

Govt should invest more in clean energy like solar

Recently, President Museveni said there is need to get more villages onto the national electricity grid.

He said this would stop the cutting down of trees for charcoal and firewood for cooking as well as help to conserve the environment and avoid deforestation. Quite a good idea, but the big question is, will the poor people in rural areas afford to pay the high electricity bills?

If one unit of electricity is at at Shs1,000, I wonder how they will add

that stress to themselves on top of the high indirect taxes they pay? So, Mr President your vision of extending electricity to the rural poor may not benefit them much as it may not be sustainable.

The government must instead invest more in clean energy such as solar, which people in rural areas can afford.

I think the only solution to conserve our environment and check impact of climate change is to promote enough

solar panels, reduce the costs of electricity/gas tariffs, and increase its supply, encourage its use in both rural and urban areas. When people find it cheaper than charcoal and firewood, then cutting down of trees will reduce.

Mr President, I am sure if you put this into consideration and get them implemented, then rural people's standards of living will improve. The rate of deforestation will reduce, too.

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President Museveni is comparable to Julius Nyerere?