
SEEDS OF DOUBT: THE DARK SIDE OF AN ITALIAN ENERGY GIANT'S GREEN JET FUEL PROMISE

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Italian state-owned oil giant Eni presents its Kenyan biofuel project as a model for sustainable air travel. Many small farmers say its failed them.

Four years ago, Italy's biggest oil company started approaching Kenyan farmers with an intriguing pitch: Plant castor seeds on your land, and we'll promise to buy the crop and turn it into climate-friendly jet fuel.

Eni, which is part-owned by the Italian government and makes most of its money selling planet-warming fossil fuels, boasted that the Kenyan initiative would provide customers with fully decarbonized products while creating models of sustainable agriculture by promoting social development.

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