



EAST AFRICA CIVIL SOCIETY CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

EAST AFRICA CIVIL SOCIETY
Regional Hub on Climate Change
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A row of three logos: the Adaptation Fund NGO Network logo, the FORUM CC logo, and the PACJA logo.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATION

AF	-	Adaptation Fund
AFN	-	Adaptation Fund Non-Governmental Organisations Network
AGN	-	African Group of Negotiators
CBOs	-	Community Based Organisations
COP	-	Conference of Parties
CSOs	-	Civil Society Organisations
EAC	-	East African Community
GCF	-	Green Climate Fund
INDCs	-	Intended Nationally Determined Contributions
NAPA	-	National Adaptation Program of Action
NAPs	-	National Adaptation Plans
NGO	-	Non-Governmental Organisations
PACJA	-	Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance
UN	-	United Nations
UNDP	-	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	-	United Nations Environment Programme
UNFCCC	-	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
VPO-DoE	-	Vice President's Office-Division of Environment

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ABOUT ORGANIZERS

ForumCC Tanzania

ForumCC, also known as the Tanzanian Civil Society Forum on Climate Change, is an association of civil society organisations committed to work on climate change in their own programmes as well as through advocacy. It brings together development and environment organizations, those with technical skills and those with a more delivery and advocacy focus.

ForumCC works to ensure effective and informed engagement of Civil Society Organisations in Tanzania on Climate Change issues for the benefit of the environment and people in poverty who are affected.

The Forum has three main areas of engagement, these are:

- i. Capacity building and Information dissemination;
- ii. Research and Policy Engagement; and
- iii. Lobbying and Advocacy.

You can learn more about us through our website: www.forumcc.org

Adaptation Fund NGOs Network (AFN)

Adaptation Fund Non-Governmental Organisations Network (AFN) is a coalition of NGOs and interested stakeholders following the development of the Adaptation Fund (AF) and its funded projects. It strives for a sustainable dynamic influence on politics and engagement of civil society. It believes in the great chance to contribute to a successful implementation of projects funded by the Adaptation Fund in developing countries for the benefits of those people and communities particularly vulnerable to climate change.

The network directly supports NGOs in a number of developing countries, with a focus on direct access countries, by increasing their capacity to escort all relevant issues around the implementation of the project throughout the implementation period. The partner NGOs under the AFN, which is overall coordinated by Germanwatch, are NGO Forum (Cambodia), Fundacion Vida (Honduras), Panos Caribbean (Jamaica), JREDS (Jordan), Practical Action (Kenya), ACNR (Rwanda), ENDA (Senegal), Indigo (South Africa), and ForumCC (Tanzania).

The current network's project generally aim at contributing to overall enhancement of international support architecture for adaptation in vulnerable developing countries,

particularly in the context of UNFCCC negotiations towards envisaged 2015 agreement. Specifically, it aims at:

1. Independently accompanying CSOs further development of Adaptation Fund (AF), by following particularly concrete implementation, monitoring and evaluation of projects in a number of vulnerable developing countries, with a special focus on ‘Direct Access’ approach;
2. Attempts to address challenge faced by several developing countries to adequate manage and monitor adaptation funding from several international funds, as well as to approach them holistically as to achieve progress on overall national climate change adaptation strategy; and
3. Using experience and lessons learnt from in-country process to contribute to the advancement of broader adaptation support architecture, in particular regarding design of Green Climate Fund (GCF) “Adaptation Window” and negotiations towards new international climate change agreement in 2015.

You can learn more about us through our website: www.af-network.org

PACJA

The Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) is a continental coalition of Civil Society Organizations from diverse backgrounds in Africa. It is a regional Civil Society platform on climate change and sustainable development with membership of more than 500 organizations and networks. It brings together Faith-based Organizations, Farmers and Pastoralists’ Groups, Community-based organizations, Non-Governmental organizations, Trusts, Foundations, among other sectors with a common goal of promoting and advocating for Pro-poor, climate-friendly and equity-based responses to climate change.

PACJA aims at unifying and coordinating isolated civil society efforts on climate change advocacy in Africa, so as to ensure that pro-poor and people-centered response measures are given attention as governments in Africa seek to mainstream climate change into national poverty reduction and sustainable development strategies and actions.

In the pursuit of its mandate, PACJA collaborates and encourages strategic alliances with international partners, national governments, regional governmental bodies as well as individuals sharing its aspirations, to build an enhanced African profile that assures the continent’s visibility in international climate change dialogue processes.

