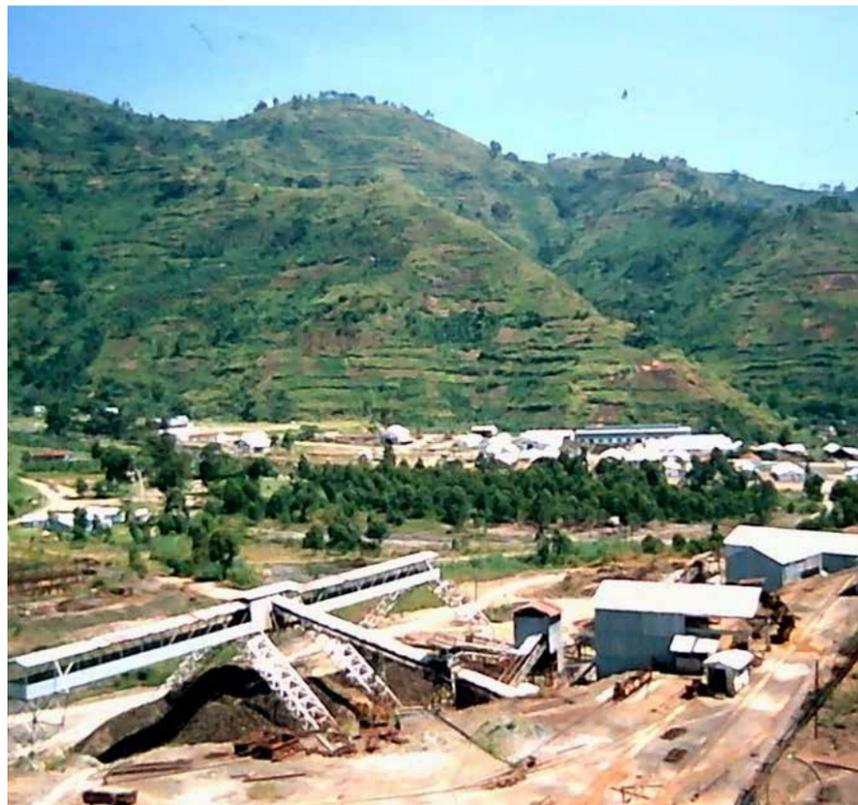
Mineral exploration and drilling programme has started in Kiboga and Kyankwanzi Districts. According to the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, the exploration and drilling will be undertaken under exploration licenses EL 1665 and 1827 granted to Eurasian Capital SMC Ltd., a Ugandan-registered company.

Exploration will also cover other six districts of Mityana, Mubende, Kibaale, Kasese, Bunyangabu and Kamwenge. According to Zachary Baguma, a commissioner in Energy Ministry in charge of geology, the programme is financed by Jervois Mining Ltd.

While launching the exploration and drilling programme at Kiboga district headquarters on July 13 this year, Mr. Baguma said this was well suited in the government's objectives concerning infrastructure development, employment generation and economic transformation which are explicitly linked with the Development Minerals sector.

Uganda's construction sector which is experiencing annual growth of 6%, demands multiple "building minerals" including sand, clay, limestone, marble, kaolin and sources of stone aggregate. The sector is also a huge contributor to employment, with artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM) alone having an estimated 390,000 strong workforce country-wide.

Mr. Baguma assured land owners where drilling will take place that they would be compensated. He added, on top of providing employment, the drilling company will also open up access roads to their operational sites which will in return gift the communi-



ties too with easy access to markets and social services. In Kiboga district the drilling will take place in the rocky hills of Kibiga and Lwamata sub-counties

Kiboga District chairperson, Israel Yiga has hope that if mineral deposits are discovered in the district, the door for increased government services will have opened since it will hike the district's economic value.

"On top of our people getting jobs and other people flooding the district to tap into business opportunities, the district's local revenue base will improve. Because of all of this, as the district we commit our support to the project," Yiga said.

Andy Tugume, the country manager Great Rift Geosciences Ltd, announced that drilling stage would go up to the end of August and the result of the tests that will be carried out in South Africa will determine the next stage. "The exploration programme takes between five to 15 years and the results that will come from the drilling shall determine whether to drill further or not. If results are not promising we can move to other areas," he said.

According to Tugume the prospect of Uganda having large mineral deposits is also informed by the geological make up of its neighbors such as Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) which has a vast deposits of mineral resources and its geological make up expands to Uganda.

DO NOT BOW TO HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, OIL HOST COMMUNITIES ADVISED

By Precious Naturinda

Members of Community Green Radio listener's clubs in Bunyoro oil-rich districts have been urged to lead by example in raising their voices against human rights violations by government and oil-companies as they intensify oil developments in the region.

