Tullow and its Joint Venture Partners received approval for the 2021 annual work plan and budget for the implementation of the South Lokichar-Turkana Project. As they seek to restart operations the conversation on Waste Management, broadly must be revived considering initial challenges with waste disposal that drew attention of key sector players including National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA) and local civil society organizations such as Friends of Lake Turkana at their Ngamia Site Read More

The Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) undertook stakeholder validation for 10 proposed regulations midstream and downstream. These regulations include those touching on: petroleum pricing; strategic stocks; minimum reserves; business licensing and facility construction; operation of common user petroleum facilities; information and statistics; and petroleum road transportation business, road tankers and drivers, among others. NEMA also validated and published the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Guidelines for the Oil and Gas Sector developed under the Kenya Petroleum Technical Assistance Project.
Tullow Oil PLC, who has 50% stake in Project Oil Kenya has signed two separate sale and purchase agreements with Panoro Energy ASA (Panoro) for all of Tullow’s assets in Equatorial Guinea (the EG Transaction) and the Dussafu asset in Gabon (the Dussafu Transaction). Tullow and its Joint Venture Partners are still in the process of revaluing Project Oil Kenya based on lower crude oil prices. However, crude oil prices have exhibited an upward trend reaching pre-COVID levels in early February.

The Environmental and Social Impact Assessment for the Lamu Lokichar Crude Oil Pipeline (LLCOP) has been finalized and is due to undergo public hearings. The East African Crude Oil Pipeline construction is due to begin in March. Kenya Pipeline Company’s (KPC) Sh2.06 billion Kisumu oil jetty depreciated by Sh158 million in 2019. This was a result of Uganda’s failure to put up a reciprocal facility on Lake Victoria. The depreciation of the jetty has been captured in the State corporation’s annual report to June 2019. Since then, there has been little change, with the facility remaining underutilised.

The Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority announced new prices with the cost of petrol, diesel and kerosene increasing by Sh8.19, Sh5.51 and Sh5.32, a litre respectively. Matatu Owners Association (MOA) is assessing the impact the new pump prices on their business before making a decision, with an increase on fares among its options. During the EPRA regulations consultative workshop, KCSPOG raised concerns the lack of a governance framework for use of the petroleum development levy on super petrol and diesel considering the spike in global oil prices.
**WHAT WE’VE BEEN DOING & WHATS COMING**

**Platform Activities**

**February**

- Published Article on the Standard on "Waste Water Management for Project Oil Kenya" on 5th
- Participated as a panelist in a Webinar Co-hosted by Oxfam in America and el Grupo Regional de Género y Extractivas (GRGE) on "Living with Oil and its Toxicity: Resisting the Gendered Impacts of Oil Pipelines from the Amazon to East Africa" on 4th
- Recorded Energy Talks Episodes 1-2
- Participated in Stakeholder Consultation Workshop for Petroleum (Midstream and Downstream) Regulations on 25th
- Attended KEPTAP organized Knowledge Transfer for NEMA's Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Guidelines for the Oil and Gas Sector on 16th-18th

**March**

- Hold a Validation Workshop for CSO/Journalist Training Manual on Transparency, Governance and Accountability in the oil and gas sector
- Publish Episode 1-2 and Record Episode 3-4 of Season 2 of #EnergyTalks Podcasts
- Launch KCSPOG revamped website on 15th
- Publish What You Pay Africa Conference KEPTAP Trainings on: Stakeholder Engagement, Free Prior and Informed Consent; Water Management in the Oil and Gas Sector; and Environmental Auditing - date to be confirmed