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## The Keep Your Promise Campaign:

Empowering Climate Leadership Across Africa

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# KEEP YOUR PROMISE CAMPAIGN

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Over the past year, the Keep Your Promise Campaign has witnessed remarkable progress. Several African countries have not only participated actively but have also taken concrete steps toward holding relevant parties accountable for their commitments. Countries like Morocco, Sierra Leone, Kenya, Uganda, Côte d'Ivoire, Benin, Senegal, Ethiopia, Mali, Liberia, and many others have stepped up with impactful activities aimed at ensuring leaders fulfill their promises.

## Key Pillars of the Campaign

- ▶ **Keep Your Promise:** A Call to Action for Leaders The campaign continues to be a clarion call for global leaders to honor their pledges, particularly those made during the Paris Agreement and subsequent climate summits. With the devastating impacts of climate change already being felt across Africa, the pressure is on to turn commitments into real, measurable outcomes for the most affected communities.
- ▶ **Accountability Equals Progress** One of the core messages of the campaign is that without accountability,

progress toward climate justice and human rights will remain stagnant. The fight for climate justice cannot advance without transparency, and the campaign emphasizes that holding leaders accountable is key to unlocking meaningful change.

- ▶ **Call for Action** Climate change is a global challenge, and no single country can solve it alone. Through collective efforts, the campaign calls for sustained engagement from all sectors of society—governments, civil society, the private sector, and communities—to monitor progress, demand action, and push for tangible results that will benefit vulnerable populations.
- ▶ **Promises Matter and Facts** The campaign highlights the real-world consequences of broken promises. The impact of unfulfilled climate commitments is felt most acutely by those on the front lines of climate change, especially in Africa. The facts are clear: broken promises lead to more intense climate crises, worsening poverty, and the loss of livelihoods and ecosystems.

As 2024 draws to a close, it is an opportune moment to reflect on the achievements, milestones, and challenges that have marked the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance's (PACJA) journey this year. In a world where the climate crisis continues to unfold with increasing intensity, PACJA has remained steadfast in championing the voice of Africa, advocating for equitable solutions, and mobilizing action across local, regional, and global platforms.

### A Year of Advocacy and Engagement

The year began with renewed vigor as PACJA took an active role in shaping the global climate discourse. The COP28 Multi-Stakeholder Forum, held in collaboration with key partners, set the tone for a year of transformative dialogues, emphasizing inclusivity and equity in the fight against climate change. This was followed by the 4th Regional Symposium on Loss and Damage in Malawi, a platform that amplified the call for addressing the inequities faced by vulnerable communities in the Global South.

The move to establish the Santiago Network on Loss and Damage headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, was a stark reminder of the persistent marginalization of the Global South in global decision-making processes. This underscores the need for continued advocacy to ensure that Africa's voice is not only heard but leads the narrative on loss and damage.

### Amplifying Africa's Climate Agenda

PACJA was instrumental in advancing regional priorities through participation in pivotal events such as the 9th African Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, the 10th Climate Change for Development in Africa (CCDAX) conference, and the 8th Africa Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN). These engagements solidified Africa's position on key issues such as the just energy transition, sustainable development, and climate resilience.

On the global stage, PACJA made significant contributions at the 69th United Nations Civil Society Conference, the World Health Assembly, and the United Nations General Assembly, where the intersections between climate justice, health, and sustainable development were brought to the fore.

### Building Capacity and Recognizing Excellence

This year also saw the launch of impactful initiatives like the SCEJU project, aimed at strengthening community-led climate justice efforts, and the TerraFund for AFR100 project, which targets the rehabilitation of over 100 hectares of degraded land in West Pokot, Kenya. These projects are tangible demonstrations of PACJA's commitment to actionable solutions that empower local communities.

The 4th Cohort of the Nairobi Summer School on Climate Justice continued to inspire and equip the next generation of climate justice advocates, while the 8th Edition of the African Climate Change and Environmental Reporting (ACCER) Awards celebrated journalistic excellence, recognizing those who amplify the climate justice narrative.

### The Reality of the Climate Crisis

This year was marked by catastrophic floods that devastated communities across the globe, including East Africa, Northern Africa, Southern Europe, and parts of Asia. In East Africa, regions in Kenya, Burundi, Tanzania even Rwanda faced unprecedented deluges that displaced thousands, destroyed homes, and crippled agricultural output, exacerbating food insecurity. Northern Africa was not spared, as devastating floods in Libya claimed thousands of lives and destroyed critical infrastructure, including the collapse of dams in Derna.