The call was made by Greg Regaignon an American strategic partner of NAPE who visited NAPE operational areas in May, 2019 to look at the work of the Sustainability villages and Listeners Clubs of the Community Green Radio. Regaignon was in the company of Malcom Mpamizo from Civic Source Africa. He said that communities have a right to fair compensation, prior informed consent and right to a clean and health environment.

During their visit to Kigaaga listeners' club in Buseruka Sub County Hoima district and Butimba sustainability village in Kikuube district, Regaignon said the members need to work as a team and stay strong in engaging and challenging government on human rights violations.

"These oil companies do not have the right to profit from communities' human rights violations. You have a right to say no and you should not bow to poor compensation," he said.

His comments followed concerns that were raised by members of poor and delayed compensation to residents affected by pipeline and road projects in the districts.

"We have challenges as a result of oil developments but as empowered members of community, we are mobilizing others to ensure that



Mr. Regaignon addressing the Kigaaga community

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these issues are solved. We have already prepared our petition on poor compensation on road project and it awaiting hand over to our member of parliament," Rev. Fred Musimenta, a chairperson of Butimba sustainability Conservation Association noted.

Musimenta said NAPE has greatly empowered them to stand up and fight against injustices, resist land grabbers and lead the environmental protection campaign and restoring indigenous seeds.

"Before NAPE came, we could not stand up and oppose any government leader. But they have trained us to act; it has been so good to us. Now we are on the campaign against Bugoma forest giveaway to sugarcane growers, promoting indigenous seeds and fighting against human rights violations by oil companies," he said.

Regaignon commended NAPE for supporting communities and urged it to continue advocating for the rights of communities.

COMMUNITY GREEN RADIO TAKES PART IN CLEANING EXERCISE IN KIBOGA



By Edison Ndyasiima

Community Green Radio celebrated this year's World Environmental day by taking part in a cleaning exercise in Kiboga town.

The exercise saw public places such as markets, town council headquarters, Taxi Park and different streets in the town cleaned.

On the same day, over 100 trees were planted as one way of conserving the environment.

The trees were planted at the district playground, district and town council headquarters, and others were planted along Hoima Kampala high way for

beatification and environment conservations purposes.

The world environment day commemorations attracted other players like Rotary club, World Vision plus schools. Julius Kyamanywa the station manager community green radio explained that NAPE being an environmental organization it can't sit back and watch as the world is marking the environmental day.

He said taking part in the celebrations is part of NAPE's core mandate and responsibility. "We are the environment and it's our mandate to protect it.

Kiboga town council LC III Chairperson Hajji Suleiman Ssekiwunga thanked the organizations for the cleaning and

[ABOVE] CGR staff participating in cleaning Kiboga town during the World Environment Day celebrations for 2019

tree planting exercises. He hailed Community Green Radio for the mobilization work that he said made the day a success.

"Community Green radio gave us a talk show and presenters kept mentioning this day. We are really blessed to have you", Hajji Ssekiwunga explained.

He appealed for more organization operating in Kiboga district to come out and give support towards having the town clean.

MINISTER HAILS COMMUNITY GREEN RADIO FOR COMPLEMENTING GOVERNMENT



By Julius Kyamanywa

Government Chief Whip and Member of Parliament for Kiboga District Ruth Nankabirwa Sentamu has hailed Community Green radio for supporting government programmes by providing free airtime to government officials.

"We used to pay money to appear on radio. I want to thank the ownership and management of this radio for inviting us to speak to citizens freely. We are now able to talk about development and security issues. We are now able to mobilize citizens

for development", said the minister.

Minister Nankabirwa made the remarks in June while appearing on the Community Green radio's Akatuuti show during the time designated for the Resident District Commissioner, RDC (President's representative in the district).

The minister pledged moral support to the radio in its endeavors to cause positive change in the area. Community Green radio has, since its inception, been providing space for government officials to share with the listeners on the available govern-

ment programs. It is through such engagements that the listeners find an opportunity to seek for accountability from public office bearers.

Government officials share vital information in regard to various programmes aimed to uplifting the social welfare of women, youth, elderly and the general public.

Already, the radio has hosted Gender and Social Development minister Janet Mukwaya and other government dignitaries.

Kaiso-Toonya Women's Group opens up office

Kaiso-Toonya Women's Group along the shores of Lake Albert in Hoima District has opened up an operational office. The group which is part of Kaiso-Tonya Sustainability village has been a NAPE community partner since 2010.

Ms. Sylvia Kemigisa, the group Chairperson said that having an office, though, small is a great achievement for the group. She said that previously they would keep their things in homes of members and had no specific place where they could hold their meetings. She said that they got the land for the office from the village local council chairman.