1. OVERVIEW AND OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

1.1 Overview and Objectives of the Conference

ForumCC jointly with Adaptation Fund NGO Network (AFN) and Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) organized the “*East Africa Civil Society Conference on Climate Change Adaptation*”. Total of 50 people (31 male and 19 female) participated at the conference which was held on 7-8th May 2015 at Kunduchi Beach Hotel. These were coming from Tanzania, Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, and Germany. These were representative from CSOs, International NGOs, government officials, Embassies, UN agencies (UNDP and UNEP), Media, and Youth organizations. The guest of honour for the conference was Honourable Binilith Mahenge (Minister of State - Environment).

The main objective of the conference was to bring together East African CSOs to assess the potential and challenges of climate change regional issues and forge a sustainable regional platform for learning, sharing experiences in order to accelerate actions (especially on adaptation) across the region. Its specific objectives were:

- To discuss regional and national climate change adaptation processes and initiatives;
- To discuss progress, state of play and challenges of NAPs formulation process within the region;
- To assess status of negotiations on adaptation towards COP21 and 2015 agreement in Paris;
- To widen and strengthen Civil Societies’ and other key stakeholders’ actions and movement for climate and environment justice; and
- To launch of East Africa Civil Society Regional Hub on Climate and Environmental issues.

1.2 Introduction and Opening of the Conference

The facilitator broke the ice by welcoming all representatives to the conference, briefly introduced the purpose of the conference and how the conference will be conducted. This was followed by opening remarks from ForumCC Chairperson (Euster Kibona), PACJA Co-Chair (John Bideri), and AFN Project Coordinator (Lisa Junghans). The Guest of Honour Opening Speech will be highlighted below:

Honourable Binilith Mahenge (Minister of State – Environment): he started by welcoming all participants to the conference and Tanzania for those who were coming outside Tanzania. He then congratulated the organizers for holding such important conference and acknowledged ForumCC work on climate change issues in Tanzania and beyond. He then highlighted impacts of climate change and some of the major initiatives undertaken at East Africa. He explained that despite such initiatives East African countries are still faced with challenges of capacity both technical and financial. He acknowledged civil societies' role in addressing climate change and called for strengthening their capacity and coordination. He concluded by telling participants that the government is ready and willing to listen and support CSOs initiatives at the region.



Honourable Minister, Binilith Mahenge providing his opening speech during the conference



Lisa Junghans (AFN Project Coordinator) contributing on the discussion during the conference



Euster Kibona (ForumCC Chairperson) providing her opening remarks during the conference

2.1 MAIN FINDINGS AND OUTCOMES OF THE CONFERENCE

2.1.1 Main Findings

Adaptation Initiatives at Regional and National Levels

- ✓ Enhancing resources mobilization and coordination among EAC States and CSOs is vital in addressing climate change challenges;
- ✓ EAC has made more progress in terms of climate change policy framework and institutional arrangement that needs to be trickled down to Partner States;
- ✓ Limited climate finance is still a challenge for both Partner States and CSOs in East Africa which hinder them to implement their climate change adaptation programs; and
- ✓ Climate change adaptation should be sustainable due to the fact that climate change is a continuous process.

Adaptation and Finance in the UNFCCC Negotiations

- ✓ Year 2015 is a complicated but also important for both climate change and sustainable development;
- ✓ COP21 is vital for defining long-term plans for addressing climate change but its not a solution in itself;
- ✓ Inclusion of adaptation and finance on the Agreement is of high priority to African and other developing countries;

2.1.2 Main Output and Outcomes

The Conference facilitated the following:

- ✓ Launch of East Africa Civil Society Regional Hub and Preparation of action plan for its operation;
- ✓ Provided platform for East African CSOs to strengthen their network in addressing climate change;
- ✓ Enhance CSOs and other stakeholders' understanding on climate change processes and initiatives at country, regional and global levels;
- ✓ Preparation of plans for engagement at UNFCCC COP21 after assessment of the status of negotiations; and
- ✓ Provided opportunity for first-hand witness of climate change impacts at urban coastal areas.

3.0 PRESENTATION DOCUMENTATION

The conference was conducted for two days and each day had three sessions, whereby:

- The first day's sessions were on opening ceremony; presentations on adaptation initiatives at regional and national levels; and launching of the East Africa regional hub;
- The second day's sessions were on recap of the first day; status of adaptation and finance in UNFCCC negotiations; and visit to adaptation fund project sites.

Each of the sessions for the two days is further explained below.

Day One: started with the opening ceremony which was followed by the following:

3.1 Adaptation Initiatives at Regional and National Levels

After the opening ceremony, five (5) presentations were made; and these were made by different representatives from the East Africa countries: Below are the briefs:

- *Brian Otiende (EAC Secretariat Climate Change Coordinator):* He started by providing a brief background of establishment and re-establishment of EAC. Then, outlined the EAC



overarching climate policy framework which have Environment and Natural Resource Management (ENRM) Protocol (2006), Climate Change Policy (2011), Climate Change Strategy (2013-17), and Climate Change Master Plan (2013). He further explained about different climate programs and projects that EAC has implemented on both adaptation and mitigation. He concluded by providing

recommendations to both EAC Partner States and Secretariat. These were mainly on enhancing resource mobilization and coordination.

