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## MESSAGE FROM THE LOCAL CONTENT MANAGER



**NEEMA KWEKA**  
Local Content Manager

Dear Stakeholders,

As we take a moment to reflect on the past year 2023 and the evolution of quarter one of 2024, we are thrilled with massive achievement and significant progress made on capacity building programs.

In-line with local content vision we have capitalized on building capacity for the local companies and Tanzanian and Ugandan citizens in the following programs:

- **Internship Program:** launched at the end of quarter four 2023; almost seventeen (17) interns have been deployed by various packages to different countries including Tanzania, China, France, Turkey, India, and South Africa. The target is geared at creating an environment and employability opportunities for our young generation.
- **Industry Enhancement Centre (IEC) Program:** The IECs have been launched in each country. Through this program and the use of these centres, we were able to enhance the awareness of local companies in different disciplines ranging from HSE, environment, project management, civil works, lifting activities and provided clarity on standards of performance required in the project activities. Equally, the centres supported the demonstration of opportunities available in the project.
- **Train the Trainer program:** more than 1500 hours have been spent in elevating the level of skills for Vocational Training Institutions, Universities instructor's and local companies.

The most exciting milestone for the Project is the successful conclusion of the interviews of EACOP MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) selection activities in Tanzania and Uganda. A total of 148 candidates were selected from both Tanzania and Uganda to join the EACOP Academy that is scheduled to start in quarter three of 2024.

To this end, we acknowledge and appreciate the unwavering support and collaboration from the project regulators EWURA in Tanzania and PAU in Uganda. Their availability, understanding and support of EACOP and Level One Contractors has helped EACOP to achieve significant progress in the project activities.

Moreover, I'm pleased and privileged to be part of the team that is prompting and monitoring the implementation of the highlighted programs in the project. Efficiency and credibility remain the centre of our focus in developing the local-workforce and up-skilling our local subcontractors.

Through this newsletter, we aim to provide you with an update on the main activities accomplished by National and Local content team in the recent months, which are all targeting toward the fulfilment of EACOP's National & Local Content Commitments.

**"Let's stay globally connected and locally invested!"**  
Neema KWEKA - Local Content Manager (Tanzania)



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2023 has been a year of tremendous progress for the National/Local Content team. This issue contains highlights of events carried out in the final leg of 2023 and how National/Local Content ascends with the start of 2024 towards advocating and embracing the National/Local Content commitments.

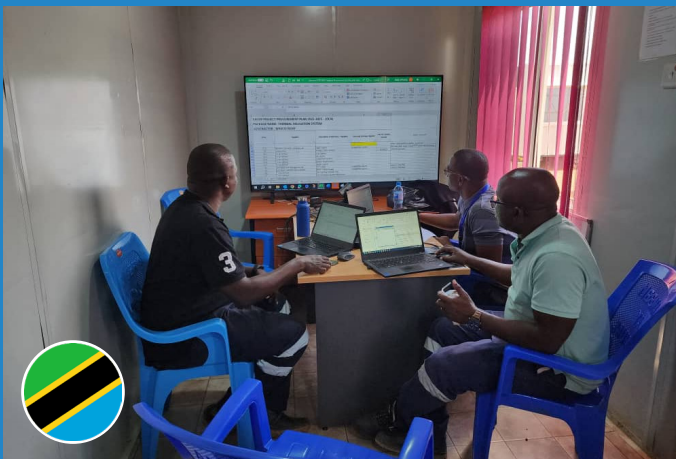
On the 20<sup>th</sup> of September, a member from EACOP Local Content and Linepipe manager attended the Tanzania Energy Congress forum at the Julius Nyerere Convention Centre (JNICC) where they discussed pipeline delivery and Thermal Insulation System (TIS) achievements in line with capacity building activities.



From September 19<sup>th</sup> to October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, EACOP Local Content and Communications team in collaboration with the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) and Tanzania Broadcasting Channel (TBC) held media awareness sessions with different local media in the pipeline corridor. The sessions were geared towards showcasing the progress of the ongoing implementation of the EACOP project and informing the media on project accomplishments thus far.



