

#AFESD2024



## PACJA Action and Outcome

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## Harnessing the Power of the Troika to Deliver for Africa



**On April 17, 2024**, PACJA and partners held a side event ahead of the 10th Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22nd to 25th April. The event focused on “Harnessing the Power of the Troika to Deliver for Africa” and explored mechanisms to connect the power of the Troika to advance pragmatic actions in influencing adaptation finance in Africa. The Troika consists of UAE, Azerbaijan, and Brazil and represents the past, present, and future COP Presidencies. They have unveiled a plan to ensure that countries’ next round of NDCs align with the 1.5°C target.

During the opening session, Charles Mwangi the Head of programmes and Research, PACJA, highlighted how Africa is facing the stark reality of climate change impacts that continue to intensify, exacerbating vulnerabilities and threatening the hard-won development gains of the continent.

He commended the Troika’s bold initiatives that prioritize climate finance as a cornerstone of global climate diplomacy and their commitment to advancing the 1.5°C agenda and ensuring the alignment of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

However, Charles Mwangi emphasized the need for concrete actions on the ground to match these initiatives. He stated that adaptation efforts should not languish due to a lack of resources and political will. He urged everyone to harness the power of solidarity and collective action to bridge the adaptation finance gap and build climate-resilient communities across Africa.

Ibrahim Bamba, the GCF regional Manager francophone, Africa, thanked PACJA for driving conversations around climate finance and acknowledged the ongoing dialogue with PACJA, including the Africa Climate Summit, Nairobi- September 2023 and Africa Regional Dialogue, Windhoek- November 2023. He revealed that the Green Climate Fund (GCF) is undertaking reforms to address the underserved funds disbursements to developing countries. He said that GCF is committed to increasing investment in Africa, particularly in underserved countries, countries with fragile situations, and the LDC group. [Click here for more details](#)

## An integrated Approach to Tracking Climate Finance across the African Continent: How do we Get it Right?



**On April 18 2024**, PACJA and Development Initiatives (DI) held an side event to discuss climate finance tracking across Africa. The event highlighted the need for better reporting of public climate finance and explored ways to strengthen tracking methodologies. The aim was to develop practical recommendations that support Africa's negotiation positions with data and evidence.

During the opening session, Mr Charles Mwangi warned that African countries are spending too much on adaptation compared to developed countries. He noted that they are spending their budgets on adaptation and receiving financial support in the form of loans instead of grants. He challenged participants to generate data that respond to Africa's context and guide planning and advocacy.

Collins Otieno, Climate Change Policy Analyst at HIVOS, emphasized the importance of institutionalizing climate finance and promoting civic spaces. He noted that there is a lack of civic space to discuss with the government how to access data on climate finance such as the budget.

During her presentation, Martha Bekele, the Delivery, Quality & Impact Lead at DI highlighted the importance of climate finance in reducing emissions. She pointed out that some countries are reporting projects as climate finance when they are not, and emphasized the need for consistency in reporting across all nations. Martha urged for the same reporting standards to be applied to climate finance projects worldwide.

However, during the discussions, it was noted that there is no standard definition of Climate Finance, which makes it difficult to address the issue of financing climate change adaptation in Africa with a common approach.

Nicholas Abuya, the Global Programme Resilience Adviser at Christian Aid suggested that the focus should be on finding a common definition of Climate Finance, as it would enable tracking climate finance and engaging UNFCCC. He added that Africa should adopt the best practices of climate finance definition, even if developed countries do not agree with it.

## Centering Health in Climate Equity for a Robust Policy Landscape in Africa



**From 19th to 20th April 2024**, PACJA and partners held a two-day High-Level session on Climate Change and Health workshop.

This session aimed at bolstering the integration of health considerations into climate change policies and accelerated implementation of actions across Africa, aiming to mitigate the impacts of climate change on public health and advance sustainable development in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It brought together various partners including AMREF AFRICA, WHO, CARE International and others including government representatives on the continent.

