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Dr. Mithika Mwenda Honored on The Independent's Climate 100 List



PACJA Executive Director, Dr. Mithika Mwenda

New York City, September 23, 2024 – Dr. Mithika Mwenda, co-founder and Executive Director of the Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA), has been named to The Independent's inaugural Climate 100 List for 2024. Announced during Climate Week NYC, this recognition celebrates the most influential figures tackling the climate crisis.

Dr. Mwenda's leadership has made PACJA a key voice for climate justice across Africa, uniting over 1000 organizations and pushing for policies that protect vulnerable communities from climate impacts. His inclusion on this prestigious list highlights the critical intersection of climate action and social justice.

The Independent's Climate 100 List includes global leaders like Kenyan President William Ruto and former U.S. Vice President Al Gore. The event celebrating these honorees will spotlight their achievements and drive further climate action.

See the full list here: <https://t.ly/OyjTx>



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EDITORIAL NOTE

As we reflect on the achievements of this quarter, our journey in the climate justice realm continues to gain momentum, highlighting our unwavering commitment to transformative change across Africa. The recent period has been marked by pivotal engagements that underscore our dedication to advancing climate justice and fostering sustainable development throughout the continent.

Our collaboration with the African Green Climate Finance National Designated Authorities Network (AFDAN) has been instrumental in shaping Africa's climate finance landscape. Through strategic dialogues and partnerships, we have worked to enhance the continent's ability to mobilize climate finance and ensure that it reaches the most vulnerable communities. These efforts are crucial in scaling up resources and fostering resilience in the face of climate change.

At the Africa Multi-Stakeholder Conference on Carbon Markets, we navigated the complex terrain of carbon markets, addressing both the opportunities and challenges they present. This forum was vital in framing Africa's approach to these markets, ensuring that our strategies align with our climate justice principles while exploring innovative solutions to reduce emissions and enhance sustainable development.

The Climate Change and Development in Africa (CCDAXII) pre-events were another highlight, where critical discussions and strategies were developed

to inform Africa's engagement with COP29 and beyond. These events focused on mobilizing climate finance, advancing adaptation efforts, and ensuring that Africa's voice is heard on the global stage. Our dialogue emphasized the need for a robust and activist stance in securing the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) on Climate Finance, underscoring the importance of addressing the adaptation finance gap and advocating for fair climate contributions from developed nations.

The ACCER initiative has further illustrated the power of journalism in driving climate justice. By recognizing and supporting the work of journalists across Africa, we are amplifying voices that are essential in holding stakeholders accountable and advancing the narrative on climate finance and justice. Moreover, our focus on leveraging Africa's critical minerals is pivotal in advancing the just transition agenda. By tapping into our own resources, we are not only fostering development across all sectors but also reinforcing our commitment to a climate justice agenda that prioritizes sustainability and equity. As we move forward, we are guided by a vision of a just and resilient Africa, where climate justice is integral to our development strategy. Our continued engagements and collaborations are key to realizing this vision, and we look forward to further advancing these goals with renewed vigor and commitment. I will stop here to allow you to peruse through our work for the quarter.

East African Community Adopts Climate Change Policy



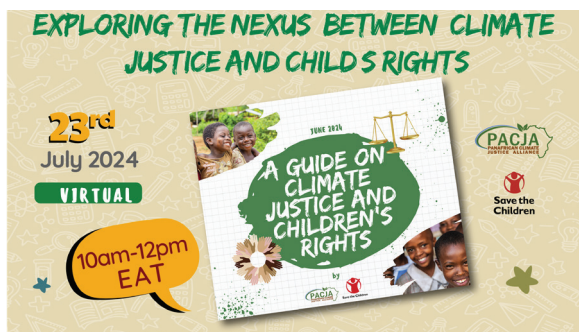
The East African Community (EAC) has established a new Climate Change Policy to guide collective regional efforts in addressing climate challenges and ensuring sustainable development. This policy outlines actions for climate adaptation and mitigation to reduce vulnerability and enhance resilience across EAC partner states.

While Kenya has implemented a specific climate change law, other EAC states address climate issues through broader policies. The recent dialogue by the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) highlighted climate change as a security threat and emphasized the need for legislative action.

