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## MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL CONTENT MANAGER.



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Dear Reader,

As fresher students across the world start their first day at university this month, Uganda is welcoming a record number of female students who are breaking gender stereotypes by studying oil and gas technical subjects such as welding & equipment lifting.

This has been revealed by a 20 per cent jump from two years ago in the number of women now enrolling at the Uganda Petroleum Institute (UPIK) in its practical courses to work in the oil and gas industry, the highest percentage ever witnessed in the country, as young people seek to get the qualifications required to provide technical skills to the country's growing oil and gas sector.

This new dimension resonates with EACOP's vision of ensuring both Tanzanians and Ugandans benefit from the project through our focus on maximization of the national and local workforce and training, by prioritizing the recruitment and training of local talents. We aim to empower our communities and create a skilled workforce that can contribute to the long-term development of the respective countries, and this remains at the centre of our social license to construct and operate the EACOP facilities.

To this end, I congratulate EACOP upon the signing of the memorandum of understanding with UPIK as a means of collaboration to build the capacity of Ugandans and transfer knowledge through the various initiatives.

I further congratulate the teams for their efforts in getting the Temporary Workers Resource Allocation Plan (TWRAP) & the Manpower Mobilisation Plans (MPP) approved by the respective regulatory authorities, PAU in Uganda and EWURA in Tanzania, which approval will accelerate employment on the project.

Through this newsletter, we aim to provide you with an update on the main activities accomplished by our National/Local Content teams in recent months, which are all geared towards the fulfilment of EACOP's National Local Content Commitments.

**"Let's stay globally connected and locally invested!"**  
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As the second half of the year is winding down, EACOP National / Local Content continues to engage in various activities in line with achieving its pillars. Highlights of the different events carried out in the third quarter of 2023 are stated herein.

On the 5th of July, EACOP's National Content team took part in the UNOC Quarterly Supplier Forum which took place in Hoima, Uganda. The forum's theme was "Empowering Communities to participate in the Oil and Gas Value Chain."



As EACOP's National Content was making way in Uganda, EACOP's Local Content in Tanzania was embarking with the authorities to visit all main contractors from the 11th to the 21st of July whereby EACOP's Local Content team alongside Energy, Water, Utility Regulatory Authority (EWURA) visited the main contractors to obtain project updates from the contractors' perspectives.



On the 21st of July, EACOP's National Content representatives attended the Africa Global Logistics (AGL)/Bollore supplier forum at the Protea Hotel in Kampala to share opportunities for the provision of goods and services with suppliers in the transport, warehousing, and logistics sector. During the forum, participating companies also shared information on how they could work together and create synergies to advance transportation and logistics for the oil and gas industry in Uganda.



On the 27th of July, EACOP's National Content team facilitated a meeting with the Petroleum Authority of Uganda (PAU) and its AGI and Pipeline contractor China Petroleum Pipeline Engineering Ltd (CPP). The meeting purpose was to review CPP's National Content Addendum and receive any feedback and comments from the authority regarding their proposed plans prior to its official submission.



As EACOP's National Content was making head way in Uganda, EACOP's Local Content continued to engage in more activities on the Tanzanian side. On the 3rd of August, a representative from the Local Content team engaged in a university mapping activity with EACOP's main contractor for the Jetty and Load Out Facility Besix Ballast Nedam Ltd (BBN). During these activities, Local Content attended the Seamen training which is part of BBN's local content commitment to train 30 seamen in the communities surrounding their activities' site.



On the 4th of August, a representative from the EACOP's National Content team was invited as a guest speaker for the closing ceremony for students who participated in the TARN Energy Services Limited 5th cohort of their internship program. The internship program was developed in response to a gap identified in the technical and soft skills amongst students. During the ceremony, EACOP's National Content representative elaborated on EACOP's tiered contracting strategy and shared views on the importance of knowing the different players who are in the sector in order for the students to apply for opportunities.



On the 15th and 16th of August, EACOP's Local Content representative continued with institutional mapping activities alongside EACOP's main contractor for AGI and Pipeline China Petroleum Pipeline Engineering Ltd (CPP). They visited Bukoba district in Kagera region to introduce the contractor and gain visibility on how to collaborate with institutions on capacity building initiatives.



On the 23rd of August, EACOP's Deputy Managing Director John Bosco Habumugisha accompanied by EACOP's National Content integrated team participated in an MOU signing on behalf of its tier one contractors in collaboration with Uganda Petroleum Institute Kigumba (UPIK). This MOU serves to formalize the implementation of EACOP's capacity building initiatives like Train the Trainer and internship programs committed and performed by EACOP's main contractors.



On the 23rd and 24th of August, a representative from EACOP's Local Content team participated in the Daraja Conference held in Tanga region which was a women summit geared towards procurement in public purchasing. The Local Content representative shared information on the Local Content pillars and EACOP's procurement and tendering process.



On the 24th of August, members of the EACOP's National Content integrated team were invited to attend the Avanti Energy Services Limited Supplier Development Forum. The theme of the forum was "Enhancing National Content Compliance and understanding the procurement requirements process." Attendees were given insight into best National Content practices by Total Energies and PAU who encouraged companies to look out for opportunities and create collaborations to win tenders and ensure compliance with National Content regulations.



On the 25th of August, EACOP's National Content team was invited to a breakfast meeting hosted by The Uganda Chamber of Mines Petroleum (UCMP). The meeting was held at the Sheraton Hotel, and it was prepared for bankers, oil and gas sector suppliers and players to enlighten service providers on the challenges of accessing money for the provision of supplies in the industry.



On the 28th and 29th of August, EACOP's National Content and social teams alongside China Petroleum Pipeline Engineering Ltd (CPP) conducted several engagements in Hoima and Sembabule districts. During the meetings, EACOP and CPP teams accompanied by representatives from PAU and UNOC met with district, sub-county leadership and community members for the purpose of introducing CPP to the different leaderships, providing updates and share information on the upcoming construction activities in these districts, raise awareness on CPP's social plans and policies related to the works being implemented as well as highlighting potential community content opportunities related to early civil works scopes and other upcoming activities that will be implemented by CPP and it's sub-contractors.



On the 1st of September, EACOP's National Content team participated in the Petroleum Authority of Uganda (PAU) Quarterly project update meeting held at the EACOP offices in Kampala. During the meeting, the project team gave the regulators project progress updates on all fronts.



On September 8th, EACOP's National Content team together with the China Petroleum Pipeline Engineering Ltd (CPP) held a supplier forum at the Sheraton Hotel in Kampala. The forum's objectives were to provide specific information on the available opportunities in the EACOP project that are available for local companies.



On the 14th of September, EACOP's Local Content team alongside other EACOP members participated in the Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) MOU official signing ceremony held at the Coral Beach Hotel. The event was geared towards solidifying the collaboration agreements between EACOP and the two selected institutions (VETA Moshi & Arusha Technical College) to carry out the MOOC training programs aimed at building future officers for the field operation phase of the project.



Parallel with the signing of the MOOC MOU, on the 14th of September, EACOP's Local Content team also participated in the Engineering Registration Board's (ERB) 20th Annual Engineers Day event held at the Mlimani City Conference Centre in Dar es Salaam. The event's theme was "Local Content and Skills Management in the Engineering Sector; Taking Engineering Practitioners to the next level," where EACOP's Local Content shared a paper on Local Content for Industrial Development, and feedback on implementation of Local Content regulations.



On September 14th, EACOP's National Content team alongside China Petroleum Pipeline Engineering Ltd (CPP) visited one of the largest steel manufacturing companies in Uganda to learn more about the company's products and their potential for the project activities.