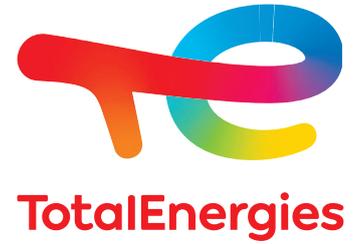


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# Our Activities

## Our Commitment Towards Shared Value



TotalEnergies EP Uganda recently handed over of 105 resettlement houses and titles to people whose primary residence was impacted during the identification of land for the construction of the Tilenga Project facilities and associated infrastructure in Buliisa District.

*“We would like to contribute towards creating positive impact and shared value with the people affected by the project and those living in the vicinity of our activities.”* noted Mr. Philippe Groueix, General

Manager, TotalEnergies EP Uganda.

The 105 houses are part of the planned 205 houses to be built and comprise 2, 3 and 4 bedrooms (depending on size of original structure), a sitting area, veranda, an outside kitchen, a solar powered system, rainwater Harvest Water Tank (5,000 litres), and a VIP Latrine. The structures are located on parcels of land chosen by the affected households and have been designed to last for at least 25 years before any major refurbishment is required.

The completion and handover of the remaining 100 houses is planned for before end of year 2023.

**“We promised to implement Uganda’s oil and gas projects while safeguarding the environment and transforming the lives of our people. We shall sustainably exploit Uganda’s natural resources for social and economic transformation.”**

*Hon. Ruth Nankabirwa Ssentamu, Minister of Energy and Mineral Development*

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## National Environment Management Authority of Uganda Recognizes TotalEnergies' Environment Conservation Efforts



The National Environment Management Authority of Uganda (NEMA) has recognised and awarded TotalEnergies EP Uganda for its environmental conservation efforts and for implementing the Tilenga project in line with national, and international environmental laws

and policies. The award was presented to TotalEnergies EP Uganda's team including the General Manager, Mr. Philippe Groueix, the Deputy General Manager, Mariam Nampeera Mbowa and the Company's

Health, Safety, and Environment Director, Cyril Champigny on Monday, June 5, 2023, at an event organised by NEMA to commemorate World Environment and International Biodiversity Days.

## TotalEnergies EP Uganda Reiterates its Commitment to Human Rights



TotalEnergies EP Uganda reaffirmed the Company's adherence to Human rights at the East Africa Business and human rights conference, an event hosted by Dan Church Aid on June 15, 2023. Speaking at the conference, Mary Begg-Saffar, said

**“We seek to promote dialogue and exchanges with Human Rights Defenders in the framework of our activities and where appropriate, as recommended by the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the Company seeks to exert its leverage to influence others to respect these principles.”**

In particular, TotalEnergies recognizes the importance of protecting Human Rights Defenders and does not tolerate any attack or threats against those who peacefully and lawfully promote Human Rights in relations to its activities.

## Uganda Hosts the 10<sup>th</sup> East African Petroleum Conference and Exhibition (EAPCE)

TotalEnergies EP Uganda participated in the 10th EAPCE, an event organised under the theme 'East Africa as a Hub for Investment in Exploration and Exploitation of Petroleum Resources for Sustainable Energy and Socioeconomic Development' and officiated by the Vice President of Uganda, Hon. Jessica

Alupo. The Company's General Manager, Philippe Groueix, participated in a panel discussion on The Role of The Private Sector in the Development of the East African Oil and Gas Industry and gave a keynote speech highlighting the importance of upholding

human rights in the implementation of the Tilenga. The Company participated in the exhibition and updated the attendees on its activities especially about the Tilenga Project.



## Uganda Hosts the 10<sup>th</sup> East African Petroleum Conference and Exhibition (EAPCE) continued



## Minister of Energy and Mineral Development Launches Women in Energy & Extractives Network (WEEN)



Board of Trustees and Governing Council members of Women in Energy and Extractives Network



The Minister of Energy and Mineral Development, Dr. Ruth Nankabirwa, launched the Women in Energy and Extractives Network (WEEN) which aims to strengthen women's networks, elevate their profiles, enhance their

participation, and foster female leadership in the sector alongside advocating for gender integration in energy and extractives policies and programmes at national and global levels. TotalEnergies EP Uganda's Deputy General

Manager, Mariam Nampeera Mbowa, was appointed to the Board of Trustees, while the Company's Corporate Affairs Manager, Anita Kayongo, is on the Governing Council.