EALA's commitment includes integrating climate change into the 2024-2025 fiscal budget and monitoring policy implementation. The EAC Climate Finance Strategy calls for \$21 billion annually to meet Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) by 2030, while current international finance flows fall short.

Collaborative efforts with stakeholders, including civil society organizations like the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA), are crucial for advancing climate action. PACJA's projects aim to enhance community involvement and ensure inclusive energy transitions. Dr. Mithika Mwenda from PACJA underscores the importance of including civil society in climate decision-making processes. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4xUmm5FIR4>

Children’s Rights and Climate Justice Guide Book Official Launch



Addressing the Impact of Climate Change on Children: A New Guide for Action

Did you know that every child worldwide faces at least one climate hazard? Children born from 2020 onward are projected to experience 2-7 times more extreme climate events than their grandparents. The intensifying climate crisis endangers children’s survival and jeopardizes their entire childhood.

In response to this urgent issue, the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance has released a new resource: the Guide on Climate Justice and Children’s Rights. This comprehensive framework integrates climate justice principles with child rights, offering essential guidance for a broad audience, including States Parties, UN agencies, African Union organs, climate activists, educators, policymakers, the private sector, NGOs, CSOs, and child-led organizations.

Developed using a mixed-method approach, the guide combines primary data from stakeholder interviews and questionnaires with secondary data from an extensive literature review. This detailed document aims to support effective, actionable strategies for protecting children from the adverse impacts of climate change and ensuring their rights are upheld.

Read and download the guide here: <https://pacja.org/climate-justice-and-childrens-rights-guide/>

Pan African Parliament Adopts Climate Change Model Law



On July 3, 2024, the Pan African Parliament (PAP) adopted a significant climate change Model Law during its third ordinary sitting in Johannesburg, South Africa. Developed by the Committee on Rural Economy, Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources, this Model Law aims to guide national legislation across Africa, providing a standardized framework to address climate change impacts.

The Model Law serves as a blueprint for legislative bodies to ensure consistency in governance while allowing for local adaptations. Dr. Mithika Mwenda, Executive Director of PACJA, highlighted the importance of translating climate policies into actionable laws, stressing the role of parliamentarians in advancing climate justice and ensuring effective implementation of national climate plans.

The Africa Climate Legislative Initiative (ACLI), established by PAP and PACJA, has been instrumental in this process, facilitating the harmonization of climate laws and enhancing legislative capacity across the continent. The adoption of this Model Law represents a positive outcome of these collaborative efforts, aiming to strengthen Africa’s response to climate change and align with global commitments such as the Paris Agreement. <https://pacja.org/a-model-law-on-climate-change-adopted-what-is-next/>

Africa Multi-Stakeholder Conference on Carbon Markets

July 24, 2024, the Africa Multi-Stakeholder Conference on Carbon Markets commenced at the African Union Headquarters. This two-day conference, organized by the African Union Commission (AUC) and its Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy, and Sustainable Environment (ARBE), aims to explore carbon markets' opportunities and challenges specific to the African context. In his opening remarks, Dr. Mithika Mwenda, Executive Director of the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA), addressed the conference on behalf of Africa's non-state actors. He highlighted several key points:

- ▶ **Significance:** Dr. Mwenda emphasized that the conference is crucial for shaping Africa's stance on carbon markets, in line with outcomes from COP28 and the roadmap to COP29.
- ▶ **Opportunities and Challenges:** He noted that while Africa's natural resources offer opportunities for sustainable development, carbon markets must be scrutinized to ensure they mobilize climate finance and reduce emissions without undermining climate justice.
- ▶ **Strategic Approach:** The conference is an opportunity to define Africa's approach to carbon markets and its role in global decarbonization efforts.
- ▶ **Cautious Approach:** Dr. Mwenda warned that carbon markets could be false solutions and advocated for strategies that benefit African nations and push developed countries to reduce emissions.
- ▶ **Moral Responsibility:** He called for a deep examination of carbon markets' role in the context of climate justice, urging participants to avoid repeating historical injustices.
- ▶ **Diverse Perspectives:** The conference must consider the varied stances of African countries and base its decisions on African realities and climate justice principles.
- ▶ **Community Impacts:** Policies must address the impacts on Indigenous communities, strengthen safeguards, and ensure that benefits from carbon markets reach frontline communities.