These tragedies underscored the inadequacy of current adaptation measures and the urgent need for robust climate resilience strategies.

### Milestones in Global Negotiations

The year culminated in COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan, where critical negotiations on climate finance and the New Collective Quantified Goals (NCQG) exposed deep divisions between developed and developing nations. The contentious debates reflected the ongoing struggle to hold wealthy nations accountable for their historical emissions while ensuring sufficient resources are allocated for adaptation and mitigation in vulnerable regions.

The full operationalization of the Loss and Damage Fund emerged as one of COP29's most significant outcomes. After years of advocacy and stalled progress, this fund offers a glimmer of hope for the Global South, enabling financial support to communities disproportionately impacted by climate-induced disasters. However, its implementation remains a critical challenge, particularly in ensuring that the funds reach those most in need without bureaucratic delays or inequitable allocation.

### Looking Ahead

As we close this chapter, it is evident that the fight for climate justice is far from over. However, Africa has shown resilience, readiness, and innovation in crafting and implementing strategies that center the needs of its people. From advocating for a just energy transition to ensuring energy access for millions, PACJA remains committed to creating a sustainable, inclusive, and equitable future.

The journey ahead will require unwavering vigilance and collaborative action. Together, let us continue to champion climate justice, not just for a greener world, but for a fairer, more thriving Africa.

Here's to a year of impactful strides—and to a future defined by hope, equity, and resilience.

### PACJA COMMUNICATIONS



**COP29**  
Baku  
Azerbaijan  
UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

**AFRICA@COP29**  
Solidarity in scaling climate finance for Africa

African Union



**AUDA-NEPAD**  
AFRICAN UNION DEVELOPMENT AGENCY



## The Campaign at COP29

The Keep Your Promise Campaign is not just about promises—it's about ensuring a future where the most vulnerable communities have the support and resources they need to thrive in a changing world.

The culmination of the Keep Your Promise Campaign took place at COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan, where youth leaders and climate justice activists rallied together to amplify the campaign's demands. With Africa at the heart of the climate crisis, these young leaders were at the forefront of urging the global community to step up and take responsibility for the climate emergency. Their voices, alongside other global South advocates, stirred the charge for immediate, impactful action.

As the campaign continues into its second year, the call for leadership, accountability, and action remains louder than ever. The Keep Your Promise Campaign is not just about promises—it's about ensuring a future where the most vulnerable communities have the support and resources they need to thrive in a changing world.



## STRENGTHENING CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT FOR A JUST AND SUSTAINABLE URBANIZATION (SCEJU) LAUNCH

### Empowering Urban Communities:

# SCEJU PROJECT LAUNCHED IN KENYA



A consortium of NGOs, including Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES-Kenya), the Civil Society Urban Development Platform (CSUDP), and the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA), has launched the Strengthening Civil Society Engagement for a Just and Sustainable Urbanization (SCEJU) project. Co-funded by the European Union, this three-year initiative (2024–2026) aims to promote democracy, improve urban quality of life, and address climate change and biodiversity challenges in Kenya.

Focusing on Kisumu, Nakuru, and

Makueni counties, the SCEJU project seeks to empower vulnerable communities—particularly women and youth—by addressing gaps in sustainable water and waste management.

Despite Kenya's Sustainable Waste Management Act 2022, informal settlements remain underserved, highlighting the need for inclusive solutions.

"This project amplifies marginalized voices, helping communities shape policies for effective implementation," said FES-Kenya's Country Representative, Bastian Schulz. CSUDP CEO George Wasonga emphasized the role of

youth as climate changemakers, particularly those in recycling, social entrepreneurship, and the arts.

The initiative also aligns with World Cities Day 2024, themed "Youth Climate Changemakers: Catalyzing Local Action for Urban Sustainability," reinforcing the importance of youth-led innovations in shaping resilient urban futures.

With a focus on equity, inclusion, and local solutions, the SCEJU project is set to transform Kenya's urban landscape, fostering a synergy between people, the planet, and prosperity.