Following its formalization of the relationship between EACOP and Uganda Petroleum Institute Kigumba (UPIK), EACOP's National Content Team attended the Awards Ceremony for UPIK's graduates on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023. The Award Ceremony aimed at commissioning a group of students and UPIK staff who had completed their courses and Trainer of Trainers (TOT) training, respectively.



On November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Local Content representative embarked on a Compliance visit with the Energy Water Utility Regulatory Authority (EWURA) for a check and verification exercise across project regions particularly in all the Main Camps and Piping Yards (MCPYs).



In conjunction with the Land and Social team, on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of October, National Content conducted a regional engagement meeting with the district leadership and various stakeholders from Hoima and Mubende on all aspects of opportunities in EACOP for the local communities. Through these meetings, National Content realized that opportunities dissemination could be further enhanced at the grassroots hence EACOP, through its Community Liaison officers committed to information distribution up to the sub-county level.



On October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, EACOP through Local Content, held a Construction Equipment rental, transportation services and civil construction works service providers forum. The objective was to increase awareness among local Tanzanian equipment rental and civil construction service providers of the quality, quantity, and level of service required to fulfill the construction scope of work at the construction phase.



On the 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2023, EACOP National Content representative attended an Oil and Gas networking breakfast hosted by Stanbic Bank where great insight was given into the industry by the players on both the production side and the supplier side. Stanbic Bank reaffirmed its commitment to support SMEs both in the cities and at the grassroots. EACOP's suppliers such as ICS Consults, Rohi Investments (through CPP), and others gave testimonies on how they started and how the National Content policy has helped them grow in the industry.



From the 1<sup>st</sup> of November to the 14<sup>th</sup> of November, EWURA in collaboration with EACOP Local Content team conducted a Local Content Compliance monitoring audit of all Level 1 CTRs. The audit purpose was to conduct validation on their Local Content commitments. During the audit, Contractors had the opportunity to share the challenges they are facing in the implementation of the Local Content requirements. EWURA also provided recommendations to Contractors on the implementation of local content commitments.



EACOP Local Content together with its pipeline and AGI contractor CPP conducted a Camp Management and Catering Service Forum in 8 regions along the pipeline corridor from 13th November 2023 to 24th November 2023. Amongst many others, the objective of these engagements was to raise awareness of the opportunities available for Catering and Camp Management Services for CPP with respect to the EACOP Project.



On 15th November 2023, EACOP's National Content team organized a visit to Uganda Industrial Research Institute (UIRI) with the quality team and the National Content team from CPP. The main objective of the visit was to check out the institution's electrical training and welding workshop facilities and determine whether these can be leveraged for CPP's planned on-the-job trainings, and to check out the Mechanical lab to see whether it is sufficient for the scope of tests that will be conducted on the EACOP project.

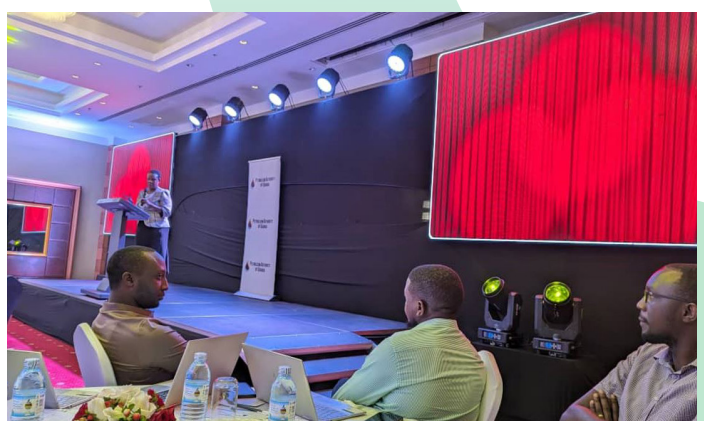


On the week of November 20th 2023, EACOP through its National and Local Content team launched the first internship program through the vendor Avanti Energy Services Limited. The selected candidates were invited to the EACOP offices in Kampala and Dar es Salaam for a pre-launch debrief and a formal introduction to the management team.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2023, members of EACOP welcomed the Ugandan High Commissioner and his delegation for a technical alignment meeting.



From 29<sup>th</sup> November to the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2023, the vendor Galperti Engineering alongside the National and Local Content Teams held Industry Enhancement Centre Workshops in Tanzania and Uganda. The workshops were geared towards knowledge transfer and skills development for local small and medium enterprises in the country.