Future Directions: Dr. Mwenda recommended focusing on strategies that drive emission reductions rather than allowing continued pollution by wealthy nations, and cautioned against granting rights to Africa's natural assets to investors. Dr. Mwenda concluded by urging the conference to adopt transformative and inclusive approaches that align with Africa's pursuit of climate justice and equitable solutions.



Operationalizing the CAHOSCC Decision on Green Climate Financing: Insights from Addis Ababa



On August 6, 2024, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, hosted a pivotal joint meeting aimed at operationalizing the CAHOSCC Decision on Green Climate Financing for Africa. Organized by the Africa Green Climate Finance Designated Authorities Network (AfDAN), the African Union Commission (AUC), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), and the Green Climate Fund (GCF), this crucial gathering focused on advancing the implementation of the recent summit decision on climate finance—a critical issue for enhancing Africa’s adaptability and resilience to climate change.

Addressing Climate Finance Challenges

The meeting highlighted several ongoing challenges in boosting climate resilience across Africa. Peter Odhengo underscored the significance of the Financing Locally Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) program in Kenya, which exemplifies effective local adaptation and resilience-building initiatives. This program has proven successful in Kenya and offers valuable insights for replication in other African nations.

The FLLoCA Program: A Model for Adaptation and Resilience

The FLLoCA program is designed to accelerate the mobilization of climate finance for adaptation and resilience throughout Africa. Its success in Kenya demonstrates the importance of locally led initiatives in addressing climate challenges. Dr. Konyango emphasized the role of the rural-urban interface in achieving climate adaptation goals and called for a focus on community systems, institutions, and structures to enhance adaptive capacities.

Historical Consensus and Frameworks

The need for reliable finance to support locally led adaptation and mitigation actions was initially agreed upon by African countries in

Alexandria, Egypt, in 2015. This consensus was reinforced during COP23 in Bonn, Germany, in 2017, leading to the launch of AfDAN at COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, in November 2022. The AU 37th Ordinary Session in February 2024 further integrated AfDAN into its priority areas, recognizing its crucial role in enhancing climate finance access and mobilization.

Reforming Global Financial Architecture

Reforming the global financial architecture is critical to bridging gaps in multilateral processes and improving financial access at local and national levels. Dr. Mithika Mwenda, Executive Director of the Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance, emphasized Africa’s potential to provide its solutions. Successful programs in Kenya, Sierra Leone, and Tanzania demonstrate the effectiveness of locally led climate action financing and offer valuable models for other African countries.

Collaborative Efforts for Climate Resilience

Dr. Mwenda also highlighted the importance of collaboration between finance and environment ministries, as seen in Kenya’s successful model. This cooperative approach is essential for enhancing climate resilience and adaptability in other nations. The Addis Ababa meeting marks a significant step in fostering such collaborations and mobilizing resources to tackle climate challenges effectively.

The Addis Ababa meeting represents a crucial milestone in advancing climate finance for Africa. By focusing on successful models like FLLoCA and advocating for global financial reforms, African countries are better positioned to build resilient communities and achieve a sustainable future. The collaborative efforts of AfDAN, AUC, UNECA, and GCF, along with key stakeholder insights, will drive this agenda forward and support the continent’s climate resilience efforts.

PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION

AFDAN Meeting in Nairobi: A Major Milestone for Climate Resilience in Africa



From August 22nd to 23rd, 2024, Nairobi hosted a pivotal meeting of the African Green Climate Finance National Designated Authorities Network (AFDAN), marking a significant advancement in Africa's efforts to enhance climate resilience.

Organized by the Kenyan government in partnership with the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) and other key stakeholders, the event gathered experts, policymakers, and representatives from across Africa to discuss scaling up climate finance to support the continent's most vulnerable communities.

