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NATURE TALK AFRICA (NaTA)

NaTA's primary role and duty

A community Voices for Environmental Justice, Human Rights and Climate Resilience in Uganda's Albertine Region.

Who We Are

[Nature Talk Africa \(NaTA\)](#) is a youth-led, community-based organization founded in 2023 and formally registered in 2024 in Hoima District, Uganda. We were established by young people, community organizers, environmental defenders, and individuals directly affected by large-scale oil and gas developments in Uganda's Albertine Graben.

Unlike many organizations that work from a distance, our leadership and membership come directly from the communities experiencing the realities of displacement, land acquisition, environmental degradation, livelihood loss, and social disruption associated with oil and gas extractive industries.

We believe that communities closest to environmental and climate injustices should be at the center of designing solutions, shaping policies, and determining their own future. Our work is rooted in solidarity, nonviolence, human dignity, environmental stewardship, social justice, and community empowerment.



Why We Exist.

Background: The Albertine region of Uganda is currently undergoing rapid oil and gas development, including major projects such as:

- The East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP).
- The Tilenga Oil Project.
- The Kingfisher Oil Project.
- The Oil Refinery Project.
- The Kabalega International Airport.

While these projects have been promoted as pathways to development, thousands of local people have experienced:

- Land dispossession and displacement.
- Loss of livelihoods and income sources.
- Food insecurity.
- Social and family breakdown.
- Increased vulnerability among women, youth, children and elderly people.
- Environmental degradation.
- Shrinking civic space for community voices.
- Limited access to information and meaningful participation in decision-making.

Nature Talk Africa was created because affected communities needed an independent platform to organize, learn, advocate, document their experiences, and collectively pursue environmental and social justice.

OUR VISION

A resilient and sustainable community where nature and people flourish.

We are intentional to promote a socially and ecologically just society where communities live in dignity, exercise their rights, and actively participate in shaping sustainable and equitable development.

OUR MISSION

To provide inclusive innovation approaches to community development, local climate change adaptation and protection of youth and environmental rights.

We empower communities through community organizing, environmental and climate justice advocacy, participatory research, civic engagement, sustainable livelihood initiatives, and protection of human rights.

What We Do



- **Community organizing and Mobilization:** We support grassroots organizing among oil-affected communities to strengthen collective action, amplify local voices, and promote meaningful community participation.
- **Environmental and Climate Justice Advocacy:** We raise awareness about environmental impacts associated with extractive industries while advocating for sustainable and equitable alternatives that prioritize people and nature.
- **Human Rights and Civic Engagement:** We document and highlight community concerns relating to land rights, displacement, livelihoods, and participation in development processes.
- **Participatory Research and Documentation:** We collect community stories, evidence, and local perspectives that often remain unheard in national and international policy discussions.
- **Youth Leadership Development:** We equip young people with skills in advocacy, organizing, leadership, environmental stewardship, and social accountability.
- **Sustainable Livelihoods and Community Resilience:** We support community-driven initiatives that strengthen food security, climate resilience, economic empowerment, and environmental conservation.
- **Public Awareness and Media Engagement:** Through digital campaigns, storytelling, documentaries, community dialogues, and public education, we bring visibility to issues affecting frontline communities.

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



What We Have Achieved.

Despite operating with extremely limited resources, Nature Talk Africa has made significant contributions within a short period:

- **Strengthened Grassroots Networks:** We have built and supported a growing network of community organizers, youth leaders, and environmental defenders across oil-affected areas of Hoima, Buliisa, and Kikuube districts.
- **Amplified community voices:** Through community dialogues, advocacy actions, media engagement, and storytelling initiatives, we have enabled affected people to share their experiences nationally and internationally.
- **Supported Environmental and Human Rights Advocacy:** We have contributed to efforts promoting transparency, accountability, environmental protection, and respect for community rights in Uganda's oil development context.
- **Developed Youth Leadership:** Young people from marginalized communities have gained confidence and skills to participate in local governance, environmental protection, and civic engagement.
- **Built National and International Solidarity:** We have established relationships with civil society organizations, environmental justice movements, media actors, researchers, and human rights defenders across Africa and beyond. For example, we are a member of Alliance for Land, Indigenous and Environmental Defenders (ALLIED), #StopEACOP coalition, Stop The Money Pipeline (STMP) among others.
- **Advanced community education:** Hundreds of community members have participated in awareness-raising activities related to climate justice, environmental protection, land rights and citizen participation.
- **Promoted Nonviolent Civic Action:** We have encouraged peaceful, constructive and lawful engagement to address community concerns while maintaining commitment to dialogue and democratic participation.

