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# WHAT IS THE EAST AFRICAN CRUDE OIL PIPELINE (EACOP)

The East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) is a buried 1,443 km pipeline transporting crude oil from Uganda's Lake Albert area to Tanzania's Indian Ocean coast. It includes a 24 inch electrically heated pipeline, six pumping stations, two pressure reduction stations, and a marine export terminal. EACOP is operated by a company jointly owned by TotalEnergies, CNOOC, UNOC, and the Tanzanian Petroleum Development Corporation. The pipeline carries government and joint venture-owned oil to Tanga for further sales. Ownership of the oil remains with the Government of Uganda and the Upstream Joint Venture Partners.



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Senior Commissioner of Police, Chairperson, Host Government Agreement Joint Security Committee

I am pleased to share with you the latest developments in our security efforts within the East African Crude Oil Pipeline Project. The Host Government Agreement Joint Security Council, established under Article 18 (4) (a) of the HGA signed by the Government of the Republic of Uganda and EACOP Limited, plays a vital role in addressing specific security issues related to the EACOP System in the Territory. Our mandate is clear: to cooperate, coordinate, identify, and address security concerns affecting the EACOP Project, proposing recommendations for a secure implementation. The committee is a collaborative effort, featuring representatives from all security agencies, Ministries, Departments, and the EACOP project, and is chaired by the Uganda Police Force. The composition, as detailed earlier, reflects a holistic approach to security.

#### Recent Joint Security Council Activities: Security Assessment and Mitigation

Recently, the Host Government Agreement Joint Security Council conducted a reconnaissance field exercise along the EACOP route, covering districts such as Sembabule, Kyotera, Lwengo, Mubende, and Kakumiro. The primary objective was to assess potential threats and make recommendations to ensure safety during and after the implementation of the project.

Major threats identified include the possibility of Project-Induced In-Migration in search of employment, vandalism, and theft of camp material. Land acquisition and compensation for Project Affected Persons are progressing well, with over 90% completion and successfully resolving land grievances.

## Addressing Security Challenges and Mitigation Measures

While there are currently no significant security issues across impacted districts, potential challenges include increased crime during construction, especially theft and vandalism near Main Construction and Pipe Yard areas. To counter this, joint security forces are deployed and working closely with the local community and EACOP. Enhanced security coordination and stakeholder engagement, including joint training on Human Rights, contribute to a proactive approach against negative elements.

#### Managing Non-Governmental Organization Activism

Recognizing the intensified Non-Governmental Organizations activism against the industry, the Host Government Agreement Joint Security Council aims to foster a positive relationship through dialogues with civil society, including Non-Governmental Organizations. Efforts by various MDAs, such as Uganda Police Force, Petroleum Authority of Uganda, and Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, ensure continuous information flow and transparency. District Security Committees, including all stakeholders, are actively engaging with local communities, Project Affected Persons, and Non-Governmental Organizations to garner support for the project.

As we navigate the challenges and successes of the EACOP Project, the Host Government Agreement Joint Security Council Team commends EACOP for its outstanding work in ensuring project execution. We remain committed to undertaking regular security assessments, identifying and addressing concerns promptly, and proposing recommendations to guarantee a secure and safe environment for the project's implementation.

## THE HOST GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT



Host Government Agreement Security Committee members visiting Tilenga Central Processing Facility site

The Host Government Agreement is a pivotal contractual document that establishes the terms and conditions between the host government, in this case, the Government of the Republic of Uganda, and the private entity involved in a major project, in this context, EACOP Limited. The Host Government Agreement serves as a framework outlining various procedural, administrative, and legal aspects related to the project.

In the case of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline initiative, the Host Government Agreement plays a crucial role in defining the cooperation and coordination between the Ugandan government and EACOP Limited. It addresses various issues, including immigration, security, import and export matters, and other administrative procedures relevant to the EACOP Project. Furthermore, the HGA emphasizes the importance of respecting human rights, defining the roles of each party involved, and establishing a collaborative approach to project implementation.

One key element arising from the Host Government Agreement is the formation of the Host Government Agreement Joint Security Committee. This committee comprises various security agencies, ministries, departments, and EACOP Limited representatives. The Host Government Agreement Joint Security Council is tasked with addressing specific security issues about the EACOP system within the territory, ensuring cooperation, coordination, and identifying and resolving security challenges that may affect the project's implementation.

In essence, the Host Government Agreement serves as a legal and procedural foundation, fostering a collaborative environment between the host government and the private entity to ensure the successful and secure execution of the EACOP Project.