Enhancing Climate Finance Capacity

The forum centered on the urgent need to boost Africa's capacity to access and mobilize climate finance effectively. Discussions highlighted the role of platforms like AFDAN in coordinating efforts across the continent, facilitating access to global financing mechanisms such as the Green Climate Fund (GCF), Global Environment Facility (GEF), and other multilateral sources.

Calls for Coordinated Action

Keynote speakers underscored the need for a unified approach to climate finance. Former Prime Minister Hon. Raila Odinga advocated for the creation of a common market pool for climate change mitigation financing, stressing that "Africa needs to negotiate as a unified entity with developed nations." His call for unity emphasized the necessity of a cohesive strategy to tackle climate challenges.

Hon. Aden Duale, the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change, echoed this

sentiment, highlighting the importance of robust financial frameworks for Africa's climate resilience. He praised Kenya's leadership in regional climate finance efforts and underscored the forum's role in fostering innovative solutions and partnerships. "Robust financial frameworks are essential to our climate resilience," Duale emphasized.

Role of Civil Society

Charles Mwangi, Head of Programs at PACJA, provided valuable insights into AFDAN's evolution and the role of civil society within the network. He stressed PACJA's crucial role in shaping AFDAN's strategies and ensuring grassroots voices are included in climate finance discussions. "PACJA's role is to ensure that grassroots voices are integrated into climate finance strategies, reflecting the diverse needs of our communities," Mwangi noted.

AFDAN's Vision for Climate Finance

AFDAN Coordinator Peter Odhengo outlined the network's goals and achievements, emphasizing the need for enhanced coordination and financial mobilization. His remarks set the stage for discussions on scaling up climate finance and integrating innovative solutions into Africa's climate finance landscape. "Enhanced coordination and innovative financial solutions are key to scaling up climate finance in Africa," Odhengo asserted.

The Nairobi Declaration

The meeting concluded with the adoption of the AFDAN Nairobi Declaration, which outlines key recommendations for scaling climate finance mobilization and building resilience across Africa. The



declaration calls for increased coordination among African countries and the establishment of robust financial frameworks to support locally led climate actions.

This forum represents a crucial step forward in advancing Africa's climate finance agenda, providing a platform for sharing best practices and forging partnerships to drive sustainable and resilient growth across the continent.

Elevating Civil Society's Role in FOCAC: A Step Toward Sustainable Development

The Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) has become a pivotal development partnership for Africa, guiding trade and investment relations between the continent and China. Traditionally driven by state-to-state interactions, FOCAC has increasingly seen engagement from civil society organizations (CSOs), highlighting their growing influence and input in shaping this crucial dialogue.

This trend was recently showcased at a two-day CSOs FOCAC Workshop held in Machakos County, Kenya. The workshop brought together participants to craft recommendations for the upcoming 9th FOCAC summit, scheduled for September 3rd to 8th, 2024, in Beijing, China. The event aimed to develop a strategic roadmap for civil society engagement before, during, and after the summit.

Growing Civil Society Involvement

Historically, CSOs had minimal involvement in FOCAC. However, their role has evolved, with increasing contributions to the FOCAC process. Notable examples include CSO side events at the 2018 FOCAC Summit and the 2021 Ministerial Conference. Organizations like the Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA), WWF, and TRAFFIC have played crucial roles by organizing regional workshops and webinars, providing input into delegation preparations, and developing media briefings.

This expanded engagement has led to more sustainability-focused

language in FOCAC declarations and action plans, reflecting the priorities of civil society. The growing recognition of CSOs' influence is evident in their ability to shape the FOCAC process and its outcomes.

Preparing for FOCAC 2024

As the 2024 FOCAC summit approaches, CSOs have several opportunities to further amplify their impact. Key steps include:

- ▶ Monitoring the implementation of sustainability commitments from the 2022-2024 Action Plan.
- ▶ Researching FOCAC's socio-environmental impacts in Africa.
- ▶ Mobilizing African civil society participation through national and regional forums.
- ▶ Supporting government delegations in their preparations.
- ▶ Collaborating with Chinese CSOs to advocate for a formal civil society role in the FOCAC process.
- ▶ Assisting the African Union Commission in developing a coordinated approach to negotiations.

