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NOTE TO READERS

Dear colleagues, partners, and friends,

Welcome to the June 2026 edition of the Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance's Monthly Digest.

Throughout the month, our collective efforts continued to advance climate justice, amplify African voices, and strengthen implementation of transformative initiatives across the continent.

A major milestone this month was PACJA's active participation in the 64th Session of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies (SB64) held in Bonn, Germany. Our delegation played a critical role in advocating for African priorities in the global climate negotiations, particularly on issues relating to climate finance, adaptation, loss and damage, and a just transition.

Through strategic engagements, side events, media outreach, and coalition-building, PACJA reaffirmed its position as a leading voice championing equitable climate action and ensuring that Africa's interests remain central in international climate processes.

June also saw significant progress in the activities of our Designated National platforms (DNPs). Across several countries, the programme continued to foster inclusive governance, strengthen civic participation, and support communities in advocating for transparent and accountable management of natural resources. These efforts are contributing to stronger citizen engagement and reinforcing the link between democratic governance and sustainable development. In addition, implementation of various projects across our thematic and regional portfolios continued to gain momentum. Our teams and partners advanced activities focused on climate adaptation, resilience building, policy advocacy, capacity strengthening, and community empowerment. The dedication demonstrated by staff, members, and partners across Africa continues to translate our collective vision into tangible impact for vulnerable communities. As we move into the second half of the year, I encourage all leaders to sustain this momentum, deepen collaboration, and continue driving innovative solutions that place people and justice at the heart of climate action.

Together, we remain steadfast in our mission to secure a just, resilient, and sustainable future for Africa.

In solidarity,

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RAISING AFRICAN VOICES AT SB64



SB64 Bonn, Germany

The sixty-fourth sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SB 64) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) took place at the World Conference Centre Bonn (WCCB) in Bonn, Germany, from 08 to 18 June 2026. The climate meetings brought together all Parties, UN organisations, and Observer Organisations.

At these meetings, we carried the voice of African communities and raised concerns through our side events and press conferences.

On June 9th, in our first Press conference in Bonn, we called for Climate Justice Action and Increased Finance as UNFCCC SB64. We expressed concern over the omission of Loss and Damage and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) from the proposed SB64 agenda, describing the exclusion of these critical issues as a setback for climate justice and vulnerable populations. The Alliance aligned itself with concerns raised by the Africa Group of Negotiators, emphasising that meaningful negotiations must address the needs of communities already experiencing the impacts of climate change.

[Click here to read our Press statement released at our 1st Press conference](#)

[Click here to watch the statement and intervention from African CSOs](#)

During the second week of the meetings, the African civil society delivered a powerful message, which was shared with the media in Bonn. It was after noticing that critical agenda items were being overlooked, undermining the hopes of African communities facing severe impacts from climate change.

[Click here to read the statement we delivered at our second press conference](#)

[Click here to watch the video of the press conference here](#)

In a very important move towards enhancing climate action and environmental sustainability, Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA), representing over 2000 organisations across 54 African countries, signed collaborative understandings with IPAM, an institution dedicated to promoting scientific research and biodiversity conservation in the Amazon and Cerrado region. The partnership was signed on the sidelines of SB64, taking place in Bonn, Germany.

Expanding partnership: PACJA Signed Partnership with IPAM



PACJA signed partnership with IPAM

In a crucial step towards enhancing climate action and promoting environmental sustainability, the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA)—which represents over 2,000 organisations across 54 African countries—has signed a collaborative agreement with IPAM, an institution dedicated to advancing scientific research and biodiversity conservation in the Amazon and Cerrado regions. This partnership was formalised on the sidelines of SB64, held in Bonn, Germany.

Both organisations aim to tackle pressing issues such as climate change, environmental governance and social inclusion, with a focus on fostering south-south cooperation in forested areas.

They recognise the critical role that forests play in regulating climate, ensuring food security, and conserving biodiversity, emphasizing the need for sustainable and inclusive development pathways that benefit local communities

The signed memorandum of understanding indicates their commitments to share knowledge and products. By facilitating dialogue among civil society, government, academia and private sector, PACJA and IPAM aim to strengthen their efforts in advocating for climate justice and enhancing community resilience.

Some areas of cooperation will include sustainable development, climate action, and environmental sustainability, with additional topics identified based on mutual interests. This alliance represent a step forwards in addressing the interconnected challenges of climate change and social-environmental sustainability across the regions.

