

# BRIEF BIO - MITHIKA MWENDA

Dr. Mithika Mwenda was named as one of the most influential people in the world on climate policy in 2019 (<https://apolitical.co/lists/most-influential-climate-100/>). [Sierra Club](#), the largest environmental conservation movement in the United States, nominated him for their most prestigious [Earthcare Award](#), in recognition of his contribution to environmental conservation and protection. In 2016, the influential Pan African Magazine, [Le Afrique](#), named him among the top 50 African Intellectuals due to his contribution to climate policy discourses in the continent.



Currently the Executive Director of [Pan African Climate Justice Alliance \(PACJA\)](#) and the Chair of the Institutional Collaboration Platform for [Climate Research for Development in Africa \(CR4D\)](#), Dr. Mwenda has distinguished himself as a strategic thinker, dynamic, consummate networker and team builder, with wide experience working and catalyzing transformative change in communities, civil society and other sectors he has worked. He represents African civil society in the Participants Committee of the [Forest Carbon Partnership Facility \(FCPF\) of the World Bank](#) in addition to Climate for Development in Africa ([ClimDev-Africa](#)) Programme.

Before leading PACJA as a formidable movement on climate justice across the African continent, Dr. Mwenda was working with [All African Conference of Churches \(AACC\)](#) where his mandate was to help faith communities to understand the moral imperatives of climate crisis. Previously before joining climate advocacy as the Climate Network Africa as Programme Officer.

He was actively involved in pro-Democracy and Governance movement that was agitating for expanded democracy in his country, which engineered the promulgation of one of the [most celebrated people-driven Constitutions in the world in 2010](#). He studied at [Moi University](#) where he was a student Leader, before joining [Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology for post-graduate studies in Public Policy Analysis](#). He is now pursuing his PHD with the University of Witwatersrand, South Africa, where his area of research is climate justice and its meaning for African people.

Dr. Mwenda is working to strengthen stakeholder collaboration, with this resulting into the establishment of African Coalition for Sustainable Energy and Access (ACSEA), to promote shift to renewable energy, and particularly ensure the African Renewable Energy Initiative (AREI) delivers energy to poor communities. Under the African Climate Legislation Initiative (ACLI), PACJA, the organization which Mwenda leads, is working with Pan African Parliament and other parliamentary institutions to drive climate Laws in Africa. Accordingly, these Laws will offer enabling legal environment for multiplicity of policies development to mainstream climate change into national development strategies.