The Road Ahead

Although FOCAC remains primarily an intergovernmental process, CSOs have made significant strides in recent years. By continuing to engage constructively and focus on sustainability, civil society can enhance its role in shaping this vital partnership between China and Africa. As global challenges grow, ensuring that African civil society's voice is elevated within FOCAC will be essential for achieving development outcomes that are equitable, socially just, and environmentally sustainable.

Africa Youth Day

First Edition of The National Youth Forum on Climate Justice: A Catalyst for Youth-Led Action in Djibouti

From August 10th to 11th, 2024, Djibouti hosted the inaugural National Youth Forum on Climate Justice, held as a prelude to International Youth Day. Under the theme “Youth and Climate Justice: How Can Young People Contribute to a Sustainable and Positive Social Impact?”, the forum provided a dynamic platform for fostering meaningful dialogue and galvanizing collective youth action for climate justice.

This national event united Djiboutian youth in their fight against climate change, offering an invaluable opportunity for them to share knowledge, experiences, and collaboratively address the pressing challenges of the climate crisis. The forum was organized by the Djibouti Youth Movement One and Indivisible, in partnership with the Pan-African Alliance for Climate Justice and Social Change Factory.

With a focus on diverse themes related to climate justice in Djibouti, the forum served as a crucial space for dialogue, training, and the exchange of innovative, youth-led solutions. The collective energy and commitment of the participants culminated in the formulation of a declaration, which is attached below, reflecting their shared vision and action plan for driving climate justice in their community.

Read and download the declaration here: <https://bit.ly/3Ak1AY1>



Leveraging Critical Minerals to Catalyze Inclusive Broad-based Development in Africa

As the global transition towards clean energy accelerates, the demand for critical minerals—vital components in producing batteries, solar panels, and renewable energy infrastructure—has surged. Africa, rich in these essential resources, is uniquely positioned to play a crucial role in the global supply chain, presenting a transformative opportunity for the continent.

However, the region faces significant challenges in fully capitalizing on its critical mineral wealth. Outdated technologies, limited infrastructure, inadequate financing, and weak governance frameworks hinder the potential for local beneficiation and industrialization. Furthermore, regulatory instability, a lack of transparency, and geopolitical conflicts in some regions present additional barriers, deterring foreign investment and stifling the development of sustainable mining practices.

To address these pressing issues, the African Regional Consultative Forum on Critical Minerals and Just Transition took place in Johannesburg, South Africa, on August 21 and 22, 2024. The forum convened a diverse range of stakeholders—government officials, industry experts, scholars, civil society organizations, and regional and international partners—who engaged in robust discussions on the intersection of extractive industries, climate action, and sustainable development in Africa.

The forum emphasized the urgent need to align Africa’s critical mineral potential with the continent’s broader sustainable development goals. A key outcome of the event was the development of a comprehensive Briefing Paper, designed to guide policymakers,



industry leaders, and civil society actors in harnessing these resources for the benefit of all Africans.

Africa’s critical minerals offer a promising pathway to drive economic growth, promote green industrialization, and achieve a just energy transition—if the challenges are addressed head-on, and the opportunities seized.

Read and download the outcomes of this forum: <https://bit.ly/47csQo0>

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Pan African Climate Justice Hosts Key Pre-Events for Climate Finance