- *Eng. Ladislaus Kyaruzi (Tanzania Vice President's Office):* His presentation covered mainly on Tanzania national initiatives on adaptation to climate change. These include Ratification of UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol in 1996 and 2002 respectively; Establishment of National

Climate Change Steering and Technical Committee; having a National Environment Policy 1997 (currently reviewed); NAPA in 2007 and currently working on NAPs; and National Climate Change Strategy 2012. These are complimented by a number of adaptation and mitigation programs that are implemented. He pointed out that, institutional framework is still a challenge; nevertheless, he insisted that the government continues to work on it.

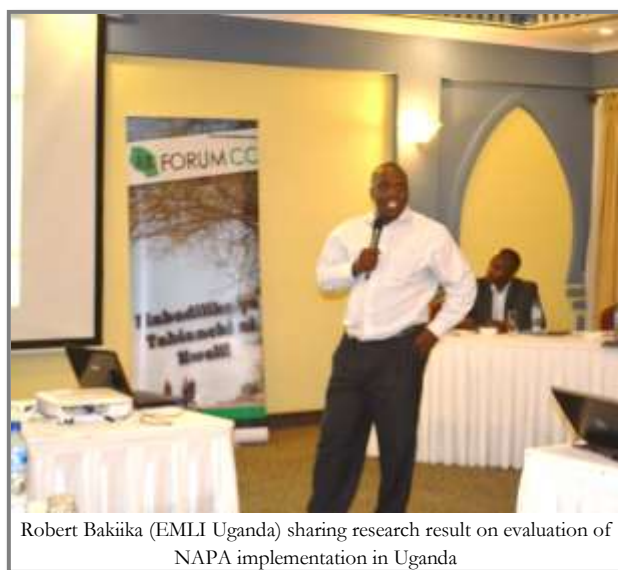
On the side of CSOs involvement in adaptation activities; Eng. Ladislaus

Kyaruzi pointed out that, the government is networking with CSOs in dealing with climate change and this has been done through ForumCC.



Eng. Ladislaus Kyaruzi (VPO Tanzania) presenting on Tanzania adaptation initiatives

- *Robert Bakiika (EMLI Uganda)*: his presentation was on evaluating country adaptation with focus on NAPA in Uganda. This came from their study which aimed at examining whether people have become better adapted to climate change as a result of the interventions and



Robert Bakiika (EMLI Uganda) sharing research result on evaluation of NAPA implementation in Uganda

the extent to which they are now more resilient to climate change. The shared results show NGOs/CBOs contribute more on interventions than government, multilateral and research and academic institutions.

Interestingly, most of the projects in the country were not linked with NAPA. He went further by highlighting that most of the adaptation intervention concentrated in semi- arid, lowland and highland

areas. He concluded by emphasizing that for adaptation to be sustainable is should be

integrated and there is a need of learning from others who have already updated their NAPA such as Senegal and Bangladesh.

- *John Bideri (PACJA Co-Chair):* shared experience on implementation of climate change initiatives in Rwanda by both the government and communities. Among the initiatives shared include on alternative source of energy and promotion of energy saving stoves (*which intends to reduce forest degradation*); moving communities living in vulnerable areas; promotion of livestock sector (*with intention of having 50% of community in Rwanda engaging on the sector by 2020 in order to reduce dependence on agriculture sector*); and creation of national environmental fund (*with sources for fund expected to be from international and local sources; and can be accessible to anybody who interested and working on climate change adaptation*).



John Bideri (PACJA Co-chair) sharing Rwanda's experience on implementation of adaptation initiatives

- *Robert Gichunge (Kenya):* His presentation concentrated mainly on Agriculture and livestock sectors whereby he explained about strategies for addressing climate change on the two mentioned sectors. Among the strategies he mentioned were Water harvesting; Conservation agriculture; Agroforestry; and Climate smart agriculture. But he also talked about the national climate change strategies which are creation of National climate change Action, National climate change master plan, and draft of the national climate change policy (*where development of National climate change bill has been done*). He concluded by saying that, adaptation initiatives to climate change should be sustainable due to the fact that climate change is a continuous process.

3.2 Launch of East Africa Civil Society Regional Hub

After the presentations and discussion, the moment of launching the hub arrived. But before the launching, representatives from AFN and PACJA made short presentations on their organisations' roles on the regional hub. Then, ForumCC Program Officer (Fazal Issa), provided a brief presentation on the overview, initial operation and sustainability mechanism for the regional hub for climate change. The hub is expected to enhance information sharing, cooperation and coordination among East Africa stakeholders. Then, the floor was opened for participants to provide their comments on how the regional hub should work.