NaTA's Website Publications as the References to Our Work and Achievement

<https://www.naturetalkafrika.org/view-report/nata-impact-report-2025.pdf>

<https://www.naturetalkafrika.org/view-report/oil-and-gas-report-2025.pdf>

<https://www.naturetalkafrika.org/view-report/2026-nata-jan-mar-report.pdf>

<https://www.naturetalkafrika.org/view-report/nata-annual-report-2025.pdf>

<https://www.naturetalkafrika.org/>

Our social media handles contains more details about our work:

X: https://x.com/NatureTalk_A

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/naturetalk.africa/>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/nature-talk-africa-nata/>

JUSTICE FOR OIL PROJECT-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

LAND, RIGHTS, AND DIGNITY
ARE NOT NEGOTIABLE.



How We Adapt and Mitigate Risks.

Nature Talk Africa has developed practical approaches to continue operating effectively and responsibly:

- 1. Community-led Leadership:** Our work is grounded in trusted local leadership structures that maintain our close relationships within our communities.
- 2. Nonviolent Approaches:** We prioritize community-led tribunals and dialogues, education, evidence-based advocacy, and peaceful civic engagement.
- 3. Security and Risk Awareness:** We continuously assess risks and implement safety measures for staff, volunteers, and community organizers.
- 4. Partnerships and Solidarity Networks:** Collaboration with national, regional, and international allies strengthens protection, learning, and collective impact.
- 5. Digital Organizing:** We increasingly utilize digital tools to engage communities, share information and reduce operational costs.
- 6. Local Ownership:** Community members play a central role in planning and implementing activities, ensuring sustainability and relevance.

The Reality We Continue to Face.

Working at the intersection of environmental justice, human rights and Oil and Gas extractive industry accountability presents significant challenges. These include:

- Resource constraints affecting community outreach.
- Digital security threats.
- Difficulties accessing remote communities.
- High levels of poverty and vulnerability among affected populations.
- Growing climate impacts affecting local livelihoods.
- Limited access to sustainable funding.
- Increasing restrictions on civic space.
- Security concerns for environmental defenders.
- Community fear and intimidation.
- Limited access to legal and technical support.

These challenges are not theoretical; they are realities faced daily by frontline communities and grassroots organizations within the three major oil host communities of Hoima, Buliisa and Kikuube districts in the Albertine region.

Watch documentaries produced by our closest allies based within Hoima that we have highly contributed to their production through mobilizing identifying participants and coordinating initial documenting stages: <https://youtu.be/lmG3W0xxg4?si=RoEi7P482M0miX1l>, <https://youtu.be/hZouBswsuVc?si=SN27yWyK4kKbn3t3> and <https://youtu.be/X66twYYSNTM?si=S7NRnv6Hu7Aylx5r>

What Lies Ahead.

Nature Talk Africa is entering a critical phase of growth. Our priorities over the next five years include:

- 1. Expanding Community Organizing Networks:** Reaching more communities affected by extractive industries and climate impacts.
- 2. Establishing a Community Justice and Research Hub:** Creating a permanent center for participatory research, policy engagement, documentation and learning.
- 3. Strengthening Climate Resilience Programs:** Supporting locally driven adaptation, food security, environmental restoration and sustainable livelihoods.
- 4. Building Youth Leadership:** Developing a new generation of environmental justice leaders and community organizers.
- 5. Advancing more Community-Led Research:** Generating evidence that informs national, regional, and international policy discussions.
- 6. Strengthening Protection Mechanisms:** Enhancing safety, wellbeing, and resilience for environmental defenders and affected communities.
- 7. Expanding Global Solidarity:** Connecting local struggles with international movements working toward climate justice, environmental protection, and human rights.

Why Partnerships Matter to us.

Frontline communities cannot address these challenges alone. We believe the most effective solutions emerge when local knowledge and international solidarity work together. Meaningful partnerships provide:

- Resources for community-led solutions.
- Technical expertise and mentorship.
- Research and knowledge exchange.
- Protection and solidarity for defenders.
- Opportunities for innovation and learning.
- Greater visibility for community voices.
- Long-term institutional sustainability.

A Call to Stand with Frontline Communities

The story of Uganda's Albertine region is not only about oil. It is about people. It is about communities seeking dignity, justice, participation and a sustainable future.

Nature Talk Africa exists to ensure that the voices of affected communities are heard, respected, and included in decisions that shape their lives. Together, we can strengthen environmental justice, protect human rights, build community resilience and create a future where development does not come at the expense of people and nature.

Partner With Us. Support Community-Led Change. Invest in Environmental Justice. We are Community Voices for Environmental Justice, Human Rights and Climate Resilience.

"Nothing About Us Without Us."

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