



TotalEnergies EP Uganda

Independent Biodiversity and Livelihoods Advisory Committee (IBLAC) for Oil and Gas Developments in Albertine **(Blocks: Contract Area 1, Licence Area 2, Kingfisher Development Area)** **and** **East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP)** **Annual Report 2022**

1. Context

This report sets out the observations and recommendations made by the Independent Biodiversity and Livelihoods Advisory Committee following their annual incountry visit to Uganda and Tanzania. The scope of the visit covered the activities of the biodiversity, social and land teams of Tilenga, Kingfisher and EACOP projects in Uganda and the EACOP project in Tanzania. The committee works under an agreed Terms of Reference signed by the parties (Annex 2). Article 3.1 (xi) states “for the benefit of the parties and upon receipt of prior written approval, the committee shall publish assessments/perspectives or summary minutes of meetings on biodiversity and livelihood aspects of the projects”.

2. Points of Vigilance

It is possible that external organizations who oppose the oil and gas development and EACOP project may reference findings and recommendations of the report as part of their activities to prevent the projects from progressing. It is for this reason that the report was reviewed by the TEPU NGO and HR Manager who had the following recommendations to be followed up prior to publication:

Action: Technical teams should confirm agreement with the recommendations and ensure that all of the recommendation intend to be implemented:

Response: The signed Terms of Reference (see Annex 2) Article 3.4 (v) provides for the recommendations of the committee to be made public provided that the outward/external communication shall be published after a review by the Parties for fact checking purposes. This step was undertaken whereby the relevant technical teams and management of the parties were debriefed on the findings and given several opportunities to review the report recommendations.

Action: Approval required by HQ Communications Task Force

Response: The was sent to the task force and a recommendation came back to publish the document on the Group transparency website <https://totalenergies.com/fr/info/tilenga-eacop-deux-projets-rigoureusement-etudies-evalues?folder=20301>. A no objection e mail was also obtained from the communications task force lead.

3. Recommendation

It is therefore recommended TEPU publishes this document to ensure that the requirement of Article 3.4 (v) of the signed ToR for the IBLAC are fulfilled. In addition it is recommended that the report be published on the TotalEnergies Tilenga/EACOP transparency webpage. EACOP has published the document in its entirety on its website.



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4. Attachments

- The Independent Biodiversity and Livelihoods Advisory Committee Annual Report 2022



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- Independent Biodiversity and Livelihoods Advisory Committee (IBLAC) for Oil and Gas Developments in Albertine Graben Terms of Reference as of 1st January 2022



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