

# CSOs encouraged to monitor environment

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Civil society organisations (CSOs) have been tasked with scaling up their environmental monitoring activities in the Albertine Graben to ensure oil companies comply with the set standards and guidelines so as to preserve the environment.

Ivan Amani who works with World Wide Fund (WWF) for nature, while addressing over 20 CSOs under their umbrella association, Bunyoro Albertine Petroleum Network on Environmental Conservation, at the Glory Summit Hotel in Hoima, said it was the responsibility of everyone to monitor oil activities for a better livelihood.

"If you leave environmental monitoring to government agencies alone, you will be abdicating your responsibility as a concerned citizen," Amani said.

He said oil-related activities were bound to increase as the oil sector entered the production stage, which would require more

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monitoring.

Amani also said the WWF had developed a checklist for monitoring the operator's compliance with national and international waste management standards and practices.

He said the checklist was developed from a review of many national and international compliance legislations and requirements for waste management.

Amani said the objective of the checklist was to generate data on compensation and resettlement programmes in Uganda.

"We want to empower local communities, monitor compensation and resettlement programmes in their settings," Amani said.