The EACOP National Local Content team is on a fast-track train. As the year 2023 progresses, the team continues to engage in more activities in alignment with the National Local Content functions. Herein are highlights of the different events carried out by the National Local Content team during the first quarter of 2023.

National Local Content kick-started the year with a visit from The Petroleum Authority of Uganda (PAU) meeting at the EACOP offices in Dar es Salaam on the 18th and 19th of January. The meeting was geared towards providing an update on the National Content performance and re-aligning with authorities on various issues with contractors.

On the 25th of January, the Local Content team visited the Muhimbili University of Applied Sciences (MUHAS). The visit was aimed at gaining knowledge on the medical resources in Tanzania and the capacity of the university in training emergency specialists.

On the 28th of January, National Content visited the Makerere and UPIIK institutions with EACOP's Thermal Insulation System (TIS) contractor ISOAF. The engagement was aimed at introducing the contractor to the universities and recommend possibilities for synergy between the institutions and ISOAF on the different works carried out by the contractor.

On January 29th to February 4th, 2023, The Petroleum Authority of Uganda (PAU) and The Energy, Water, and Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) management teams accompanied by EACOP's representatives, amongst them a member from Local Content, conducted a supervisory site inspection along the EACOP's pipeline route in Tanzania.
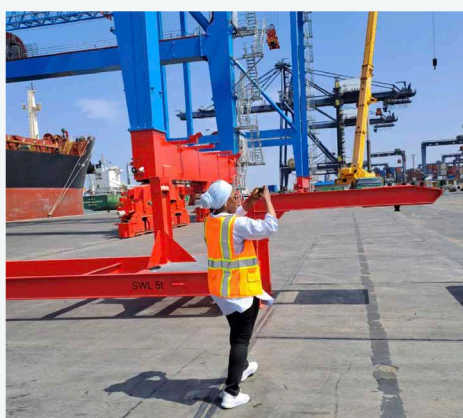

From the 6th of February, National Content engaged in a one-week visit to several Vocational Training Institutions across Uganda. The team was accompanied by representatives from some of EACOP's main contractors and The Petroleum Authority of Uganda (PAU). The visits were geared towards learning more about the programs and courses taught in the various institutions, identify possible opportunities for collaboration with EACOP's main contractors, and define opportunities for long-term collaboration and field exposure for instructors and graduate students amongst other things.

On the same week, while National Content was engaging in institutional visitations in Uganda, Local Content in Tanzania was engaging in similar activities. On the 9th of February, a member of the Local Content team alongside EACOP's MLC contractor EALS Bollore visited the Dar es Salaam Maritime institution for the purpose of potential collaboration on train the trainer programs.

On February 15th to 17th, Local Content took part in the Inauguration Ceremony of EACOP's tanks and terminal contractor DOCG in Tanga. The ceremony was prepared for the launch of DOCG training program in the fields of welding and H3SE. Trainings will be conducted by DOCG contractor – Sunmaker Development and Consulting Tanzania Limited, in collaboration with Arusha Technical College and VETA Institution in Tanga.
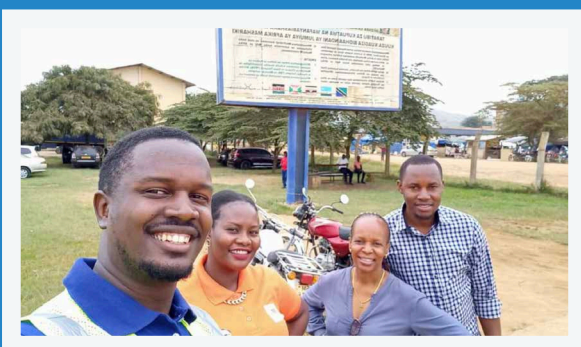

On February 17th, Local Content took part in a visit to the Tanzania Port Authority (TPA) central workshop in Dar es Salaam. The visit was aimed at gaining familiarization with lifting gear workshop and associated lifting activities for the purpose of developing possible collaboration opportunities between EACOP and TPA Bandari College.

On February 21st, Tanzania's Minister for Energy, January Makamba, handed over the certificate of approval to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline Project (EACOP) for the construction of a 1,147 km pipeline. As part of Local Content pillars, the project is expected to provide employment, goods and services opportunities as well as stimulate economic growth across both countries.

On the 24th of February, members of EACOP's Lifting, Local Content, and Regulatory Compliance were invited by The National Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (NACTVET) to a gala dinner event at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dar es Salaam. The event was geared towards addressing ongoing collaboration activities between NACTVET and EACOP in resolving issues of skills challenges observed in lifting equipment and other occupations and developing a standardized Training Framework for lifting equipment and other occupations.

On February 27th to March 1st, EACOP National Local Content team accompanied by the chairman, members, and management of the board of Energy, Water and Utility Regulatory Authority (EWURA) engaged in a cross border pipeline route inspection. The tour was geared towards familiarizing the board with the progression of ongoing activities along the pipeline route. The inspection started at Singida region in Tanzania and ended in Kabaale Industrial Park in Uganda.

On March 1st, Local Content was invited to The Tanzania Women Chamber of Commerce (TWCC) entrepreneurs training, focused on climate change and entrepreneurship enhancement at the Serena Hotel in Dar es Salaam. During the event, Local Content informed the audience of the importance of Local Content awareness and the opportunities available for local companies in the EACOP project and the minimum requirements for expression of interest submission.

EACOP together with some of its Main Tier 1 contractors held a quarterly supplier forum in Kampala at the Sheraton hotel on Friday 17th March 2023. The forum was split into two parts which are; presenting opportunities on the Electrical, Instrumentation, Telecommunication and Security Systems (EITS) scope of work and presenting opportunities in Transport and Logistics on the EACOP project. The forum was aimed at providing specific information on the available opportunities for local companies on the EACOP project, answer any questions regarding the two scopes and providing an opportunity for networking with Tier 1 contractors.

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