# AFRICA CLIMATE SUMMIT AT 1

## in partnership with Jacob's Ladder

### Advancing Climate Adaptation and Resilience: Insights from Kenya's Pre-COP29 Convening

On November 4, 2024, Jacob's Ladder Africa (JLA), in collaboration with GIZ Kenya, KEPSA, PACJA, and the Kenyan government, hosted a transformative pre-convening event in Nairobi. Centered on climate adaptation and resilience, the event addressed pressing challenges such as sustainable agriculture, urban infrastructure, and drought preparedness—issues heightened by Africa's rapid urbanization and climate instability.

Faith Ngige, National Coordinator of the Kenya Platform for Climate Governance (KPCG), highlighted the critical need for accelerated adaptation efforts to combat Kenya's severe climate impacts. "Kenya loses 2–2.8% of its GDP annually due to climate change. Without action, this could rise to 7.25% by 2050," she noted, referencing the World Bank's 2023 Kenya Country Climate and Development Report.

Ngige stressed the role of civil society organizations (CSOs) in advocating for need-based climate finance and empowering marginalized communities. The Financing Locally Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) program exemplifies these efforts, mobilizing CSOs and communities across Kenya's 46 counties to lead participatory climate risk assessments and implement County Climate Change Action Plans.

The forum also reflected on the Africa Climate Summit's Nairobi Leaders Declaration, underscoring Africa's position ahead of COP29. Key resolutions, such as prioritizing adaptation financing and directing 50% of global climate finance toward vulnerable populations, align with the Keep Your Promise campaign. This initiative calls for developed nations to fulfill commitments, ensuring equitable climate finance and accountability.

Sellah Bogonko, Co-Founder and CEO of JLA, alongside other climate leaders, emphasized the importance of homegrown solutions to address Africa's unique climate challenges. The pre-convening laid the groundwork for Africa's future climate agenda, building momentum toward the landmark ACS@One Summit in February 2025.

By fostering partnerships and scaling locally led solutions, this event marked a critical step in securing a sustainable and resilient future for Kenya and Africa at large.



## ZAMBIA



## ZAMBIA CLIMATE CHANGE NETWORK GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP

### Zambia Climate Change Network Overhauls Interim Board Following Allegations of Mismanagement

**Lusaka, Zambia** — In a decisive move aimed at restoring accountability and transparency within the Zambia Climate Change Network (ZCCN), members of the network gathered in Lusaka in early October 2024, to vote out the interim Board. The decision came after growing frustration over the Board's prolonged tenure, which had extended far beyond its intended interim mandate. The two-day meeting, attended by over 60 organizations, was marked by members' calls for a fresh start, driven by concerns over missed opportunities for ZCCN's engagement in Zambia's climate change agenda.

The interim Board, initially appointed in 2016 following the resignation of the founding Board, faced harsh criticism for failing to convene an annual general meeting (AGM) as mandated by the ZCCN Constitution. "How do you explain that someone serves on an interim basis for almost ten years?" questioned Miriam, one of the vocal petitioners. She emphasized that ZCCN must uphold governance standards and remain accountable, especially as a platform tasked with holding the government accountable for climate issues.

The members expressed their dissatisfaction with the interim Board's failure to foster harmonious working relationships, which they argued hindered ZCCN's effectiveness in representing civil society in climate change discourse. "Despite the apparent despair orchestrated by the Interim Chair and her team, we remain determined to return ZCCN to its former glory," Miriam added, pointing to

the high turnout of network members as evidence of their commitment to the cause.

Efforts by the Interim Board Chair, Monica Chaduma, to prevent the meeting from taking place were brushed aside by the members. "Too little, too late," said one attendee, dismissing her attempts to maintain network control. Members unanimously agreed that fresh leadership was needed to inject new ideas and energy into the organization.

### A New Path Forward

The meeting culminated in the election of a steering committee tasked with leading the organization to an AGM, scheduled no later than March 31, 2025. The steering committee, chaired by ZCCN founding member Noah Zimba, will work closely with the Secretariat to coordinate monthly meetings—both virtual and physical—to update members on the planning process for the AGM.

The newly formed committee comprises a diverse representation from across Zambia's civil society, with members including Olivia Zulu from Local Initiative for Change, Patrick Kaumba from GEARS, and Debra Njekwa Zama from the Copperbelt Health Education Project, among others. These leaders are expected to guide ZCCN through a critical transition phase, ensuring that the network regains its influence in the country's climate change discussions.

Additionally, Lydia Chibambo, who had been serving in an acting capacity, was confirmed as the Coordinator of ZCCN, solidifying her leadership role during this transitional period.