During the opening remarks, Dr Mithika Mwenda Executive Director, PACJA, reminded participants that policies are crucial to promoting health equity by addressing the social, economic, and environmental determinants of health.

*“Ensuring the integration of health into climate policymaking protects populations, maximizes economic benefits, and builds public backing for ambitious climate policies which are so urgently needed,”* said Dr Mithika.

He pointed out a discrepancy between the emphasis on health in NDCs and the climate. He said, this indicates a lack of correlation between the recognition of the health implications of climate change and the opportunities for climate action, as well as the level of climate ambition demonstrated by many countries. Therefore, increased recognition of health does not necessarily lead to increased climate action. [Read the remarks here.](#)



[Watch the Key Messages from partners here](#)

## Press Statement on Emphasis on Adaptation and Finance as top Priorities for Africa



**On April 21, 2024**, the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance, along with CARE International and other partners, held a press conference to underline Adaptation and Finance as top priorities for Africa. The conference was held after two days of comprehensive discussions, on the promotion of accountability and advancing the climate finance agenda, with a particular focus on the adaptation needs of the African continent. The event took place on the sidelines of the 10th Africa Regional Sustainable Development Forum in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and was attended by media and other participants, including university students.

During the press conference, Obed Koringo from CARE International, Kenya reminded participants that Africa is still struggling with the adverse impact of climate change and that the budget for adaptation is insufficient. He emphasized that adaptation finance is key, as parties are updating their nationally determined contributions (NDCs).

*“We need indicators that should guide the implementation of GGA and see our experts playing a crucial role in developing African evidence that informs Global goals on adaptation,”* said Obed.

The global goal on adaptation is established under Article 7 of the Paris Agreement, which stipulates that the GGA should enhance adaptive capacity, strengthen resilience, and reduce vulnerability to climate change. During the discussions held on the 17th and 18th, lack of evidence and reliance on external data were highlighted as an issue hindering Africa from taking an influencing position as far as adaptation finance is concerned and Collective quantified goals on Adaptation.

Dr. Meseret, a lecturer at Kotebe Metropolitan University, indicated that climate finance should be based on research and evidence that support decision-makers in making evidence-based and informed decisions. [Read the full Press Statement here](#)

## PACJA, AMFREF in a New Deal on Climate Change and Health



*Dr Mithika Mwenda , PACJA and Desta Lakew, AMREF signing the MoU*

During the sidelines of ARFSD-10, the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) and AMREF Africa signed a memorandum of understanding to work together in dealing with the impact of climate change on health. The two organizations acknowledge that climate change has a significant effect on health systems in Africa and are committed to implementing initiatives that support health resilience against climate change.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), in 2022, Africa had the highest percentage (59.6%) of disaster-affected populations, which has a significant impact on human socio-economic lives.

Dr. Mithika Mwenda, the Executive Director of PACJA, expressed his excitement about the partnership, stating that it will strengthen their commitment to implementing initiatives that promote health resilience against climate change.

PACJA has developed a strategy to address the impact of climate change on health, which was created by identifying and prioritizing critical climate and health issues at the national level. In June 2022, PACJA organized a meeting on climate change and health during the Commonwealth Heads of States and Government (CHOGM) summit in Kigali, which resulted in the creation of a working group focused on climate change and health.

Desta Lakew, the Group Partnership and External Relations Affairs Director at AMREF, commented on the partnership by emphasizing that women and children are the most affected by climate change and health issues, and it is crucial to involve women in the conversation.



[Watch key messages by both partners after the signing of MoU](#)

# PACJA at Climate Talks



*Dr Mithika Mwenda Addressing participants at the Climate talks*

**On April 22, 2024**, ARFSD-10 officially started in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) joined other partners at the Climate Talks. The event brought together representatives from various institutions and partners, including UNECA, the University of Addis Ababa, the Swedish Embassy in Addis Ababa, Clim-Dev Africa, AfDB, the African Union Commission, and Former President of Malawi, H.E Dr Joyce Banda.

