



# OIL AND GAS

## A full service law firm...

Based in Uganda that advises clients on a range of legal matters, from litigation and arbitration, Banking and finance, oil and gas, Intellectual Property, Telecommunications, Media and Technology Law to Corporate and transactional advisory legal services.

Highly regarded and recommended



## About us...

From its inception, the firm has provided excellent legal services, and has handled some of the largest and complex matters in commercial transactions, litigation and arbitration and taxation. Currently led by Joseph Matsiko as the Managing partner, the firm has 35 legal staff each of whom possess unique skill sets including tellar academic accomplishments, commitment to a client-focused work culture, and a track record of successful outcomes for our clients across the various sectors and practice areas we specialize and consistently excel in.

Driven by the firm's vision to be the Market Leader providing World Class Legal and Advisory Services, our Team strives to give our clients better outcomes than they otherwise would have had, through the use of business oriented and cost effective innovative legal solutions that puts the interests of our clients as a priority and guiding principle.

Throughout its twenty years of legal service excellence in Uganda, the firm has been involved in various legal mandates and projects which have had a positive and lasting impact on Uganda's social, economic and political prosperity. The firm is continuously evolving and changing to meet the changing business needs of our esteemed clients and we remain committed to the professional and excellent service of our clients through a dedicated team in a timely and sustainable manner.



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Established in 2001



11 Partners



35 Legal Staff

## VISION...

To be the Market Leader providing World Class Legal and Advisory Services.

## OIL AND GAS

Our oil and gas team has the distinction of having deep knowledge, understanding, and experience of the Oil and gas industry, both within Uganda and the entire East African region.

Led by a partner who has dedicated his career to working in the oil and gas industry, the team is well placed to offer commercial astute legal support for sophisticated transactional, regulatory, and litigation matters. The team offers support to infrastructure clients undertaking infrastructure and other related projects.

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## Oil and gas & NATURAL RESOURCES

In the oil and gas sector, the firm has acted as lender's legal counsel, counsel to landowners, project developers, suppliers, and contractors in hydroelectric projects, and solar oil and gas facilities. The firm has advised on Licensing, Power Purchase Agreements, Project Finance, oil & gas Regulation, Restructuring, Legal Audit, Mergers & Acquisitions, Joint Ventures, and Commercial Operations among others.

# OUR EXPERIENCE

- As soon as Uganda struck oil in 2006, KAA was one of the first law firm in Uganda that was retained to advise Hardman Petroleum Pty Limited and subsequently Tullow Uganda Operations Pty Limited and or Tullow Uganda Limited on various matters such as but not limited to petroleum operations, commercial, legal, human resources and tax matters.
- The Key Highlights of KAA's work advising international oil companies in Uganda in the upstream sector are outlined below:
- KAA advised Tullow Oil Plc (Tullow) regarding a tax dispute of USD\$ 313 that Tullow paid to Government of Uganda on behalf of Heritage Oil and Gas(Heritage) in lieu of Heritage's unpaid capital gains tax following its US\$1.45 Billion Farm-down in 2010. on Heritage in lieu. KAA also advised Tullow on its tax liability following its farm-down worth US\$ 3.9 Billion farm down to Total E&P Uganda (Total) and CNOOC Uganda Limited (CNOOC);
- KAA was retained as a legal advisor for Tullow during the negotiations of its first Production Sharing Agreement with Government of Uganda;
- We recently advised an upstream operator on Government's proposed back-in to a joint operating agreement for the Tilenga Development Project;
- The firm participated in the first competitive licensing round in Uganda where we advised one of the successful bidders Oranto Petroleum. We also helped negotiate Oranto's Production Sharing Agreement with Government. To date, KAA has been retained as the local principal legal advisor for Oranto's petroleum operations in Uganda;
- v) We have advised upstream operators on matters related to land access and compensation from the exploration to development phase within the Albertine Graben;
- The firm also acts company secretary for the Uganda Chamber of Mines and Petroleum;
- We have conducted a number of training sessions on legal matters pertaining to the Ugandan upstream sector with Total and CNOOC as well as with the Uganda Chamber of Mines and Petroleum;
- KAA is also dedicated to supporting the Government of Uganda's national content agenda in the petroleum sector and as such has partnered with the Stanbic Business Incubator and facilitated training to members (local Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs)) on various legal aspects of the petroleum sector on a pro bono basis. This initiative has supported, prepared local SMEs to up skill in the sector and as such put them in a better position to participate as local service providers.

## PRACTICE TEAM



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