On the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2023, a representative from the National Content team attended the PAU Launch of digital work permit system event. The event was aimed at introducing a new online platform created to manage work permit applications for all expatriates expected to come to and work in Uganda. With this new system the work permit application process would fast track work permit application and approvals.



On 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2023, a member from the Local Content team attended the 4<sup>th</sup> EACOP Local Content Committee meeting in Dodoma. The meeting was aimed at delivering project and local content updates. Members from the Prime Minister's Office, EWURA, TPDC, NEEC, ATGOS, and TPSF attended the meeting.



On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, a member from the Local Content team attended the University of Dar es Salaam Validation Workshop for the Curriculum Review Exercise. The exercise was geared towards reviewing the existing curriculum to find areas for improvement and share overall ideas on the different ways to assist the university from an industrial perspective in the different engineering sectors.



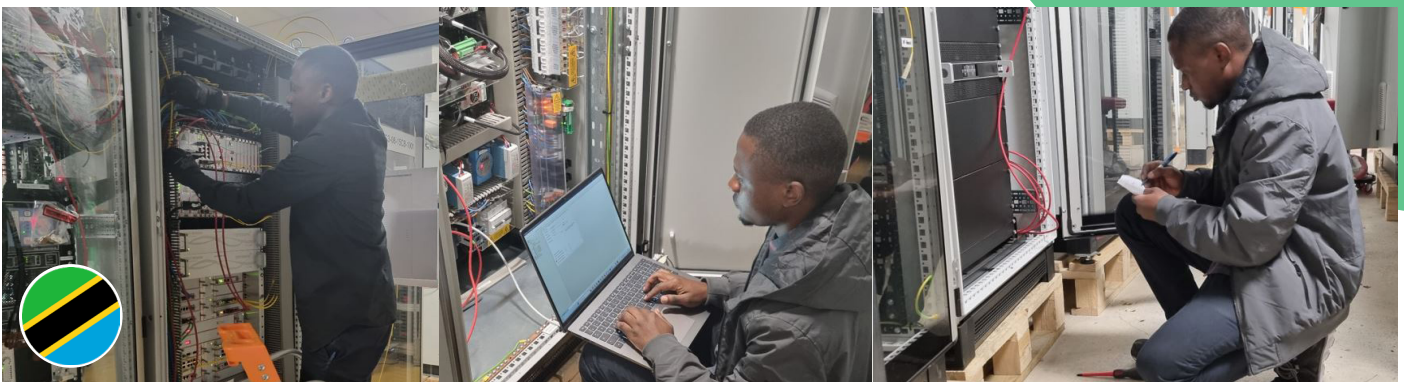
The Petroleum Authority of Uganda (PAU) and Uganda Chamber of Mines and Petroleum (UCMP) together held the Fourth Annual National Content Conference on the 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The Conference welcomed several key stakeholders including the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP), which sponsored and presented during the first day of the conference. The conference was also attended by representatives of EACOP's main contractors; namely Worley, CPP, AGL (formerly Bollere) and Snef Schneider, who were all part of EACOP's full discussion to elaborate on the opportunities during the construction phase of the project.



On December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, EACOP National Content alongside one of its EPCM item contractors Avanti Energy Services Limited held the Train the Trainer program for Pigging System at the Uganda Petroleum Institute Kigumba (UPIK). The Train the Trainer program aims to enrich Uganda's education and training sector by raising awareness among professors and trainers in tertiary and vocational institutions about valuable pipeline assets. Through comprehensive training sessions, EACOP's contractors and vendors share essential insights into the design, technical specifications, operations, and maintenance of the diverse equipment slated for use in the project.



EACOP together with CPP-Main Contractor for PPL and AGI held a quarterly supplier forum in Kampala at the Sheraton hotel on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The forum aimed at providing information on the available opportunities for local companies in the areas of catering and camp maintenance services for the 6 camps along the EACOP pipeline route, sharing information on the Health and Safety standards that will need to be met by service providers offering catering and camp maintenance services, answering any Questions regarding the two scopes, and providing an opportunity for networking with Tier 1 contractors and other potential providers in the room.



