



24 January, 2012

Hon. Mwai Kibaki C.G.H.
President of the Republic of Kenya
Harambee House, Harambee Avenue
P.O. Box 30510, Nairobi

Your Excellency,

RE: PETITION ON CONCERNS ABOUT THE LAMU PORT PROJECT

We are writing to you on behalf of the people of Lamu County to inform you that having obtained no response regarding our concerns from respective government departments and parastatals leading the proposed Lamu Port South Sudan Transport (LAPSSET) Corridor, on their plan to address the lack of community consultations and an environmental impact assessment, we have opted to exercise our constitutional rights and fundamental freedoms to demonstrate, picket, petition and follow legal recourse on the matter.

As accorded by our constitution that you spearheaded and praised in 2010, we cite the failure by the government to protect our right to access to information, the right to a clean and healthy environment and land. Attached with this letter is over 1,000 signatures from civil society groups and individuals comprising of religious organizations, human rights institutions, women groups, youth movements and representatives from over 46 villages in Lamu who would like to reaffirm their demands that the Lamu port project be suspended until: 1) shares all information on the proposed project to the local communities; 2) facilitates for a comprehensive environmental impact assessment to be carried out by independent experts; 3) undertakes a participatory process with the local communities involved in the planning and implementation of the proposed project; and 4) investigates and addresses the land rights violations against the indigenous Lamu communities before any further development plans are inaugurated. Also attached is almost 700 online signatures from Kenyans and the international community who also support our cause.

We anticipate that based on your responsibility towards our natural resource rights as citizens of Kenya, you will support our cause and direct the respective government bodies to act in accordance to the laws of Kenya by carrying out a consultative process in the implementation of the LAPSSET project.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Abubakar El-Amoudy', is written over a white background.

Abubakar El-Amoudy
Chairman, Save Lamu



Cc:

Hon. Prof. George Saitoti, E.G.H., M.P.

Hon. John Njoroge Michuki, The Minister For Environment and Natural Resources

Hon. Aggrey James Orengo, The Minister For Lands

Hon. Samuel Lesuron Poghiso, The Minister for Information and Communication

Hon. Amos Kimunya, The Minister for Transport

Hon. Franklin Bett, The Minister For Roads And Public Works

Hon. Kiraitu Murungi, The Minister for Energy

Mr. Shukri Baramadi, Chairman of Board of Directors for KPA

Dr. Ayub Macharia, Act. Director, NEMA