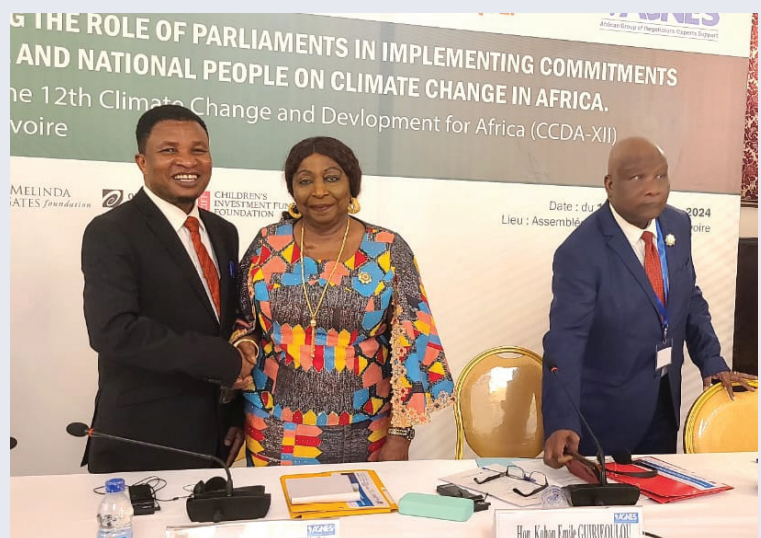


Pan African Climate Justice, in collaboration with AUC, UNECA, AFDAN, the Pan African Parliament, ACSEA, ACT Alliance, and Care International, organized six pivotal pre-events addressing critical issues in accelerating climate finance across Africa. These events, aligned with the priority theme of securing the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) on Climate Finance, aimed to shape Africa's strategy for COP29 and enhance internal climate action coherence. The Climate Change and Development in Africa (CCDA) pre-events began with an opening session, followed by focused discussions on several key areas:

- ▶ Needs-Based Adaptation Finance: Enhancing stakeholder engagement to support adaptation finance.
- ▶ Low-Carbon Development: Leveraging momentum from the Global Stock Take to drive sustainable development.
- ▶ Critical Minerals: Exploring Africa's potential in critical minerals for climate finance.
- ▶ Clean Energy Access: Financing clean energy to support adaptation and resilience in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- ▶ Legislative Effectiveness: Improving the role of parliamentarians in climate policy and action.
- ▶ NCQG Consultations: Engaging African stakeholders in discussions on the NCQG during the CCDA XII Conference.

Speakers at the CCDA-XII emphasized the need for Africa to assert its position on the NCQG, advocating for adaptation finance that meets the continent's needs. They highlighted the importance of a proactive and political approach at COP29, addressing geopolitical dynamics and ensuring developed nations contribute their fair share. The current trend of diminishing climate funds, often provided as loans, was criticized as inadequate. The message was clear: the NCQG negotiations must prioritize Africa's adaptation needs to bridge the widening finance gap.

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The Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance at Summit of the Future

Advancing Africa's Climate Agenda



The Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) continues to align its efforts with global processes aimed at improving the lives of Africans and shaping a sustainable future. Our participation in the Summit of the Future, from September 20th to 24th, was a critical step toward ensuring that Africa's voice is heard in the global climate dialogue.

PACJA hosted key side events during the summit, focusing on essential themes like inclusion towards COP29, climate finance, and the intersection of climate and health. These events brought together a range of stakeholders, including UN Women, Women Major Groups, Azerbaijan Gender Hub, AMREF Worldwide, the Africa-Europe Foundation, and the Global People's Assembly, showcasing the power of collaboration in driving meaningful change.

In addition to these engagements, informal bilateral meetings allowed PACJA to extend its influence, fostering new collaborations and creating synergies with key players in the global climate space. This not only expanded our network but also strengthened our capacity to drive impactful and lasting growth and development for Africa, ensuring that the continent's needs and priorities are well-represented in international climate processes.

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NATIONAL PLATFORMS

SENEGAL

Climate and Energy Caravan Concludes in Koussanar with Reforestation Efforts and Community Forum

The Climate and Energy Caravan, part of the ongoing Keep Your Promise campaign, concluded its journey in Koussanar, eastern Senegal, where logging concerns are pressing. The campaign, launched in September 2023 during the inaugural Africa Climate Summit, has been focused on advocating for and holding nations accountable for their commitments under the Paris Agreement, the landmark global effort to combat climate change. The final stop in Koussanar featured a major reforestation initiative and a community forum aimed at fostering dialogue on sustainable development.

Local communities gathered to participate in the reforestation activity, an effort to combat deforestation and restore ecosystems in a region heavily impacted by logging. The community forum served as a platform for discussions on how to tackle these environmental challenges while promoting clean energy solutions that align with Senegal's broader climate goals.