Host Government Agreement Security Committee member with the Kakumiro District Security committee



## HOST GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT JOINT SECURITY COMMITTEE - ENSURING SECURE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION



Joint Security Council Meeting with District Security Committee Sembabule and Local Council 5 (District Chairperson)

The Host Government Agreement Joint Security Committee emerges as a critical component in the collaborative efforts between the Government of the Republic of Uganda and EACOP Limited for the successful implementation of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project. Established under Article 18 (4) (a) of the Host Government Agreement, the Joint Security Council comprises representatives from both parties, aiming to address specific security issues pertaining to the EACOP system within the territory.

#### Mandate and Objectives

The Host Government Agreement Joint Security Council's mandate is comprehensive and multifaceted, reflecting the complexity of ensuring security in a project of such magnitude. The key objectives include:

1. Cooperation and Coordination: Facilitating seamless collaboration between the Government and EACOP Limited to address security challenges effectively.

- 2. Identification of Security Issues: Proactively identifying potential security threats that may affect the implementation of the EACOP Project.
- **3. Recommendations:** Proposing strategic recommendations to mitigate identified security issues and enhance the overall security posture of the project.

#### Composition

The composition of the Host Government Agreement Joint Security Council is diverse, bringing together representatives from various security agencies, ministries, departments, and EACOP Limited. The committee is chaired by the Uganda Police Force, highlighting the central role of law enforcement in ensuring the security of the EACOP Project. The composition includes:

- Uganda Police Force
- Uganda People's Defense Forces
- Internal Security Organization
- External Security Organization

- Ministry of Internal Affairs (Directorate of Citizenship and Immigration Control)
- Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development
- Petroleum Authority of Uganda
- EACOP Ltd

#### **Recent Activities**

The Host Government Agreement Joint Security Council has been actively engaged in addressing security concerns related to the EACOP Project. Notably, the committee conducted a comprehensive reconnaissance field exercise along the EACOP route, covering the districts of Sembabule, Kyotera, Lwengo, Mubende, and Kakumiro. This exercise aimed to assess potential threats and make recommendations to ensure the safety and security of the project during and after implementation.

#### Identified Threats and Mitigation Measures

- 1. Project Induced In-Migration: The possibility of an influx of individuals seeking employment during construction. Mitigation measures include continued community sensitization, fencing of acquired land, and vetting of new residents.
- 2. Vandalism and Theft: Concerns about

vandalism and theft of camp material. Mitigation involves the deployment of joint security forces, community engagement, and the use of technical security measures.

#### Stakeholder Engagement

Recognizing the importance of stakeholder engagement, the Host Government Agreement Joint Security Council has initiated dialogues with civil society, including non-governmental organizations. Efforts are underway to ensure ongoing information sharing and transparency regarding the EACOP Project.

#### **Future Commitments**

As the EACOP Project progresses, the Host Government Agreement Joint Security Council remains committed to undertaking regular security vulnerability assessments. The committee aims to promptly identify and address any security concerns that may arise, thereby contributing to the secure and safe implementation of the EACOP Project.

The Host Government Agreement Joint Security Committee stands as a testament to the collaborative spirit between the Ugandan government and EACOP Limited, working tirelessly to ensure the security and success of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline Project.



Joint Security Council Meeting with District Security Committee Sembabule and LC V



Joint Security Council team at Main Camp and Pipe Yard 3, in Sembabule District



Host Government Agreement Security Committee members visiting King fisher oil fields

## HGA SECURITY COMMITTEE STRENGTHENS EACOP PIPELINE SECURITY WITH COMPREHENSIVE FIELD VISIT

In a significant stride towards enhancing the security and success of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline project, the Host Government Agreement Joint Security Council Joint Security Committee conducted a five-day field visit from September 11th to 15th, 2023. Covering multiple critical districts along the pipeline route, the Committee engaged with stakeholders and unearthed pivotal insights that will play a pivotal role in ensuring the project's success.

The comprehensive field visit commenced in Sembabule, traversing through Lwengo, Kyotera, Mubende, Kakumiro, Kingfisher Development Area, Bulisa, and culminating in Hoima. This meticulous examination underscored the unified commitment to safeguarding the EACOP project.

## Several key findings emerged from this extensive field visit

 Robust Community Support: In Sembabule, Lwengo, and Mubende, the Committee encountered resounding support from local residents. This palpable endorsement, coupled with proactive measures and a strong rapport between the project and the communities, establishes a foundation of trust and cooperation. It serves as a testament to the positive impact EACOP is poised to have on these districts.