During the Climate Talks, the participants discussed the impact of climate change on development in Africa. They focused on third-generation Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC 3.0) and just transitions for Africa.

Dr. Mithika Mwenda, the Executive Director of PACJA, reminded the participants that NDCs are practical vehicles for climate action in our countries. He applauded the bold actions demonstrated by African countries to meet their commitments.

Dr. Mithika emphasized that NDCs are conditional and require financial support from developed countries to less developed countries, and stressed that it should be consistent with the Paris Agreement. He stressed that it would only be fair to measure successful implementation based on the financial support each country has received from industrialized countries.

The main objective of the 5th ACT! was to mobilize diverse African constituencies to contextualize the next generation of NDCs in the just transitions discourse on the continent. In particular, this session of the ACT sought to mobilize the engagement of African stakeholders in defining the NDC 3.0. They focused on defining a common framework and inclusive, transparent approach to the elaboration of the NDCs, which will be communicated by February 2025. These reflections contributed towards the identification of African solutions to the climate challenge.

[Read the full speech by Dr Mithika Mwenda here](#)

# Launch of the 630 Campaign and Strategy Workshop



*Family photo of high-level dignitaries at the launch of 630 Campaign*

**On April 22, 2024**, the Africa Coalition for Sustainable Energy & Access (ACSEA) and the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) recently launched a campaign called the 630 Campaign. The objective of this campaign is to address the energy access challenge in Sub-Saharan Africa by mobilizing \$630 billion for investments to provide electricity to 630 million people by 2030.

At the launch of the event, former Malawian President, Dr Joyce Banda, showed her support for ACSEA and PACJA's mission to move 630 million Africans out of darkness by calling for urgent and massive investments in renewable energy access. She emphasized the need for providing electricity to millions in sub-Saharan Africa, especially as the world enters the final five years of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

Around 630 million people in the region lack electricity, and almost a billion people still use solid biomass for cooking and heating, making Sub-Saharan Africa the most energy-impooverished part of the world. [Read the statement about the campaign](#)

Dr. Augustine Njamnshi, the Executive Director of ACSEA, emphasized the importance of investing in renewable energy to a group of campaigners. He stated that the campaign aims to promote \$630 billion in investments, not just for the sake of numbers or statistics, but to improve people's lives and free entire communities from energy poverty. Dr. Augustine acknowledged that the task is massive, but it's a fight that they cannot afford to lose. He added that behind every number and dollar lies a story, a smile, and a glimmer of hope that deserves protection and nurturing. [Read the full speech here](#)



## Media Presence

- [It was announced that 250 thousands people may die every year due to climate change in Africa](#) **Source: Ethio Negari – Amharic**
- [According to PACJA and the stakeholders conference, financing and adaptation are Africa’s top issues](#) **Source Fidelpost.com**
- [A joint projection warns Over 250,000 Annual Deaths in Africa as a result of Climate change](#) **Source: Ethiopia Today - English**
- [Climate Change: Over 250,000 Annual Deaths Projected in Africa](#) **Source: Ethio Negari – English**
- [Yesterday, pre-Earth Day was celebrated globally.](#) **Source: Shege FM- Amharic**
- [Former Malawian President Leads Call for Increased Energy Access Investments in Sub-Saharan Africa](#) **Source: Ethiopia Today – English**
- [JB leads call for increased energy access investments in sub Saharan Africa](#) **Source: Nyasa Times – English**
- [Energie renouvelable : campagne Six30 lancée à Addis-Abeba](#) **Source: Agridigital**
- [PACJA at Climate talks and contextualization of NDC 3.0](#) **Source: The front Magazine**
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## Watch Videos

- [Click here to watch the session on high-level session on Climate Change and health](#)
- [Click here to watch the session on the Press Statement on Adaptation Finance](#)
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