# A Partnership with the National Forestry Authority to Conserve Uganda's Largest Central Forest Reserve



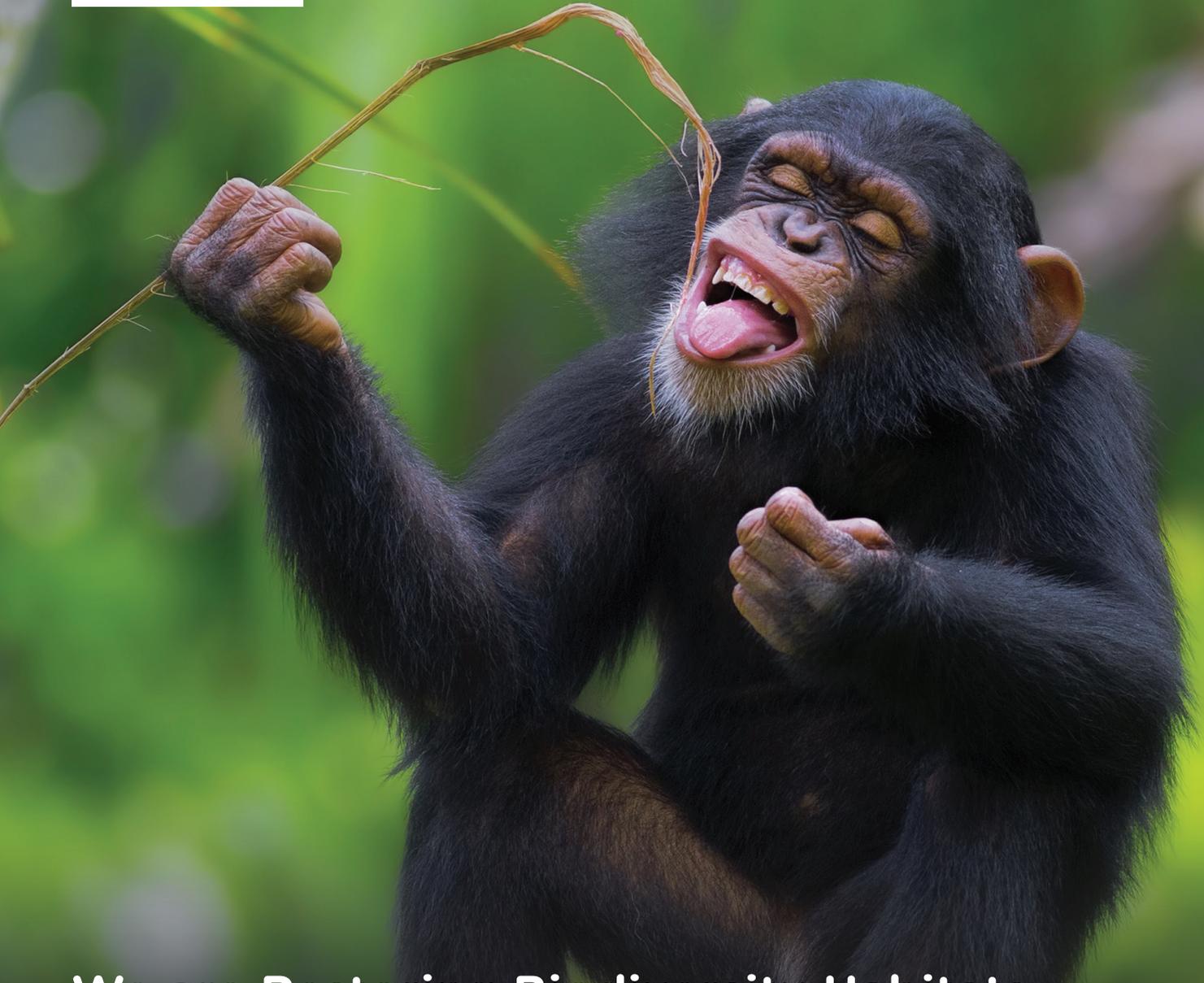
TotalEnergies EP Uganda has signed a five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Forestry Authority (NFA) to conserve Budongo which is Uganda's Largest Central Forest Reserve.

**“ This five-year commitment marks the start of a partnership to enhance the understanding of Budongo Central Forest Reserve, raise awareness of its immense biodiversity value and support NFA in its strategic objectives to improve management of central forest reserves through joint patrols using SMART technologies.**

Deputy General Manager, Mariam Nampeera Mbowa. ”



# Action *for* Sustainability



## We are Restoring Biodiversity Habitats

We are working with authorities and local land owners to reduce threats to chimpanzees and communities by protecting and restoring key forest corridors.



