PUBLIC TALK

Uganda’s Forests at the Crossroads

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Invited Speakers:
1. Bunyoro Kitara Kingdom
2. National Forest Authority
3. Civil Society Organizations

Date: 9th May 2019
Venue: Uganda Museum
Time: 4pm

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"Empowering Communities"
Power and politics at play in the Forest Sector
Investor tricks NFA, acquires prime city land

Officials of the National Forestry Authority leased one hectare of prime city land to an investor to set up a timber drying plant but the investor has since acquired outright ownership, with the assistance of top politicians, and set up a supermarket on part of the land.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 30 2012
Part of Matiri CFR – adjoining Toro-Smliki Wildlife Reserve
Upland rice in encroached Zoka
Area encroached in zoka CFR
Homesteads in Forest Reserves - South Busoga
Collaborative Forest Management – Budongo, Bugoma
Communal Land Associations – Lamwo, Ongo
Private tree planting
Unsustainable harvesting of logs
Omukama of Bunyoro’s Title

- Bugoma is 41,140 ha
- Titling for 5,779 ha in August 2016
- This is 15% of the CFR
- Uganda Land Commission (ULC) endorsed Bunyoro demand for land
- Area land committee and DLB endorsed the process
- Commissioner survey and mapping declared there was no forest on ground
- The judge undertook a field visit (locus) based on which he pronounced himself
- The judgement is a defacto degazettment, which rests with Parliament (Section 8 (5) of NFTPA
- NFA has submit a request to stay execution of judgment and planning an appeal
- NEMA has demanded for EIA
- Engagements with Parliament, Minister and HEP planned
“...no illegal activity can take place in a reserve without the knowledge of relevant staff, local political leaders and the police. Money always exchanges hands”...

Charles Asiimwe, Timber Dealer
Government cancels Bunyoro Kingdom’s land title

Kampala.

The State minister for Lands, Ms Pércis Namuganza, has said Bunyoro Kitara Kingdom’s land title in Bugoma Forest Reserve in Hoima District has been cancelled.

The two-square mile land at Buhaguzi in Kyangwali has been the centre of controversy between Bunyoro Kitara Kingdom and the National Forestry Authority (NFA).
Voices from the field

Forests For Food Security, Resilience to Shocks and Income

When all the trees are cut down,
When all the animals are dead
When all the waters are poisoned
When all the air is unsafe to breathe
Only then will you discover.....
YOU CANNOT EAT MONEY