

Researcher proposes tax on charcoal use

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KAMPALA. A university researcher has called on government to introduce tax on charcoal that will make the widely used energy resource in urban centres expensive for end consumers.

Dr Frederick Kakembo, the deputy vice chancellor of Ndejje University, said on Thursday that the tax on charcoal will stimulate the demand for improved charcoal stoves and briquettes, technologies that have been fronted to tame deforestation resulting from charcoal demand.

"There are many people

who are making briquettes, but do not have market," the university researcher said at a symposium on 'Energy for Green growth: Scaling up off-grid and energy efficient solutions.'

"As long as charcoal remains cheap, people will continue using it. Let government introduce tax on charcoal to make it expensive and force people to adopt briquettes," Dr Kakembo added.

Briquettes are compressed blocks of charcoal waste, sawdust, peat, or wood chips. They burn slowly for a long time, thus reducing significantly on the amount of charcoal used per meal.

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Justice Kikonyogo to be buried today

KAMPALA. Former deputy Chief Justice, Laetitia Kikonyogo, will be buried today at her ancestral home in Namulamba Mitvuna District

Cyprian Kizito Lwanga, described the late Kikonyogo as a Christian who balanced faith and work as a judge. "She was highly dedicated to society," the archbishop