TotalEnergies Support the Global Sustainable Development Goals

## Ugandans to Benefit from Study Opportunities in France



TotalEnergies EP Uganda (TEPU) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Embassy of France in Uganda to provide study opportunities to Ugandans.

Through this partnership, three Ugandans will pursue fully funded master's scholarships in France during the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 academic years in agriculture-related fields.

*"We want to have an impact outside oil and gas, in an area where there is a huge need to develop expertise in Uganda and for the transformation of the country." Philippe Groueix, General Manager at TotalEnergies EP Uganda.*



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## PAU Skills Expo Highlights Opportunities in the Oil and Gas sector



In May 2023, TotalEnergies EP Uganda (TEPU) took part in the Oil and Gas Skills Expo, organized by the Petroleum Authority of Uganda at the International University of East Africa which. TEPU's Human Resource team set up a consultation desk where they talked to young people attending the expo about the requirements for getting a job at the company and opportunities available.

Furthermore, Mariam Nampeera Mbowa, the Deputy General Manager of TEPU, shared important updates about the Tilenga Project and the many opportunities it brings.

**“The project not only offers employment opportunities but also offers scholarship programmes, vocational trainings, internship, and graduate training opportunities among others.”** Mariam Nampeera Mbowa, the TEPU Deputy General Manager. ”





# Action *for* Sustainability



## We are Restoring, Transitioning and Improving Livelihoods

We are boosting livelihoods of the Tilenga Project host community through agriculture, bee keeping, commercial tree planting and financial literacy training.



TotalEnergies Support the Global Sustainable Development Goals

# Tilenga Community Voices

## Agricultural Support for Livelihood Improvement Within the Tilenga Communities



As part of the Agricultural Support Services project, TotalEnergies EP Uganda (TEPU) through Living Earth Uganda has provided farm inputs to the Tilenga Project Affected Persons (PAPs) to enable them engage in commercial farming and improve their livelihoods.

Along with farm inputs including high-yield, drought-resistant cassava cuttings, beans, maize, boran bulls and boar bucks, the Agriculture project is offering capacity building to over 3,500 PAPs and post-harvest processing equipment to 20 farmer groups, including cassava chippers, maize milling machines, silos and so much more.





*I received cash compensation and agricultural inputs after my acre of land and garden were affected by Tilenga project activities. I used the money to buy another piece of land and build a house in Kisomere village. I also used part of the money to buy more farm inputs so that I can plant, harvest, sell and get money to pay much children's school fees," Chombe Omirambe, a project beneficiary in Kisomere village, Bulisa District.*

*"Together with my husband, we bought a plot of land here in Avogera using the cash we received from TotalEnergies. We have also bought three goats and sent our children back to school. I am very grateful that this project has changed our lives," Sylvia Basemera, a resident of Bulisa District a beneficiary of TotalEnergies EP Uganda's compensation initiative. She added, "we also received cassava cuttings and maize as part of the transitional support, and I now want to become a maize farmer and sell maize in Hoima and Kampala so we can make more money as a family."*



*"I have expanded my garden and increased food production for my family's consumption and sale," Afocan Stella, beneficiary of high-yield cassava cuttings from TotalEnergies EP Uganda's Agricultural Support Services project.*

*"I can only say glory to God, getting high yield and drought-resistant cassava cuttings has been very expensive, but with this now I am no longer worried about the next planting season" Atimuni Yesu Yonirwoth who beneficiary of TotalEnergies EP Uganda's Agricultural Support Services project.*

# Standing Together With Our Communities

## A Donation to Patients in Buliisa District Hospitals



TotalEnergies Uganda under the Action! Program donated supplies like to patients at Buliisa Health Center IV and Buliisa General Hospital's maternity and children's wards. This initiative is not only in line with the Company's value of Standing Together and its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) pillar of Caring for People, but also aligns with the UN Sustainable Development Goal 3, which advocates for Good Health and Well-being.



## Women Teams Highlight the Return of the TotalEnergies Buliisa Football Mini-League



*“We are grateful for the support you are giving us. Everyone is attesting to the fact that this is the first-time women are participating in a football league in the district and there has been a great show of talent.” Hon. Allan Atugonza the Member of Parliament for Buliisa constituency* ”



Diversity is vital for TotalEnergies, and women’s inclusion in the Buliisa football mini-league demonstrates our commitment to boost gender empowerment in Buliisa district. The mini-league which resumed in

April is organised to promote sportsmanship, talent search, gender empowerment and development in the Company’s areas of operation, and this aligns with the Company’s commitment to youth inclusion and engage-

ment with the host community. The league attracted 96 football teams, 26 of which were women’s teams. Hon. Allan Atugonza the Member of Parliament for Buliisa constituency expressed heartfelt gratitude to TotalEnergies. **Click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#) for full stories:**

## Standing Together With Our Partners to Promote Healthy Living in Our Communities



In commemoration of World Environment Day, Total Energies EP Uganda partnered with its contractors to clean the streets and the main market in Pakwach town.

