

Check environment pollution at the oil activities

EDITOR: Recently Uganda joined the world to celebrate the Environment day in Mbale district under the theme “*Beat plastic pollution*” with focus on alternatives to avoidable single use of polythene bags known as ‘*Buvera*’ which has become a menace to the environment .

This is a great milestone to environmental conservation once achieved. The rate at which our environment is polluted is very high with increased industrialisation and poor waste disposal of garbage and plastics which end up in water channels, trenches, wet lands as they have currently been known as “waste lands” in most towns country wide among other factors.

This calls for countrywide mass sensitisations on usage and disposal.

There have been efforts to ban plastic bag use or recycle it for the past four years, but it has not been fully achieved to date hence putting the environment at stake.

To add on that, with the current production phase with many development infrastructures set in the oil region such as the oil pipelines, critical oil roads, among other developments, areas where oil and gas activities are taking places could be affected by climate change due to emissions from waste causing soil and air pollution thus lowering the quality of air, acidic rains due to the presence of carbon monoxide, nitric oxide and sulfur oxide which pollute.

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