

# Stop Oil Drilling in Namibia's Kavango Basin

## Webinar July 15th 2.30pm (UK time)

Explorations by the Canadian company Recon Africa in Namibia's Kavango Basin has evoked concern both inside the country and internationally. There is a perceived threat to the local communities, their water supplies, to wildlife, and to the spectacular landscape. The development comes as climate change severely impacts the lives and livelihoods of many.

This webinar is an opportunity to hear directly from people in Namibia who are calling for a moratorium on oil drilling and for a full public inquiry into how best to protect the rights of inhabitants and their environment in Kavango.

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**From Rt Revd Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury and Chair of Christian Aid**

'I welcome the letter from Anglican Bishops protesting at the projected oil drilling by ReConAfrica in the Kavango Basin in Namibia. It is almost incomprehensible at this moment in the history of our planet that we should be seeking fresh sources for fossil fuel. But the situation is made still worse by the threat to a delicately balanced local ecology (including its water supplies), the overriding of the freedoms and rights of indigenous people and the sidelining of proper public scrutiny in the decision-making process. I echo the call for second thoughts about this regressive and potentially destructive development, and urge all concerned parties to press for some clear governmental commitments to the just protection of the entire ecosystem of this region. With the bishops who have signed this letter, I believe that our Christian faith calls us to honour and defend all that makes life flourish, human and non-human life alike.'

