

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2025

PACJA DIGEST



The Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) has been advocating for climate justice and environmental sustainability across Africa and beyond. With a well-established membership spanning 54 countries, PACJA promotes environmental protection through community awareness, community-based solutions, and policy influence.

The organisation focuses on agroecology, sustainable agriculture, ecosystem restoration, watershed management, and biodiversity conservation. PACJA is committed to being a proactive participant in fostering just and equitable communities while also serving as a pragmatic Pan Climate Justice Alliance that supports positive change in the world.

Therefore, every year, the alliance in all countries join governments, stakeholders, and partners to celebrate World Environment Day to reflect on the role of the environment for humanity, interrogating the environmental challenges, the role of humanity, and trying to find just solutions for present and future generations.

This year, we joined the world in calling for the end of Plastic. According to UNEP, in 2025, every year 19-23 million tonnes of plastic waste will leak into aquatic ecosystems, polluting lakes, rivers and seas. This UN body urges that the environmental, social, economic and health risks of plastics need to be assessed alongside other environmental stressors, like climate change, ecosystem degradation and resource use. The following summary, highlight some of action on the word Environment day in different countries.

Mozambique

As part of World Environment Day, Cooperativa Avante, PACJA platform in Mozambique, participated in a Webinar organized by an organisation, MozBlue, which is investing in the Restoration of Mangrove degraded forests, in Quelimane District, Zambézia Province of Mozambique. During the session, the participants deliberated on approaches and methodology used to sensitise and prepare the 30 communities which are already part of the restoration programme. The programme involves training and employing local community members in mangrove restoration, nursery management, monitoring and conservation.





Zambia: ZCCN Joined other in World environment Celebrations

Zambia Climate Change Network-ZCCN/PACJA Designated Platform joined the rest of the world in commemorating the world Environment Day on 5th June 2025 under the theme "Ending Plastic Pollution". The platform participated in the national event organized by the Ministry of Green Economy and Environment. The official national event was attended by government officials, including Hon. Mike Mposha, MP, Minister of Green Economy and Environment as the guest of honor, representatives of UN agencies, cooperating partners, and Civil Society, private sector, universities, schools, members of the media and public at Nkoloma stadium in Lusaka. There were speeches, exhibitions and a dialogue between the youths and the Permanent Secretary in the Green Economy and Environment ministry.



KENYA

On 5th June 2025, the Kenya Platform for Climate Governance (KPCG), in collaboration with key partners, participated in the celebrations to mark World Environment Day 2025 in Tharaka Nithi County under the theme, "Ending plastic pollution". The event brought together government leaders, environmental champions, academia, and civil society to reaffirm their commitment to ecosystems by ending the plastic pollution. Speaking on behalf of the Ministry of Environment, Principal Secretary Eng. Festus Ngeno stressed on the government's unwavering dedication to ending

plastic pollution through inclusive, community-driven approaches. The Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Forestry, Dr. Debora Baraza, emphasized the urgent need to end plastic pollution, calling it one of the most pressing environmental crises of our time. Tharaka Nithi Governor H.E. Muthomi Njuki emphasised the county's investment in afforestation programs, reduced use of plastics, youth-led green initiatives, and county-level climate action plans. "Environmental stewardship is no longer optional," he said. "We must act decisively, for the sake of our children's future."

The National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) reiterated its role in enforcing environmental regulations and called on communities to end or reduce the use of plastic waste. "Ending Plastic waste begins with accountability," a NEMA official stressed. KPCG's among other partners, were also acknowledged in their coordination role in the National Steering Committee, planning for this year's World Environment Day, which fostered a powerful convergence of voices united for a common cause: Ending plastic waste.



ETHIOPIA

On June 5, 2025, Consortium on Climate Change -Ethiopia (CCC-E), the PACJA platform in Ethiopia in collaboration with the Holataa Town Environmental Protection Authority, hosted a successful event in Holatta, Oromia Region, to mark World Environment Day under the theme: "Ending Plastic Pollution: Community-Led Solutions for a Greener Tomorrow." The event brought together local government officials, youth leaders, environmental advocates, and community members. Participants engaged in insightful discussions on the impact of plastic pollution and explored practical, community-driven approaches to address the issue. The gathering served as a platform to share experiences, strengthen partnerships, and raise awareness about the role of grassroots efforts in creating lasting environmental change.

NIGERIA



To commemorate World Environment Day 2025, CSDevNET, in collaboration with various organisations across Nigeria led targeted initiatives addressing plastic pollution and promoting environmental sustainability. At Holy Family College in Akwa Ibom, BluegreenISDN and CSDevNet organized a school-based campaign featuring educational workshops, the establishment of a permanent recycling point, donation of waste bins, and green infrastructure development through tree planting.

Similarly, in Abia State, Fenrad engaged students, teachers, and community leaders in capacity-building workshops, environmental outreach, and the establishment of Environmental School Clubs (ESCs), with support from government and civil society partners. Both events aimed to foster environmental literacy, build sustainable habits among youth, and strengthen local environmental governance.

In Nasarawa State, Ecocycle Foundation implemented the "Plastics to Creative Crafts in Communities (P3C)" project in Gurku village, training 70 women and girls to transform plastic waste into marketable crafts and sustainable packaging, thus linking environmental protection to economic empowerment. Complementing the in-person efforts, CSDevNet's Young Digital Activists launched an online campaign using digital media to raise awareness about plastic pollution and promote eco-conscious behaviours. Collectively, these activities reflect a multifaceted approach—blending education, community engagement, green entrepreneurship, and digital advocacy—to tackle plastic pollution and inspire long-term environmental stewardship across diverse Nigerian communities.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO



To commemorate World Environment Day 2025, Réseau sur le Changement Climatique en RDC (RCCRDC), PACJA platform in DRC in collaboration with Action des Volontaires pour la Protection de l'Environnement et de Développement (AVOPEDEV), and the Kasindi border post's Environment and Development Department, launched an initiative in Kasindi-Lubiriha, North Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo. The event aimed to strengthen resilience and adaptation to climate-related disasters, particularly in vulnerable regions such as least developed countries and conflict-affected areas. In a region severely impacted by armed conflict and environmental degradation, the initiative focused on transforming plastic waste into eco-friendly paving stones. This community-driven action not only addresses plastic pollution but also contributes to environmental restoration and infrastructure improvement in both rural and urban settings. The program reflects a commitment to building local capacity for sustainable development and resilience amid complex humanitarian and ecological challenges.

MALAWI

The Civil Society Network on Climate Change (CISONECC), PACJA platform in Malawi, joined the Government of Malawi and the rest of the world in commemorating World Environment Day and World Biodiversity Day at Chongole Full Primary School Ground near Chia Lagoon in Nkhotakota. The Commemoration was under the theme "Live in Harmony with Nature; Stop Plastic Pollution for Sustainable Development," brought together various stakeholders including Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies, Civil Society Organisations, Private Sector, Media, Academia, Faith Leaders, Community Leaders and Local Communities.

A boat ride aimed at appreciating the bird population and species at Chia Lagoon was one of the key activities organized as part of the commemoration event.