### Support from the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance

Mithika Mwenda, Executive Director of the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA), commended ZCCN members for their resolve in reclaiming their organization. As the national platform of PACJA in Zambia, ZCCN holds an important role in the broader African climate justice movement. “Good governance, transparency, and accountability are minimum principles we must safeguard at all times as watchdogs in international climate dialogue processes,” Mithika stated, offering PACJA’s continued support to ZCCN as it embarks on this new chapter.

Mithika also expressed disappointment that the interim Board members had failed to attend the meeting, missing an opportunity to address the concerns raised by members. “When you fail to turn up and face your accusers, you confirm their suspicions that you’re complicit in running down the organization,” he remarked, urging all stakeholders to prioritize mutual respect and uphold the values of ZCCN.

### A Renewed Focus on Climate Justice

Formed in 2008 under the Zambia Community-Based Natural Resource Management Forum (ZCBNRF), ZCCN has played a vital role in Zambia’s climate and environmental advocacy. As the official national platform of PACJA, ZCCN is part of a broader coalition that addresses climate and environmental challenges through a people-centered, rights-based approach.

The recent developments within ZCCN signal a renewed focus on good governance and climate justice, as the network prepares to elect a new Board and resume its active participation in Zambia’s climate change dialogue.

### ZAMBIA CLIMATE CHANGE NETWORK STEERING COMMITTEE AS APPOINTED

1. <b>Noah Zimba</b>	Chairperson and founding member
2. <b>Olivia Zulu</b>	Representing Local Initiative for Change
3. <b>Patrick Kaumba</b>	Representing GEARS
4. <b>Debra Njekwa Zama</b>	Representing Copperbelt Health Education Project
5. <b>David Maimba</b>	Representing Hashub Disability and Development
6. <b>Christopher Kawewe</b>	Representing Lembi Protective System
7. <b>Chilekwa Kangwa</b>	Representing Action for Nature
8. <b>Castro Chama</b>	Representing Girl Child Destiny





## TERRAFUND FOR AFR100 TREE PLANTING DRIVE LAUNCH



## RESTORING HOPE: TerraFund for AFR100 Launches in West Pokot

**Parua, West Pokot County** – On November 4, the TerraFund for AFR100 project officially launched in Parua, heralding a transformative journey toward restoring degraded landscapes in West Pokot. Spearheaded by the Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) in partnership with local leaders, the initiative saw the planting of over 3,000 tree seedlings to revive Parua Forest and marks a step toward restoring 100 hectares of land in the county.

This effort aligns with Kenya's ambitious target of planting 15 billion trees by 2032 and Africa's broader goal to restore 100 million hectares by 2030. Dr. Mithika Mwenda, PACJA's Executive Director, emphasized the project's significance, stating, "We are not just planting trees; we are planting hope and resilience for future generations."

West Pokot Deputy Governor, Mr. Komole, highlighted the county's commitment to environmental and economic benefits, including job creation and improved food security through agroforestry. The community's enthusiasm was palpable, with elder Mary Cheptoo expressing optimism: "This project gives us the tools and knowledge to restore what we've lost. These trees will feed our families and provide income."

The TerraFund for AFR100 initiative underscores the power of community-led restoration efforts in tackling land degradation and promoting climate resilience. Parua's residents and PACJA are turning hope into action, one tree at a time.

Watch the highlights: [bit.ly/3OuxVzB](https://bit.ly/3OuxVzB)