Senegal's Energy Landscape and Commitment to Climate Action

Senegal, rich in renewable energy potential, has been making strides in diversifying its energy mix, with a focus on solar, wind, and hydropower projects. Despite its progress, the country still faces challenges, particularly in balancing energy demands with environmental conservation. Logging and deforestation remain significant issues in rural areas like Koussanar, where local livelihoods often depend on natural resources.

The Keep Your Promise campaign amplifies the call for African nations, including Senegal, to honor climate and energy commitments made at various global and regional forums. The campaign's caravan sought to bring attention to both the opportunities and challenges within Senegal's energy sector, encouraging policies that promote sustainability and community engagement. By aligning local actions, such as reforestation and clean energy advocacy, with national and global goals, the campaign strives to ensure a resilient and just transition for Senegal and the broader African continent.

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African Climate Justice Alliance Network Hosts Climate Finance Workshop in Casablanca

The African Climate Justice Alliance Network in Morocco recently held a training workshop on climate finance in Casablanca, aiming to equip civil society with the tools to engage in meaningful discussions surrounding the 2025 finance bill and the upcoming 29th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP29). The workshop, held on Saturday, brought together civil society organizations working in climate and environmental fields, with a special focus on initiatives led by women and youth.

In collaboration with the Moroccan Coalition for Climate and Sustainable Development and the Association of Life and Earth Science Teachers, the event was part of a national series designed to prepare civil society for international climate negotiations.

Speaking at the event, Said Chakri, National Coordinator of the African Climate Justice Alliance Network, underscored the critical importance of

understanding climate finance mechanisms to ensure Africa's voice is heard at COP29. "We must ensure that financing mechanisms support Africa's most vulnerable and address urgent adaptation needs," he said, emphasizing the need for proactive preparation and concrete proposals.

Deputy National Coordinator Abderrahim Ksiri highlighted that climate finance is not just about funding, but also about building resilience to combat climate impacts like droughts and water scarcity. He stressed the need for efficient budget monitoring and resource allocation.

With COP29 fast approaching, the workshop served as a platform for civil society organizations to deepen their understanding of climate finance, discuss Morocco's climate programs, and explore funding opportunities.

The discussions also focused on ensuring that local priorities align with international climate commitments.

PACJA Morocco Hosts Climate Finance Workshop in Casablanca Ahead of COP29

On Saturday, September 14, 2024, the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA Morocco) organized a climate finance workshop as part of the Galvanizing and Uniting Africa's Action for Resilient Development in the COVID-19 Era (GUARD) project. Held at the Om Palace Hotel in Casablanca, the training aimed to strengthen the capacity of civil society organizations (CSOs) in climate finance ahead of the upcoming COP29 summit in Baku, in November 2024.

In collaboration with AMCDD, AESVT, and other national partners, the workshop covered essential topics such as climate-sensitive budget

tracking, the role of climate finance in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), and the inclusion of women and youth in climate action. The event sought to empower Moroccan CSOs to engage more effectively in climate finance discourse, equipping them with the knowledge needed to influence climate policies.

The workshop's success was highlighted in national news on Morocco's first TV channel, Al Aoula, underscoring its significance in advancing climate justice and preparing Morocco for COP29.

NATIONAL PLATFORMS

Kenya Platform for Climate Governance (KPCG)

Strengthening Data Collaboration for Sustainable Development: An Inclusive Partnership for Enhanced Statistical and Citizen-Generated Data in Kenya

In a landmark step toward enhancing data-driven decision-making for sustainable development, the Kenya Platform for Climate Governance (KPCG) and other non-state actor “data warriors” joined forces today as part of a significant partnership. The signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Kenya SDG Forum and the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) marked a pivotal moment in advancing the generation and utilization of both statistical and citizen-generated data in Kenya.

Ms. Florence Syevuo, CEO of the Kenya SDG Forum, hailed the MOU as a “major milestone” for Kenya, emphasizing that it paves the way for deeper engagement in generating citizen data. This data is crucial for informing policy, programming, advocacy, and policy formulation processes across the nation. “Sustainable development requires systemic transformation informed by evidence and data,” Ms. Syevuo stated, highlighting the critical role that accurate, comprehensive data plays in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The forum underscored the importance of data generated by grassroots organizations, including those representing women and indigenous peoples. With the increasing accessibility of technology, these communities are now capable of producing valuable data that can be harnessed to reflect the realities on the ground. However, as Ms. Faith Ngige, National Coordinator of KPCG, pointed out, there is a pressing need to make data generation tools more accessible to citizens and communities. “Empowering citizens with these tools ensures that their voices and experiences are included in the broader narrative of sustainable development,” she noted.