The cleaning initiative was aimed at raising awareness about the adverse impacts of plastic waste on the environment and encouraging people to embrace eco-friendly plastic alternatives. Pakwach District Chairperson, Mr. Robert Omito Steen, and Environment Officer, Mr. Richard Alenyo, commended TotalEnergies EP Uganda's unwavering commitment to environmental preservation, sustainable practices, and social responsibility.



# Site visits

## “Tilenga is Crucial for Uganda’s Economy.” Archbishop Stephen Kaziimba



Archbishop Stephen Kaziimba and several other church leaders visited Tilenga project sites in Buliisa and urged residents of Bunyoro and Acholi subregions to support the country’s Oil and Gas projects.

*“The industry is crucial for Uganda’s economy and should be supported.”  
Archbishop Stephen Kazimba. ”*

He blessed the project with a prayer, interacted with Project Affected Persons in Avogera village. The Archbishop commended TEPU for the support provided to PAPs to boost their agricultural productivity and finding market for their agricultural products.



## State Minister for Mineral Development Lauds TotalEnergies EP Uganda for the Progress on Tilenga Project



The State Minister for Mineral Development, Peter Lokeris, on his visit to the Tilenga Project sites, lauded TotalEnergies EP Uganda for the progress on project, noting that it is a major contribution to Uganda's social and economic development. He committed to supporting the Tilenga project activities and conflict resolution processes for land disputes.

“ I have done it before and will continue to do it; I will come, especially where there are disputes over land, I'm an expert in conflict resolutions.” Hon. Peter Lokeris.

## The Petroleum Authority of Uganda Impressed by the Tilenga Project Progress



Led by the Executive Director Mr. Ernest Rubondo, a team from the Petroleum Authority of Uganda (PAU) visited the Tilenga project site and commended TotalEnergies EP Uganda for the significant progress achieved thus far.

“ These training initiatives from the Tilenga project not only uplift individuals but also bolster Uganda's overall capabilities in the oil and gas industry, positioning the nation for long-term growth and self-sufficiency,” said Mr. Rubondo who reaffirmed PAU's support for the Tilenga Project and its endeavors to position Uganda as a prominent player in the regional oil and gas industry.

## Cultural Leaders Commend the Tilenga Project Impact on Local Communities



Cultural leaders from Alur Kingdom visited the Tilenga project sites to better understand its impact on Project Affected Persons (PAPs) and host communities. They visited and interacted with several PAPs like Phineas Owormungu, a

beneficiary of the resettlement housing initiative, and were delighted by testimonies on how the project is improving PAPs' livelihoods and welfare.

*“The house is of the highest standards, and we saw many of them. We are also impressed that the local people have been employed by the project, that is another good practice.” Charles Rwoth Ombidi of Kwonga Chiefdom.*

## TotalEnergies' Senior Vice President, People and Social Engagement, Visits the Tilenga Project



TotalEnergies' Senior Vice President, People and Social Engagement, Agnieszka Kmiecik, visited the Tilenga sites in Buliisa and Nwoya districts to review the project's progress and engage with the host communities.

## Government Communicators and Public Relations Practitioners Visit Tilenga Project



Representatives from the Government Communicators Forum and the Public Relations Association of Uganda (PRAU) visited Tilenga Project sites in Buliisa District to better understand Uganda's Oil and Gas sector and its contribution to the country's development.

Col. Deo Akiiki, the UPDF Deputy Spokesman interacted with Okecha John, a Tilenga Project Affected Person who received a 4-bedroom house from TotalEnergies EP Uganda's resettlement housing project and noted,



*"This is an impressive transition from the grass thatched house this old man lived in. He now has a 4-bedroom house with solar electricity, a water tank, a modern kitchen, and a VIP latrine."*



## The Intergovernmental Security Committee Assesses Security Compliance of Tilenga Project



The Intergovernmental Security Committee for East African Crude Oil Pipeline Project (EACOP) visited the Tilenga project sites on Saturday, April 15, 2023, to check if the project is being implemented in compliance with international security standards.