# DJIBOUTI YOUTH FORUM

## East African Youth Unite for Climate Justice in Djibouti

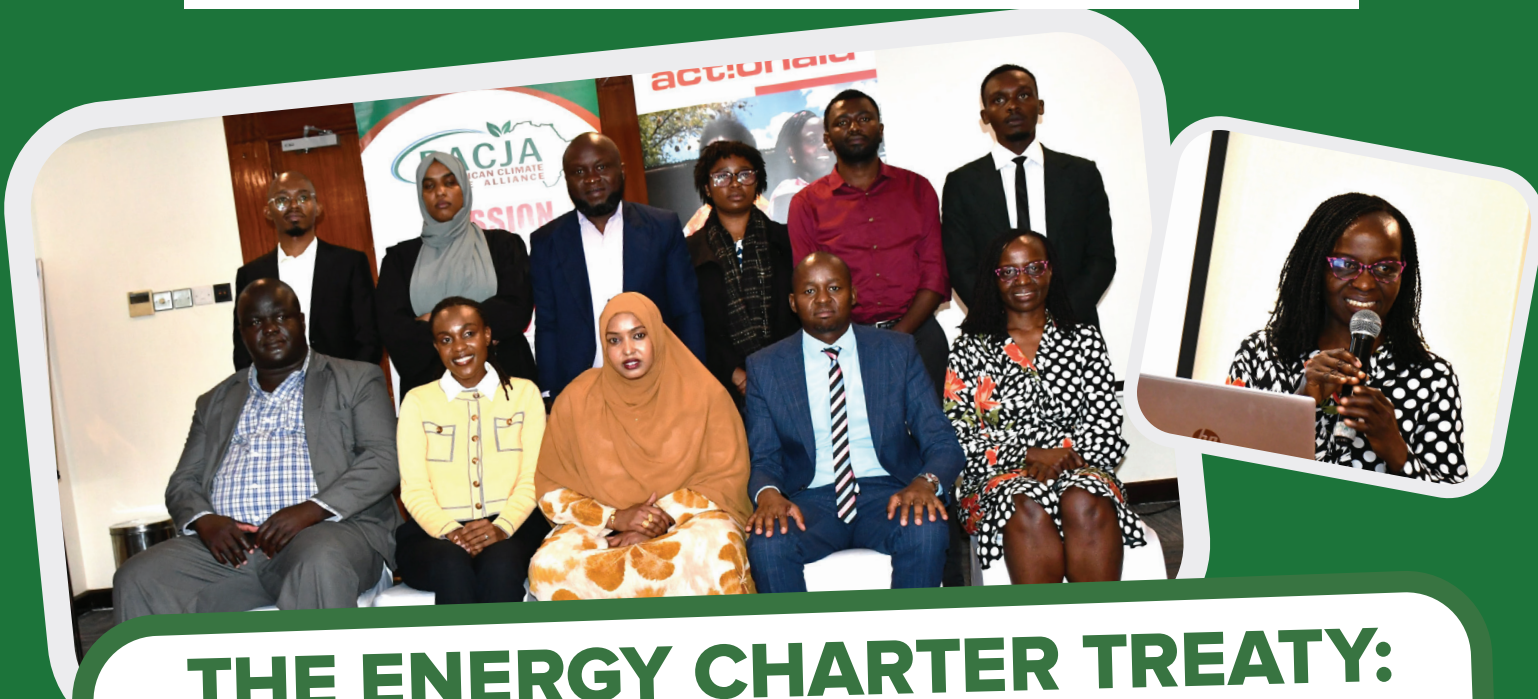
On October 26-27, 2024, the East African Youth Forum on Climate Justice convened at Ayla Hotel, Djibouti, under the high sponsorship of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development. Organized by the One and Invisible Youth Movement of Djibouti with support from the United Nations System, the Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA), and Social Change Factory, the forum gathered passionate young leaders from across East Africa to amplify their voices and actions for climate justice.

The event featured dynamic exchanges and inspiring interventions. Shampi Anna showcased Kenya's Eco Rafiki project, a community-led initiative fostering environmental sustainability. Charles Mwangi, PACJA's Director of Programs, highlighted impactful strategies and experiences from PACJA's work across Africa in the fight against climate change.

This forum provided an essential platform for young changemakers to share experiences, foster collaboration, and strengthen their resolve to advocate for a sustainable and just future for Africa.



## PACJA, KENYA YOUNG PARLIAMENTARIANS ASSOCIATION (KYPA) AND ACTION AID ON THE ECT



### THE ENERGY CHARTER TREATY: A Barrier to Climate Action and Social Justice

Efforts to transition from fossil fuels to green energy are essential in mitigating climate change. However, these efforts are increasingly being undermined by the financial and legal burdens imposed by the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT). For countries striving to enforce progressive climate policies, the ECT has proven to be a major obstacle, exacting significant budgetary sacrifices and jeopardizing the welfare of workers in the energy sector.

The predatory nature of the ECT lies in its binding provisions that prioritize investor protection over public interest. Member countries enacting laws to phase out fossil fuels often find themselves facing hefty compensation claims from energy corporations. For instance, in 2017, an oil and gas company based in the UK sued Italy for refusing to grant concessions for drilling in the Adriatic Sea—even though Italy had already exited the treaty. The resulting fine placed an enormous financial strain on the country. Similarly, countries like Germany and Nigeria have faced legal and economic challenges stemming from the treaty's entrenched clauses.

