



12<sup>th</sup> June 2019

To: President of the Republic of Uganda

Attn: **Electricity Regulatory Authority**

The Ministry of Energy

Ministry of Tourism

Ministry of Environment

Nwoya District Local Government

Kiryandongo District Local Government

Bonang Power and Energy (Pty) Limited

**Re: Save the “Murchison Falls” for God’s Sake!**

Amani Institute Uganda strongly **rejects** the sanctioning of any further hydro electricity generation project within the Murchison Falls Conversation Area (MFCA) and hereby **objects very strongly** against the consideration of the Notice of Intended Application for a License from Bonang Power and Energy (Pty) Limited for the generation and sale of electricity from a Hydro powerplant proposed to be established near Murchison Falls, in Kiryandongo and Nwoya Districts pursuant to your notice dated 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

The MFCA comprises Murchison Falls National Park, Bugungu and Karauma Falls. Already, Karuma Falls has been severely impacted by the construction of the Karama Hydro Electric Dam and even before its completion, another scheme is well on the pipeline to destroy the only remaining magnificent falls at Murchison.

Located deep inside the National Game Park, Murchison Falls is undoubtedly one of the few remaining natural beauties that truly makes Uganda the Pearl of Africa.

Already, a number of natural attractions in the country have been destroyed, courtesy of development projects, with little benefit to show. What is clear is that these destructions of mother nature have immediate and long-term ramifications for the country's environment and natural habitat.

Because of this gorgeous water falls, the Murchison Falls National Park is deemed the best national park in the country and is attracting a growing number of visitors each year. Any scheme to destroy or even threaten such a wonder must be rejected and condemned in the strongest term possible and as Amani, we urge the concerned authorities: Uganda Wildlife Authorities, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Tourism, relevant Local Governments and most importantly the people of Uganda to reject this application for all intent and purposes.

Amani Institute Uganda further presents its appeal to the Ministry of Energy and Office of the President of the Republic of Uganda to embrace a sustainable development model which preserves the eco-system and environment, even as we address current challenges and gaps. Whereas, sufficient and affordable electricity supply is instrumental to our economic transformation and realization of the middle-income status, such can be harnessed without adversely affecting the precious gifts of nature, which are irreplaceable.

Please be assured of our very highest consideration. For more information, please contact us on Email: [amaniuganda@gmail.com](mailto:amaniuganda@gmail.com). Tel: +256772398275

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