

## Ugandan anti-GMO activists applaud President Museveni's rebuke of bill authorizing GMOs

Civil society activists have backed President Museveni for rejecting to assent to the Biosafety Bill 2017, saying the move saved the country's indigenous species and the environment.

The activists from Environment and Food Sovereignty, a consortium of environmentalists and food rights activists, argued that the Biosafety Bill in its current form sought to abolish the local plants, animals and birds that have supported the population for ages.

"We appreciate the President (Museveni)'s attitude of rejecting the Bill so that it can be improved because if it had become law, all the indigenous species would disappear. Having genetically modified organisms (GMOs) will not promote our food sovereignty," Mr Frank Muramuzi, the executive director of the National Association of Professional Environmentalists (NAPE), said.

Addressing the media hardly a fortnight after President Museveni rejected the proposed law on genetic engineering, the activists also accused the scientists of making false claims that GMOs are climate change resistant whereas not.

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