



## EACOP is committed to meeting International Environment and Social standards which include:

International Finance Corporation (IFC) Performance Standards (PSs)

<b>1</b> Risk Management	<b>2</b> Labor	<b>3</b> Resource Efficiency	<b>PS1</b> Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts
<b>4</b> Community	<b>IFC</b> International Finance Corporation WORLD BANK GROUP	<b>5</b> Land Resettlement	<b>PS2</b> Labour and Working Conditions
<b>6</b> Biodiversity	<b>7</b> Indigenous People	<b>8</b> Cultural Heritage	<b>PS3</b> Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention
			<b>PS4</b> Community Health, Safety and Security
			<b>PS5</b> Land Acquisition and Involuntary Resettlement
			<b>PS6</b> Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources
			<b>PS7</b> Indigenous Peoples
			<b>PS8</b> Cultural Heritage



World Bank Group  
Environmental,  
Health & Safety  
(EHS) Guidelines



Organisation  
for Economic  
Co-operation  
and Development  
(OECD) Common  
Approaches



The Equator  
Principles IV  
(EP4)



The UN  
Voluntary  
Principles on  
Security and  
Human Rights  
(VPSHR)



The UN  
Guiding  
Principles  
on Business  
and Human  
Rights



International  
E&S Conventions  
Ratified into Law  
in Uganda and  
Tanzania



Host Countries  
(Uganda and  
Tanzania) Laws  
and Permits

Compliance with these standards for both EACOP and its main associated facilities (the Upstream Projects) is a requirement for EACOP itself, its Shareholders and external Lending institutions.

## Independent Third Party Scrutiny

Since 2021, EACOP lenders have retained independent consultants to carry out Environmental and Social Due Diligence (ESDD) of the project and its associated facilities. The Lenders' Environmental and Social Consultants (LESC) assess and report on EACOP compliance with lender environmental and social standards (listed above). The ESDD is undertaken through a combination of document review, site visits and interviews with EACOP and stakeholders, plus identification of environmental and social risks and impacts that the project could generate during the construction and operation phases.

An initial ESDD report with Environmental and Social Action Plan (ESAP), three progress reports and a final ESDD report have been completed by the LESC between 2021-2024. The final ESDD report, with updated ESAP, is available on the EACOP website. The LESC has concluded that EACOP and the associated facilities meet lenders' E&S requirements and have addressed all items required to be completed before financial close.



Going forward the LESC will undertake monitoring visits twice each year to assess project compliance against the E&S requirements and effective implementation of the E&S management throughout the construction phase. EACOP will also issue quarterly environment and social self-monitoring reports summarising compliance with E&S requirements, an annual report will be published externally.



## Lenders Environment and Social Consultants (LESC)

The lenders have retained WSP (formerly Golder Associates Ltd) to act as the Lenders' Environmental and Social Consultants (LESC). The LESC team for EACOP comprises seven (7) internationally experienced specialists covering the technical areas set out in the various lender environmental and social requirements.

The role of the LESC is to independently assess and report to the Lender Group on EACOP's compliance with the applicable environmental and social standards. The LESC work on behalf of the Lender Group and are responsible to that Group. Contractually, the LESC are required to perform the services with the skill, diligence and due care of a reasonable and prudent consultant and to act as an 'independent contractor'.

## Independent Biodiversity and Livelihoods Advisory Committee (IBLAC)

In addition, there is an Independent Biodiversity and Livelihoods Advisory Committee (IBLAC) that was established in 2013 to provide independent advice to EACOP, TotalEnergies Exploration Production Uganda (TEPU) and CNOOC Uganda Ltd on biodiversity and community livelihoods aspects of the Projects. IBLAC provide advice on how best to conserve and enhance biodiversity, and to improve and enhance community livelihoods within their areas of operation and the wider projects' areas of influence within the affected landscapes before, during, and after the project.

The IBLAC committee currently comprises seven (7) independent international and national specialists with a range of expertise including biodiversity conservation, wetlands, wildlife management, forestry, marine and aquatic biology, community development and livelihoods. Each year, the IBLAC committee undertakes an in-country visit to both Uganda and Tanzania to see progress with activities and engage with stakeholders. An annual report is published summarising their activities and progress with recommendations. (*Annual reports can be found on the EACOP website*).