2024 started with the commencement of more internship programs. On January 12<sup>th</sup>, EACOP's main contractor for Electrical Instrumentation Telecommunications Security (EITS) Snef Schneider commenced its 6 months internship program in France.





On January 13<sup>th</sup>, another vendor Sulzer Pumps, supplying export pumps to the pipeline project, marked the start of their 3 months internship program in South Africa.



From the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> of January, a Local Content representative participated in a five-day recruitment process of interviewing candidates to be shortlisted for the Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) training for the field operation phase.



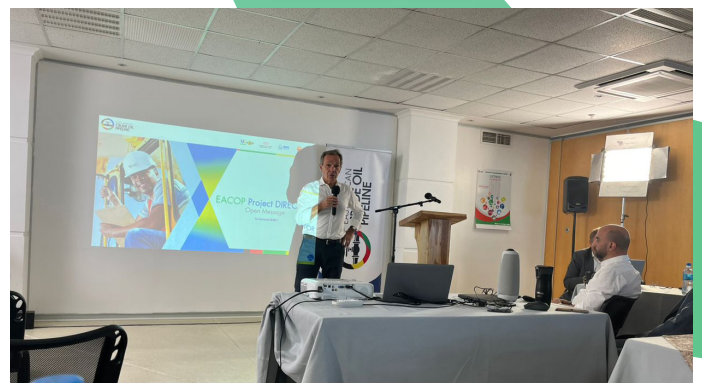
On the 18<sup>th</sup> of January, members of the Local Content team accompanied the Energy Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) to China Petroleum Pipeline (CPP) for a joint venture partnership clarification meeting between Deniko Construction Ltd and Nantong Construction Group (T) Ltd. The objective was for EWURA to grant a letter of no objection to the joint venture.



On the 18<sup>th</sup> of January, members of the Local Content team visited University of Dar es Salaam to discuss the progress of the launch of Daqing Oilfield Construction Group (DOCG) scholarship programs. The scholarship programs are aimed to take place in country and University of Dar es Salaam is the training institution selected to facilitate the master's programs for the prospective students.



On the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of January, a member from the Local Content team participated in a two-day Train the Trainer session with its vendor Avanti Energy Services Limited. The training took place at VETA Moshi in Kilimanjaro region.



EACOP Lifting team in collaboration with Local Content carried out Lifting Workshop on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January. The main objective of the workshop was to align and share visions of both Company and Contractors on the implementation of Lifting Management Systems during the EACOP Project, as well as raise awareness and promote the importance of Lifting Management System and Safety through Local Content.



From the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February, a member from the Local Content team participated in a three-day Industry Enhancement Centre Workshop session with the vendor Avanti Energy Services Limited. The training took place at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) in Dar es Salaam.



Six interns who have been selected by UNATRAC Company in Egypt (the supplier of Crude Oil Power Generations and Emergency Diesel to the EACOP Project, one of Worley EPCM vendor and Long Lead Items contractors) visited the EACOP offices in Dar es Salaam on the 8th of February for an introduction meeting with their contractor. The meeting was facilitated by the Local Content team. During the meeting, the interns got the opportunity to meet EACOP Project Director- Emmanuel BLAREZ and were presented by EACOP Project Control Manager- Olivier FOULONNEAU.



On the 9<sup>th</sup> of February, Worley EPCM and Long Lead Items interns for Tekfen Company, Avanti Energy Services Limited and Sinergia SpA companies (who are all suppliers for different items for the pipeline project) met at the EACOP Offices. The objective of the meeting was for the Avanti Energy Services Limited interns to share their experience with their colleagues who are about to embark on their internship programs and give guidance on the reporting and journaling of their respective programs.



On the 14<sup>th</sup> of February, interns for Tekfen Company, a supplier of Heat Exchangers began their internship program in Turkey.



On the 19<sup>th</sup> of February, a member from the National Content team embarked on a “Check and Verification” exercise with one of EACOP’s main contractors - China Petroleum Pipeline (CPP) responsible for earth works. The exercise involved CPP’s subcontractor NEC based at Pumping Station 1, ROHI based at Pumping Station 2, Pearl Engineering Company at Main Camp and Piping Yard (MCPY) 1 and Excel Construction Ltd at Main Camp and Piping Yard (MCPY) 3, to verify the National Content reports received in Quarter 4 of 2023.