The committee with delegates from Uganda and Tanzania was led by Major General Innocent Oula of National Enterprise Corporation Uganda and Major General Athailas of Tanzania People's Defense Forces visited the Industrial Area in Buliisa District and JBR- 5

well pad in the Murchison Falls National Park, Nwoya District. They commended TotalEnergies EP Uganda for complying with national and international security standards in the implementation of the Tilenga project and recommended measures for improvement.

## Acholi Religious Leaders Applaud Tilenga Project's Environment Conservation and Restoration Initiatives



## Kikuube Local Leaders Visit Tilenga Project Sites and Applaud TotalEnergies EP Uganda for Positive Impact on Local Communities



"The confidence and the warm welcome the PAPs gave us confidence that TotalEnergies EP Uganda is close to its PAPs; that can't happen if the PAPs are dissatisfied... I can attest that TotalEnergies EP Uganda is empowering the communities," said the Kikuube District Clerk, Francis Abikaniza Kiva during the visit.

## Acholi Chief Drums Up Support for Uganda's Oil and Gas Sector



## Standard Bank's Chiefs Visit the Tilenga Project



# Projects Updates



## Tilenga Stakeholder Engagement:

- Tilenga Stakeholder engagement; Stakeholders engaged through physical meetings, radio announcements and podcasts (focusing on Employment fraud, Movement of key Tilenga project equipment, unreachable Resettlement Action Plans (RAPs) 2-5 Project Affected Persons (PAPs), Road Safety and Grievance management).



## Gender Management Services (Networth Consult Ltd);

- 15,000 Information, Education and Communication Posters, Tear drop Banners and materials on themes of Gender Equality, Equity, Gender Based Violence, Child protection, 16 Days of Activism were developed and published
- 12/30 Contractors supported to mainstream gender in activities
- 33/60 Village Gender awareness meetings completed (887 Women and 1150 Men attended)
- Co-facilitated 16 days of activism celebrations in Buliisa District
- 5 District Gender Committees formed in 5 districts (Buliisa, Nwoya, Pakwach, Kikuube & Hoima comprising 38 women & 62 men)
- 62/60 Community Activists/TOTS (26 women & 36 men) trained on Gender Mainstreaming and issued with certificates
- Gender training for various categories in 10 Sub-counties/Town Councils were conducted for 78 women and 147 men.



## Community Health and Sanitation Services (Health Promotion International):

- 6/15 radio talk shows held at Biiso FM and Spice FM
- 1,021 HIV tests conducted within the community with 23 positives linked to care and treatment
- Information, Education and Communication materials under review (Tear drops and brochures among others)
- 5/5 District level inception meetings conducted on Malaria, HIV/AIDS, Non-communicable diseases, epidemics, respiratory diseases and Water and Sanitation
- 154/250 health workers trained on various diseases as part of the continuous medical education
- Conducted a Training of Trainers (ToT) for 424 Village Health Teams (VHTs) within the Project Area
- 189 / 315 health workers supported with on waste management at the health centres / facilities
- Male condom distribution on going in with 11,380 pieces within the Project Area.

## TotalEnergies' Staff on a mission to promote clean Energy alternatives in the Tilenga Communities



A team of TotalEnergies' staff under the Engage for Sustainability club visited areas around the Tilenga project to promote the use of clean energy for cooking. During their visit, the team showcased to the communities in Kisomere village, Ngwedo sub-county showcased that natural gas is cleaner than coal which produces greenhouse gas emissions that affect the environment.



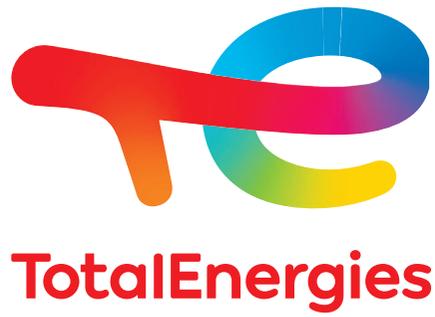
## Promoting Cultural Diversity at the Work Place



At TotalEnergies, Diversity is one of our key assets. The Company operates in more than 130 countries with a workforce comprised of over 160 nationalities. Our core value is 'Respect for Each Other' which means respecting each other, recognising, and

embracing Diversity as well as ensuring all of us feel included in the TotalEnergies team. In commemoration of the Diversity Day celebrated on May 21st, the Company hosted a cultural themed event during

which staff dressed in traditional and cultural attire from all over the world. Besides the visually exciting cultural outfits, staff also showed off their cultural dances, greetings, musical instruments, and ornaments among other things.



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