PACJA and IPAM aspire create a more equitable future where local communities are empowered, ecosystems are preserved, and sustainable practices are prioritised.

DJIBOUTI: 300 Djiboutian youth gathered for capacity strengthening in Climate Action

The Movement of United Youth for Impact (MJUI), in collaboration with the Ministry, is proud to announce that it has been officially selected and accredited by YOUNGO, the official children and youth constituency of the UNFCCC, to host and organise the Local Youth Conference (LCOY 2026) in Djibouti. This forum, held under the auspices of the Ministry of Youth and Culture and the Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development, will bring together 300 young delegates under a powerful unifying slogan: "Our Climate, Our Mobility, Our Jobs."



Strengthening Civil Society's Role in Localising Climate Action in Morocco



Participants' group photo

On June 12 and 13, AESVT and PACJA designated platform convened a national meeting aimed at enhancing the contribution of civil society organizations to the localization of climate action. The meeting brought together 62 participants from diverse regions of Morocco, including representatives from civil society organizations, local authorities, public institutions, universities, and international organizations dedicated to addressing climate change and promoting sustainable development.

This initiative focused on consolidating capacities within civil society, aiming to empower these organizations to play a more effective role in the design, implementation, and monitoring of local climate policies. The primary objectives were to identify the challenges faced by these organizations, assess their capacity-building needs, and develop a collective roadmap for advancing climate action at the local level.

The meeting was characterized by strong participation and high-level institutional presence. Notable figures in attendance included Mr. Rafik Belkorchi, Vice-President of the Tangier-Tetouan-Al Hoceima Regional Council, as well as representatives from key agencies, including the Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The inaugural day began with opening sessions moderated by Mr. Ahmed Amezghal, the National Coordinator of the Climate Energy Hub of AESVT Morocco and the PACJA Designated Platform Morocco.

The session featured presentations that highlighted the essential role of civil society organizations (CSOs) in translating climate policies into local actions. Mr. Saïd Chakri, representing PACJA Morocco, emphasized the significance of these organizations in driving territory-specific climate initiatives, while Mr. Belkorchi underscored the strategic importance of local authorities.

Subsequent sessions addressed strategic planning and the various sectoral pillars necessary for effective climate action. Presentations by government officials, including Ms. Naima Oumoussa from the Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development, focused on opportunities available under Morocco's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) to bolster climate action localization.

Significant insights were shared by Ms. Badia Sahmi, National Coordinator of the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme, who discussed UNDP's support for local climate initiatives. Mr. Rabie Khamlichi, Director General of the Tangier-Tetouan-Al Hoceima Regional Council, presented the region's experiences in localizing climate policies. The day concluded with an engaging question-and-answer session that allowed participants to explore the challenges of territorializing climate action, particularly related to local community needs and the role of civil society in monitoring policies. The discussions fostered an enriching exchange of experiences and insights, paving the way for collaborative efforts in addressing climate challenges.

PROJECTS WINDOW

KENYA: From Landslide to Land Restoration: a case of change in West Pokot



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From landslide environmental disasters and forest degradation to sustainable agroforestry practices and natural forests rehabilitation, the sound success story comes from communities, including farmers and other local groups, confirming the change in West Pokot.

For years, the region has been characterised by extreme rainfall and landslides as well as prolonged drought patterns that have affected the community.

Through the adoption of agroforestry practices, by supporting planting of farm-friendly tree species such as Grevillea, growing of fruit trees to improve livelihoods and nutrition, as well as promoting forest site rehabilitation to mitigate the effects of climate and improve the forest cover.

The region has been affected for years

Previously, the area had suffered immense encroachment of the three major forest sites of Kapkoris, Karas and Parua pennon within West Pokot County as a result of increased demand for land and forest products, leading to depleted vegetation and consequently environmental degradation.

There was significant pressure on existing farmlands, which resulted in over-cultivation, the clearing of vegetation and tree cover, and the encroachment upon forested areas. Over time, this led to soil erosion, a decline in crop production, and ultimately caused one of the worst environmental disasters in the region. In 2019, a devastating landslide occurred, claiming the lives of over 17 people and destroying property valued at millions.

The area has experienced severe degradation due to the destruction of forest cover. Increased pressure on farmland has led to over-cultivation, resulting in a decline in crop production, soil erosion, and a loss of livelihoods. This situation has culminated in environmental disasters, such as the landslides in 2019 that claimed several lives.

The few remaining forest areas have also faced significant encroachment due to higher demand for farmland and forest products, like timber and firewood.

