

**SPEECH BY HON. JANUARY Y. MAKAMBA (MP)
MINISTER FOR ENERGY ON THE OCCASION OF THE
TANZANIA - UGANDA OIL AND GAS SYMPOSIUM HELD
AT THE JULIUS NYERERE INTERNATIONAL
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Executive Director, Tanzania Private Sector Foundation;

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Representatives of Political and Religions Presents;

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen;

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Symposium Coordinators,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Protocol Observed

Invited guests, Ladies and Gentlemen

It gives me much pleasure to welcome you all, **distinguished guests from Tanzania and the entire business community delegation from Uganda** to this important symposium here at the Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre (JNICC) in Dar es Salaam.

Invited Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen

My role today is just to deliver Opening Remarks and set the pace for your discussions regarding the Oil and Gas industry in Tanzania and Uganda, in particular, the EACOP project. For that matter, let me take this opportunity to commend the Tanzania and Uganda Private Sector Foundations, all Official Sponsors and stakeholders who were involved in organizing this Conference and making it happen. This Symposium is very special in the sense that it also coincides with H.E

President Museveni's Three- Day State Visit to Tanzania which begins today. I am equally delighted to let you know that both H.E President Samia Suluhu Hassan and President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni will address this Business Forum tomorrow 28 November, 2021 at the State House here in Dar es Salaam. It goes without saying that this Symposium is a testimony of our strong fraternal ties between our Two countries and seeks to strengthen our co-operation in the Oil and Gas Industry among other areas.

On a special Note, allow me to acknowledge the presence of and congratulate Hon. Dr. Ruth Nankabirwa Ssentumu on her recent appointment as Minister for Energy and Mineral Development in Uganda. Your appointment reflects the confidence both the President of Uganda and the people of Uganda have reposed in you. As my counterpart, I wish you the very best in this role and look forward to working with you and push forward our EACOP and EAC integration agenda.

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We are all gathered here to dialogue on the status of our East African Crude Oil Pipeline and particularly, ” **Where are We?!** . Therefore, my Opening Remarks will attempt to respond to this question.

As we all know, East Africa Crude Oil pipeline (EACOP) is a project that aims at transporting and exporting the crude oil from Uganda through Tanga Port in Tanzania to the International market. The pipeline system will be the longest-heated pipeline in the world with a total length of 1,443 km. It is designed to have a diameter of 24 inches with transportation capacity of 216,000 barrel of oil per day. This project's cost is estimated to cost **USD 3.55 billion**.

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In implementing EACOP Project, a number of key milestones have been achieved to date. Please allow me to mention a few;

Signing of the Key Project Agreements, this is an important step as both the Project Company and the Governments are putting their commitments in implementation of the Project.

The Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) between the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Government of Republic of Uganda provides the intention and commitment to undertake the Project.

The Host Government Agreements between the Project Company and each Government sets the required fiscal and legal regime for the implementation of the project. There is also the Shareholders' Agreement which provides for how the Project will be executed.

Enabling Legislation, The GoT through the HGA agreed to facilitate timely implementation of the project including amending some legislation to enable smooth implementation of the Project. Once again, on 09th November, 2021, the Parliament passed the amendments to support the Project.

Commencements of Physical Works, On 05 November, 2021 the Project Company handed over the Project land to Tanzanian

contractor (Milembe Consult) to start Early Civil Works (ECW). The Contractor has started the mobilization of materials, machinery and preparation of working camps for commencement of work.

The ECW includes the clearance, levelling and fencing the Priority areas in Bukombe, Sojo-Nzega and Igunga. The ECW work is expected to be completed within six (6) months from 5th November, 2021.

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The Government of Tanzania conducted project's awareness campaigns in all eight regions of; Kagera, Geita, Shinyanga, Tabora, Singida, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga (at the Regional, District, Ward and Village level). These interventions availed to our communities' opportunities arising out of the Project. In deed, we have sent a strong message to our communities for them to be prepared to grab the opportunities. In overall terms, the engagement was intended to raise awareness on ownership for the project at that level.

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This event today yet gives me pleasure to announce to you that Procurement of Level one contractors for the Project is completed. All 13 contractors, are ready to take their duties immediately after

finalization of some pending engagement formalities. As stated earlier, the Early Civil Work Contractor is on Site.

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Before I conclude, let me acknowledge that this Symposium has been conducted at the right time, where the Project Company and the Level one contractors are about to release tenders for the Local Contractors. As you may be aware, the Reserved Contracts for Local Suppliers/Contractors must be enjoyed by local businesses for both Uganda and Tanzania. Our governments believe in your ability and capacity to seize these opportunities.

Generally, both Governments create an enabling environment for your businesses to flourish. EACOP Project presents yet another opportunity for your businesses to grow.

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Our two Governments, the Government of the United Republic Tanzania and the Government of the Republic of Uganda have a political will and are ready to cooperate with other shareholders to implement this Project. Besides, EACOP Project being a strategic one, it comes with potential benefits to both countries, businesses and our people. Allow me to mention few of these benefits as follows;

- Increase in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) to both Countries
(Estimated CAPEX 3.55bil),

- A new source of Government revenues (taxes, levies and tariff)
- Employment Opportunities
- The project shall provide opportunities for private sector growth
- Establishment of a new infrastructure corridor between Uganda and Tanzania
- At least 200 kms network of new permanent roads will be built, and potentially a further 150 km of upgraded roads in Tanzania

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With these few highlights on the project key milestones and next steps, allow me to now announce that “***THE TANZANIA-UGANDA OIL AND GAS SYMPOSIUM ON THE EAST AFRICAN CRUDE OIL PIPELINE PROJECT***” is officially opened.

Thanks!

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