These cases highlight how the ECT's investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) mechanism penalizes governments for prioritizing environmental sustainability and social welfare over corporate profits. The ramifications of this framework are far-reaching, with countries being forced to divert funds from critical social services to settle claims, exacerbating economic inequalities and delaying just energy transitions.

Closer to home, the potential implications of Kenya becoming a full member of the ECT are alarming. As a nation committed to expanding green energy solutions, Kenya risks being entangled in the treaty's web of litigation, putting its ambitious climate goals in jeopardy. Moreover, membership could compromise the country's ability to safeguard the welfare of workers transitioning from fossil fuel industries to greener alternatives.

#ActionAidKenya, alongside its partners, strongly urges the Kenyan Parliament to reject any motion to join the ECT. Learning from the experiences of countries like Italy, Germany, and Nigeria, Kenya must prioritize its sovereignty, environmental goals, and the well-being of its citizens over the exploitative demands of fossil fuel investors.

The time to act is now. By standing firm against the ECT, Kenya can position itself as a leader in the global transition to renewable energy while protecting its people and resources from the exploitative practices that have hindered climate action in other nations. Together, let us forge a path that prioritizes justice, sustainability, and resilience for future generations.

Watch news feature here: <https://bit.ly/3ZoiSh8>



## Critical Minerals Consultation with UNEP, UNECA, AMDC and AMV

### Regional Stakeholders Consultative Workshop On Environmental And Social Aspects Of Critical Energy Transition Minerals (Green Minerals) And The African Mining Vision. Advancing The Africa Mining Vision For A Sustainable Future

As the world pivots toward climate action and the sustainable governance of transitional minerals, Africa stands at a critical juncture. The review and update of the Africa Mining Vision (AMV) and the African Minerals Governance Framework Action (AMGF) plans are essential to ensure the continent's mining sector aligns with global sustainability priorities while addressing environmental and social concerns.

Recognizing this imperative, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has partnered with key stakeholders—including the Centre Africain de Développement Minier (AMDC), the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), and the African Development Bank Group (AfDB)—to organize a joint regional stakeholder consultation workshop. This workshop is dedicated to revisiting the environmental and social pillars of the AMV and AMGF, ensuring they reflect the aspirations of Africa's sustainable development agenda.

The consultative workshop will aim to align these frameworks with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 2030) and the African Union's Agenda 2063, particularly its climate resilience and sustainability aspirations. By focusing on environmental stewardship and social equity, the revised AMV and AMGF will set the stage for an African minerals sector that is not only economically viable but also socially inclusive and environmentally responsible.

To maximize participation and inclusivity, the workshop will be held in a hybrid format, enabling stakeholders from across the continent and beyond to contribute their insights. This approach ensures diverse perspectives are integrated into the review process, fostering a comprehensive and actionable framework.

This initiative underscores Africa's commitment to leveraging its vast mineral resources for a just and sustainable transition. By addressing environmental and social issues in mining governance, the updated AMV and AMGF will serve as blueprints for a future where the continent's mineral wealth drives prosperity without compromising the well-being of its people or the planet. Together, we can ensure Africa leads in the global pursuit of sustainability and climate justice.

## KENYA

# ADVANCING CLIMATE JUSTICE: Empowering Kenyan Communities Through Locally-Led Action

Kenya is embracing a transformative shift in climate resilience with the Financing Locally-Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) program, placing communities at the core of decision-making and action. From December 16th to 19th, Maanzoni, Kenya, host the National Convention for Civil Society Organization (CSO) Engagement in FLLoCA Implementation, a pivotal event marking a new chapter in decentralized climate action.

## A Gathering of Changemakers

The convention brought together 46 elected CSO FLLoCA representatives from across Kenya. These representatives were formally introduced to the FLLoCA program, gained a deeper understanding of its foundational pillars, and participated in the election of Regional and National CSO FLLoCA Steering Committees.

## Pioneering a Decentralized Model for Resilience

Spearheaded by the National Treasury and Economic Planning, the FLLoCA program champions decentralized funding and governance, empowering local communities to craft and execute solutions tailored to their specific climate challenges. Central to this approach is the Civil Society Engagement Framework, designed to ensure civil society organizations (CSOs) play a critical role in oversight, coordination, and accountability.