Women and children have been the most affected, given the social and cultural dynamics of the community. Men primarily work as cattle herders and often spend long periods searching for fresh grazing lands, leaving women and children to deal with the serious environmental challenges at home. **[For more details, read here.](#)**



PROJECTS WINDOW

How Ecohela Is Helping Rural Communities in Baringo Through Briquettes and Clean Cooking Solutions



CJIFA FUNDED PROJECTS

In many rural homes across Baringo County, cooking remains a daily necessity that comes with a heavy cost. Families spend significant amounts on fuel, while continued dependence on firewood increases pressure on local forests and the environment.

For Ecohela, a beneficiary of Cohort III of the Climate Justice Impact Fund for Africa (CJIFA), the solution lies in improving both the fuel people use and the technologies they cook with. Supported by CJIFA, the organization is advancing community-driven clean cooking solutions that are more accessible, affordable, and practical for rural households, especially women.

The Climate Justice Impact Fund for Africa (CJIFA) is a locally led climate justice fund that provides financial and technical support to grassroots organizations across Africa implementing community-driven climate solutions. Through its cohort-based support model, CJIFA helps local actors scale innovative approaches that strengthen climate resilience, environmental sustainability, and social inclusion.

Through its locally led work in Baringo County, Ecohela is expanding practical clean cooking solutions that respond to the realities of rural households while reducing pressure on forests and natural resources.

The initiative began with efforts to scale the production of charcoal briquettes made from recycled organic materials. With improved production capacity and access to raw materials, Ecohela has increased the availability of briquettes within local communities.

However, it soon became clear that fuel alone was not enough.

To fully maximize the efficiency of the briquettes, households also needed cooking technologies that use less energy and retain heat for longer. This insight led Ecohela to expand its work into energy-efficient cookstoves.

Working alongside a local women's group, the organization provided training on the fabrication and installation of improved cookstoves known as Chepkube Jikos. Women involved in the initiative gained practical skills that enable them to produce and install the stoves within their communities.

Beyond access to cleaner cooking solutions, the partnership has created opportunities for women to acquire skills, engage in local enterprise, and champion cleaner and more efficient cooking practices. To date, 67 women have been trained in the fabrication and installation of Chepkube Jikos, while 42 households have benefited from improved access to clean cooking solutions through the initiative.

[To learn more about the projects and the CJIFA intervention click here](#)



Tax Justice and International Financial Reforms: Key insights from the Roundtable

TAX JUSTICE AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REFORMS

FEPS FRINGE EVENT - S&D AFRICA DAYS

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2026
15:00 - 16:30
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On June 30, PACJA joined other partners at a roundtable focused on Tax Justice and International Financial Reforms. This event was organized by FEPS as part of the S&D Africa Days 2026. It brought together distinguished speakers to explore how strengthening tax administration, closing tax loopholes, reducing illicit financial flows, and increasing financial transparency can enhance domestic resource mobilization. These measures aim to finance quality public services and promote more equitable and sustainable development across the continent.

The following are key statements from speakers:

Imany Liefhebber
FMS Diaspora Youth Representative

"Africa's greatest resource is its people. Young people and the diaspora must be recognised not only as beneficiaries of development, but as partners in shaping fairer tax systems and a more just global financial architecture."

Beauty Ogbologu

Research Fellow, International Law and Organizations (Trade and Investment), Nigerian Institute of International Affairs (NIIA)

"Tax justice is inseparable from trade and investment justice. Africa cannot achieve sustainable development while illicit financial flows and inequitable global financial rules continue to drain the continent's resources."

Catherine Mithia

Policy Research & Advocacy Officer, Sovereign Debt Management, African Forum and Network on Debt and Development (AFRODAD)

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Juan Fernando López Aguilar
Member of the European Parliament, S&D Group

"A fair global partnership requires financial systems that work for everyone. International cooperation on tax transparency and equitable financial reforms is crucial to reducing inequalities and supporting Africa's development aspirations."

Jaafar Sidiq Abubakar
Public Policy Analyst; Member, FES Gaborone Democracy Lab

"Africa has the potential to finance much of its own development. The priority is to strengthen domestic resource mobilisation, improve governance, and ensure public resources serve the interests of citizens."

Hod Anyigba (Moderator)

Executive Director, Africa Labour Research and Education Institute (ALREI); Chief Economist, ITUC-Africa

"Addressing inequality requires more than economic growth. It demands structural reforms that promote tax justice, decent work, and an international financial system that enables African countries to invest in their own people."





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