Kemigisa added that they were able to construct the office using funds generated from the sale of the crafts that they make and sponsorships for their drama group to perform at different functions. The group receives support from strategic partners who include NAPE and FRIDA.



Allan Kalangi, the Manager of the NAPE Sustainability School together with Peruth Atukwatse, a Project Assistant stand outside the Kaiso-Tonya Women Group Office



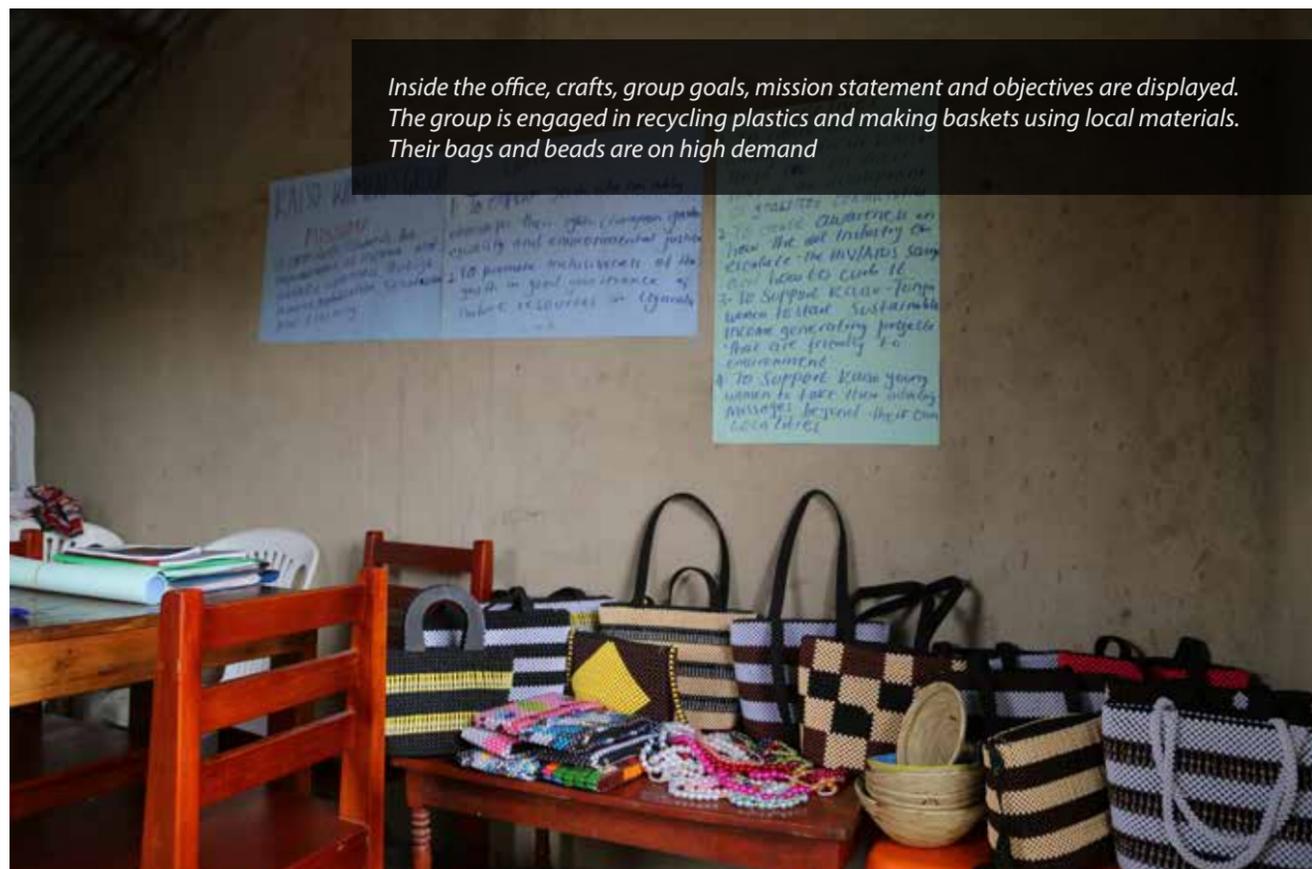
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The Kaiso women have used the traditional methods of enclosing their office premises to keep away intruders.



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Inside the office, crafts, group goals, mission statement and objectives are displayed. The group is engaged in recycling plastics and making baskets using local materials. Their bags and beads are on high demand



Some of Kaiso Women's Group members. Extreme right (red flowered dress) is Ms. Sylvia Kemigisa, the group Chair-person. Extreme left in the white coloured dress in Ms. Immaculate Businge, the Secretary of the Group. Here they are standing outside the enclosure they have made to protect they young trees which they have just planted from being eaten by goats.



One of the group members planting a young seedling in the enclosure