Dr. Macdonald Obudho, Director General of KNBS, echoed these sentiments in his keynote speech, emphasizing that the collaboration between government and civil society will significantly enhance both the quality and quantity of information available for development efforts. “Citizen-generated data enables inclusivity, reaching marginalized and hard-to-reach communities,” Dr. Obudho said. He further explained that such data complements official statistics, which are often limited by sampling approaches, and helps fill data gaps to better represent on-the-ground realities, especially in Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs).

The partnership between KNBS and the Kenya SDG Forum is poised to revolutionize data systems in Kenya by ensuring that all voices, particularly those of marginalized groups, are included in national and global reporting. By enhancing data collection, validation, and processing, this collaboration will ensure that data is as comprehensive and representative as possible.

The signing of this MOU is more than just a formal agreement; it signifies a collective commitment to advancing sustainable development in Kenya through the power of data. By working together, government and non-state actors can now collaborate more effectively, driving forward a common good that benefits all Kenyans. This partnership represents a significant step forward in building an inclusive, data-informed future for sustainable development in Kenya.



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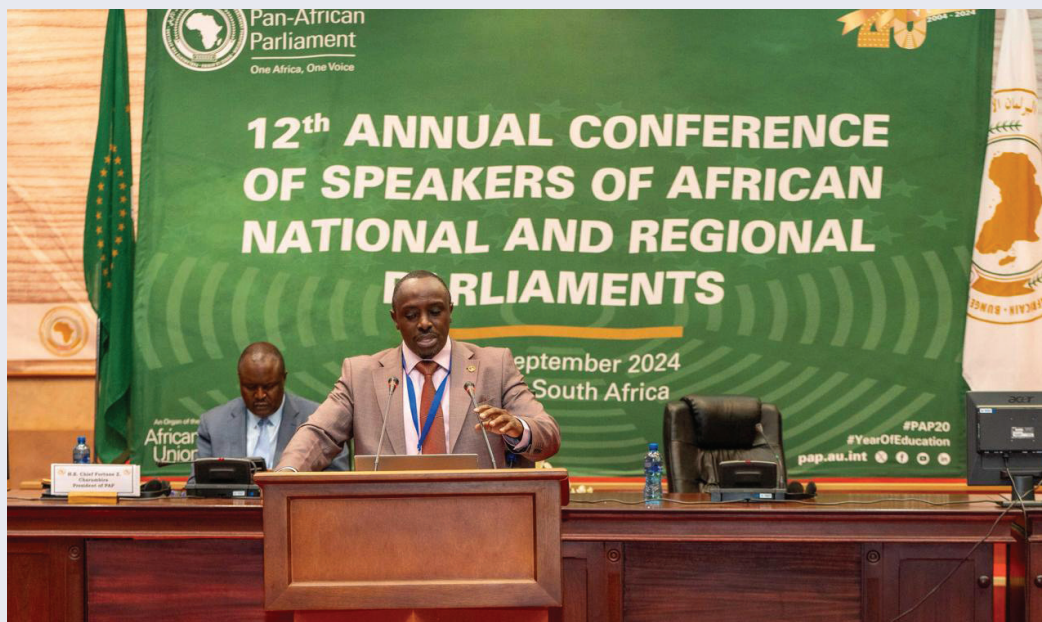


PAN-AFRICAN CLIMATE JUSTICE ALLIANCE (PACJA)/AZERBAIJAN COLLABORATION

The Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance(COP29) is in partnership with the agency on state support of Non-Governmental Organizations of the Republic of Azerbaijan. We are exploring strategies and approaches of making COP29 a success. So far, PACJA is in close collaboration with the embassies of Azerbaijan in Kenya and Ethiopia in Advancing the African Position in COP29



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AMCEN 2024 at Abidjan Ivory Coast





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