

Dear members of the green church-based development network,

*Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of September, the green church-based development network invites you to a network meeting from 10:00-14.15 at CKU. Peter Bangs Vej 5B, 2000 Frederiksberg.*

The thematic focus of the meeting is on the intersection between the energy sector in the global South, social justice and how the energy sector, pension companies and people are connected globally across borders. The energy sector is expanding in the Global South through the green transition and continuous extraction of oil and carbon. Often the sector causes human rights violations, destroyed livelihoods and corruption. There is a tendency to favorize the wealthy and not benefit the poorest and solely be driven by monetary interests with a lacking focus on the social dimensions. Social justice is central in Christianity and emphasizes the importance of giving voice to the voiceless, fight exploitation, power abuse and pursue justice for the forsaken. The network meeting will take a starting point in a specific case: The East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP). EACOP is a pipeline that will transport oil produced from Uganda's Lake Albert oilfields to the port of Tanga Tanzania. Here oil will be sold forward to world markets. The project jeopardizes the green transition, biodiversity, environmental protection and human rights. TOTAL is one of the main investors in this project and PFA in Denmark has huge investments in TOTAL.

**Program:**

10:00 *Drop in coffee*

10:15 *Welcome and introduction*

10:30 *Meryne Warah, program director from Green Faith Africa will share how they work with mobilization of faith actors to advocate against EACOP and for green energy, social justice and human rights in Uganda and Tanzania.*

11:15 *Voices from Uganda – A secular organization in Uganda describes how local persons are affected by the oil pipeline, green washing from TOTAL and how protection from a church can give a platform for advocacy.*

11:45 *Group discussions*

12:15 *Lunch and network*

13:00 *Leila Stockmarr and Caroline Bessermann from Action Aid will present how EACOP is a global problem and how finance and pension companies link persons in Denmark to the oil pipeline in Uganda and Tanzania.*

14:00 *Wrap up*

Registration to Annika Bach, [aba@cku.dk](mailto:aba@cku.dk) before the 12<sup>th</sup> of September.