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# Oil discovery will worsen situation in Karamoja

**K**aramoja is a semi-arid sub-region, which receives little and unpredictable rain. The area also experiences high temperature throughout the year. The impacts of climate change create challenges and impose severe losses and hardships on the communities.

Therefore, I believe that oil exploitation in Karamoja will worsen climate change hence negatively impact on the social and economic development of the sub-region.

This will arise as a result of the trees being cleared for construction of roads for the oil refineries and for pipe lines. The worst impact of climate change is drought which negatively affects the agriculture sector leading to low production and productivity. This brings about food insecurity, limited availability of water as a result of depleting underground and surface water potential. Severe drought also leads to loss of animals.

Karamoja also faces the challenge of land degradation due to over grazing, which exposes to extreme conditions leading to soil erosion. Related to the oil exploitation in the Albertine region, challenges such as land grabbing, unfair compensation for land, human rights violation, and closing of schools are likely to also affect the region.

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