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from speaking out their mind in this era is no longer tenable.

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Scrap taxes on renewable energy to save environment

Mabira forest in Uganda is a rainforest covering area of about 300sq km. The forest has been protected as Mabira Forest Reserve since 1932. The rainforest is habitat for many endangered bird, animal and plant species. Recently, the media reported that Mabira forest is fast disappearing as a result of numerous human activities.

Currently, more than a big percentage of people in Uganda depend on firewood and charcoal for cooking. Evidently, the poverty levels in the country, seem to

have escalated the destruction of the forest. Evidenced to this is contained in the recently released Uganda National Household Survey 2016/2017 report by Ubos indicating that there is a rise in national poverty levels from 19.7 per cent in the financial 2012/13 to 21.4 per cent in 2016/2017. Due the high cost of electricity in the country, many people can't afford the power for the purpose of cooking hence they resort to using fossil fuel.

This is worsened by the low level

investment in solar energy in spite of the fact that Uganda is endowed with sunshine. The government should create an enabling environment to encourage high investment in solar energy. This can be achieved by waiving taxes on solar equipment. Solar energy can be used for cooking, irrigation, and lighting. Goal seven of the UN's SDGs is to ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all by 2030.

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