

# For you, IEEE PES ISGT conference attendee...

**Schneider Electric, Diamond sponsor of your conference and self proclaimed sustainable development champion, is currently an accomplice to an environmental and human disaster in Africa.**

This disaster is called EACOP (East African Crude Oil Pipe Line), a heated pipeline of 1443km length crossing Tanzania and Uganda. Schneider Electric is involved as supplier for electrical, safety and supervision systems. The French group TotalEnergies, one of the supermajor oil companies, will be the main owner of this facility.

In an energy sector that needs a very quick decarbonization of its activities, the involvement of Schneider Electric is quite controversial:

- It is predicted that EACOP will emit **380Mt eq. CO<sub>2</sub>** during 25 years of operation. As « carbon bombs » (projects with emissions > 1Gt eq CO<sub>2</sub>), building this facility is in total contradiction with climate agreements;
- Schneider Electric claims that its involvement in EACOP project could decrease carbon emissions by 30%. Taking into account emissions due to oil final use, the real reduction is only around 0.6 %. The predicted supply of electrical systems of the pipeline by photovoltaic panels is of course totally not sufficient to mitigate carbon emissions;
- The impact on environment, especially Victoria and Albert lakes serving millions of people, could be devastating in case of leaks. The high seismic activity of this region increases this risk.



**About carbon bombs**

**Schneider Electric Hypocrite**

The human consequences are also devastating:

- The **consultation process** about the project is inappropriate and do not allows the affected population to give a free and informed consent about the project (non english speaking population, lack of data, very far consultation meetings, empty promises...) ;
- 118 000 people are affected by the project, and some of them must be **evicted on the pipeline path**. The elemental financial compensation measures are frequently not observed according to Human Rights Watch and other NGOs. The financial losses for affected people leads to undernutrition, renunciation to health care and children de-schooling ;
- Tanzanian and Ugandan governments are frequently criticized for their **authoritarian practices**, and their security forces are involved in suppression of local environmental associations and journalists.

Despite communication describing itself as a « positive impact business », that desire to « accelerate sustainable development for all » and launch « net-zero commitments », does Schneider Electric deserve these superlatives due to their involvement in new oil extraction infrastructures?

Today, by giving this leaflet or talking to you, we just want to question you about the final use of your scientific advances or the technologies you are developing. What progress for humanity if it serves dictatorial regimes or develop fossil fuel industry?

More about **#StopEACOP** campaign at  
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