- Proactive Misinformation Mitigation: In Lwengo, where challenges related to misinformation from Non-Governmental Organizations were identified, the district's proactive approach to counter negative narratives was commendable. This demonstrates a collective determination to safeguard the project's integrity and ensure that accurate information prevails.
- Cross-Border Collaboration: Kyotera as a district that borders Tanzania showcased an emphasis on cross-border collaboration, signifying a regional approach to security. Recognizing that successful projects transcend borders, the call for cross-border meetings between Ugandan and Tanzanian officials is a powerful step towards unified oversight and coordination.

- Effective Risk Management: Districts like Kakumiro demonstrated the value of proactive vigilance in addressing potential challenges. By identifying and addressing risks early on, the district exemplifies a commitment to ensuring safety and security, crucial for the smooth progress of the project.
- Multi-Agency Collaboration in Hoima: The meeting with Hoima City and the District Security Committee emphasized a multiagency approach to security. Fast-tracking of security agreements and improved communication channels underscore a united front in safeguarding the project.

The positive outcomes of this field visit extend beyond the individual districts, reflecting a

collective commitment to the success of the EACOP project. By identifying potential risks and implementing tailored security measures, the project is confidently striding towards success. The Security Report on the visit serves as a comprehensive overview of the key highlights and challenges identified by the Host Government Agreement Security Committee during their reconnaissance tour. These insights will be pivotal in fortifying the security framework of the EACOP project. The positive collaborations and proactive approaches witnessed throughout the tour underscore a shared commitment to the project's success. With vigilant community engagement and cross-border cooperation, the EACOP project stands poised for a prosperous future.



The Host Government Agreement Committee at Kingfisher 2



Host Government Agreement security committee visiting the Resident District Commissioner's Office in Lwengo District

## PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF EACOP SECURITY COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT



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Country Security Coordinator, EACOP Member of the Host Government Agreement Security Committee

It's my pleasure to share the exciting progress and achievements within the East African Crude Oil Pipeline Security Department. 2023 was marked by significant milestones, one of which is the establishment of the Uganda Host Government Agreement Joint Security Committee.

Under the visionary leadership of Inspector General of Police Maj. Gen. Katsigazi, the inauguration of the Host Government Agreement Joint Security Council has laid the foundation for enhanced cooperation and coordination between the Government of the Republic of Uganda and EACOP Limited. As stipulated in Article 18 (4) (a) of the Host Government Agreement, this committee comprises representatives from various parties, each playing a crucial role in addressing specific security issues related to the EACOP System within the Territory.

Article 18 (4) outlines the procedures and administrative matters concerning the EACOP Project, covering immigration, security, and

import and export matters. It places a particular emphasis on security requirements, cooperation and coordination between the government and EACOP Ltd, respecting the human rights of all involved parties.

The primary mandate of the Host Government Agreement Joint Security Council is to cooperate, coordinate, identify, and address security issues affecting the implementation of the EACOP Project. Additionally, the committee is empowered to propose recommendations to ensure the smooth progress of the project. The composition of the Host Government Agreement Joint Security Council reflects a holistic approach to security, bringing together various entities:

- Uganda Police Force
- Uganda People's Defence Forces
- Internal Security Organization
- External Security Organization
- Ministry of Internal Affairs (Directorate of Citizenship and Immigration Control)
- Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development
- Petroleum Authority of Uganda
- EACOP Ltd

Establishing this diverse committee underscores the commitment to comprehensive security measures, recognizing the unique roles and responsibilities of each entity involved.

Under the Host Government Agreement, the Security Committee has been formed to ensure the effective implementation of the security aspects of the EACOP Project. The recitals of the agreement acknowledge the mandates of the Uganda Police Force, Uganda People's Defence Forces, Internal Security Organization, External Security Organization, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, and the Petroleum Authority of Uganda.

We look forward to a continued collaboration between all stakeholders involved in the EACOP Project, as we work towards the shared goal of a secure and successful implementation.

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# WHAT WILL BE THE BENEFITS OF THIS PROJECT?

EACOP has benefits for both Uganda and Tanzania which include job creation, local content, revenues for the host countries, infrastructure, logistics, technology transfer and enhancement of the corridor between Uganda and Tanzania. Local /National content is a key focus area both for the project and the host governments, including for the EACOP project participants and is integrated into the contracting strategy. In each country local/national content plans are in place to guide the implementation process.

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