Dr. Dan Adino remarked, "Community-driven climate action is the cornerstone of sustainable development." Another keynote speaker emphasized the importance of equipping CSO representatives with the knowledge and tools necessary to create meaningful change within their regions.

The Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) has underscored the importance of diverse representation to ensure that all voices are heard in advancing locally-led climate solutions.

## A Vision for Africa

Mithika Mwenda, Executive Director of PACJA, highlighted the FLLoCA model as a template that can inspire similar initiatives across Africa, positioning the continent as a leader in locally-driven climate solutions. He emphasized the role of CSOs in ensuring procedural justice, a key component of climate justice, and stressed the importance of accountability mechanisms to ensure government effectiveness in program implementation.

Mwenda called on delegates to uphold their core mission of advocating for frontline communities most vulnerable to climate change. He also stressed the need for inclusivity and legitimacy in CSO representation, urging collaborative efforts to amplify local voices and achieve impactful action.

## Strengthening Global and Local Partnerships

The convention included national and county officials, development partners, and key stakeholders, reflecting the broad coalition necessary for meaningful change. Representatives from organizations such as the World Bank, Denmark, Germany's KfW, SIDA-Sweden, and the Netherlands will share insights and reaffirm their commitment to locally-led climate action.

## Building Momentum for Climate Resilience

As Kenya confronts the escalating effects of climate change, FLLoCA stands as a beacon of hope, driving community-centric solutions. The National Convention serves as a launchpad for forging stronger partnerships, fostering innovation, and renewing the collective commitment to climate justice.

With the establishment of Regional and National Steering Committees, the FLLoCA program is poised to accelerate Kenya's journey toward resilience and adaptability. By championing local voices and solutions, Kenya is setting the stage not only for national transformation but also for inspiring climate justice leadership across the African continent.

# PACJA AT COP29

## Driving Africa's Climate Agenda



The Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) made a strong impact at COP29, held in Baku, Azerbaijan, by championing key issues of climate finance, adaptation, and a just transition. Through an active presence across several events and pavilions, PACJA emphasized the need for global reparations, equitable climate finance mechanisms, and Africa-led solutions to tackle climate change effectively.

PACJA's engagements ranged from pre-COP discussions to high-level dialogues. Notable activities included:

- ▶ **Climate Finance Advocacy:** PACJA co-hosted events addressing the accessibility of funds for frontline communities. They highlighted models to scale up inclusive financing mechanisms and discussed overcoming barriers in adaptation funding, particularly for agriculture and nature conservation in Africa.
- ▶ **Advancing the Just Transition:** At the Just Transition Pavilion, PACJA focused on the role of renewable energy in ensuring equitable energy access and sustainable livelihoods in Africa. Additionally, the alliance spotlighted Africa's contribution to global decarbonization through critical minerals and advocated for a debt-free climate finance framework for underserved nations.
- ▶ **Adaptation Strategies:** PACJA collaborated with regional and international stakeholders, such as IGAD and UNECA, to discuss the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) and the Global Goal on Adaptation. These dialogues emphasized Africa's unique needs

and the importance of local voices in global adaptation frameworks.

- ▶ **Health and Climate Nexus:** PACJA partnered with entities like WHO Africa and the African Group of Negotiators to integrate climate and health policy for holistic resilience. This approach acknowledged the interplay between climate-induced health challenges and broader socio-economic vulnerabilities.
- ▶ **Africa Day Celebrations:** As a key participant in the Africa Pavilion's activities, PACJA advocated for Africa-centric solutions to climate challenges, amplifying the continent's collective voice at the negotiation table.

The Alliance also participated in sessions focusing on carbon markets, human rights-based adaptation, and South-South cooperation, emphasizing collaboration and inclusivity in addressing the climate crisis.

Through its robust advocacy, PACJA reinforced the urgency of climate justice and the imperative for global accountability in addressing the disproportionate impacts of climate change on Africa.

Visit the Pacja at COP29 Website for a more in-depth look at outcomes and each day activities. <https://cop29.pacja.org/>

The conclusion of COP29 also saw the alliance and its partners provide a guided webinar on an explorative and comprehensive COP29 Analysis on the 6th of December 2024. The outcome can be found here: <https://bit.ly/4gmxfl0>

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