The big moment arrived when three representatives step forward to jointly launch the regional hub in an interesting way. The three representatives were Soud Jumah (ForumCC), Lisa Junghans (Germanwatch), and John Bideri (PACJA).



Day Two: started with a brief recap of what unfolded during day one, this was followed by the following:

3.3 Adaptation and Finance at the UNFCCC Negotiations

Mr. Muyungi started by highlighting that 2015 is a complicated year in terms of human development. The year includes finalization of post-2015 development agenda; financing for development conference; and the COP21 in Paris which will define how to address climate change in a long run.



Mr. Richard Muyungi (Tanzania Chief Negotiator to the UNFCCC) presenting on status on negotiations

He then provided the status of negotiations after Lima (COP20) and Geneva sessions. He went on to explain that discussion were mainly on differentiation and respect for 'Common But Differentiated Responsibility'. Also, INDCs were redefined in term of time, scope and

process. He added that Tanzania is in line to submit its INDCs by October 2015. Also, further discussions are on nature of the agreement on whether it should be a Legal-binded, Protocol, and Outcome with legal force. He mentioned that African Group of Negotiators (AGN) supports a legal agreement with all elements while most developed countries support a mitigation-focus agreement.

3.4 Visit to the Adaptation Project Site

During the afternoon session of the second day, participants got opportunity to visit one of the adaptation fund project site in Dar es Salaam along Obama Drive (formerly Ocean Road). The project focuses on coastal urban adaptation.

During the visit, participants witness on first-hand the effects of climate change including damage of the sea wall and mangroves along the Indian Ocean coast. This provided opportunity for them to understand about both hard and soft adaptation measures which were the sea wall and mangroves rehabilitation respectively.



Dar es Salaam City Engineer explaining about the sea wall along Obama Avenue to a section of Conference participants

4.0 CONCLUSION AND WAY FORWARD

The East Africa Civil Society Regional Hub was finally launched during the conference. It is expected to be a platform which brings together civil society and other stakeholders working on climate change related issues in East Africa. The Hub will, initially, starting with members and partners of Adaptation Fund Non-Governmental Organisations Network (AFN), Pan-African Climate and Environment Justice Alliance (PACJA) and ForumCC; but all other CSOs from East African countries will be allowed to join.

An action plan was prepared for kick-off and putting the hub into operation. The plan included Preparation of conference report; Creation of mailing list; Preparation of feedback meetings at country level and Appointment of country contact person; Sharing of feedback from the meetings and name of the country contact person; and holding another conference for operationalization of the hub. Also, suggested were made to rotate such conferences in each of the five East African countries. Moreover, at a later stage – members will jointly prepare and implement climate change adaptation programs within the region.



A group photo of participants at the conference

APPENDICES

Appendix I: Conference Program

EAST AFRICA CIVIL SOCIETY ADAPTATION CONFERENCE: Learning, Sharing Experience and Accelerating Actions Kunduchi Beach Hotel & Resort		
Dar es Salaam - Tanzania		7 - 8th May, 2015
DAY 1: Thursday, 7th May 2015		
TIME	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
Opening Ceremony		
08:30 - 09:00	Arrival and Registration	Facilitator
09:00 - 09:30	Welcome Remarks - ForumCC: Euster Kibona, Chairperson - AFN: Lisa Junghans, Project Coordinator - PACJA: John Bideri	
09:30 - 10:00	Opening Speech - Honourable Binilith Mahenge, Minister of State (Environment)	
10:00 - 10:30	Picture Session and Coffee Break	All
Adaptation Initiatives at Regional and National Levels		
10:30 - 11:00	EAC Climate Change Initiatives and Space for CSOs' Engagement - Brian Otiende, EAC	Chair and Facilitator
11:00 - 11:30	Discussion	
11:30 - 12:30	National Climate Change Adaptation Initiatives (NAPs, Adaptation projects and Access to multilateral funds) and CSOs' Engagement - Tanzania Case: VPO-DoE, Eng. Ladislaus Kyaruzi - Rwanda: John Bideri, Rwanda National Climate Change Adaptation Initiatives and Access to Multi-lateral funds - Uganda: Robert Bakiika, NAPA	
12:30 - 13:30	Discussion	
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch Break	All
Regional Hub Launching		
14:30 - 14:40	Role of Adaptation Fund NGO Network (AFN) on the East Africa Regional Hub - Lisa Junghans, AFN Project Coordinator	Rebecca Muna, Facilitator
14:40 - 14:50	Role of PACJA on the East Africa Regional Hub - Augustine Karani, PACJA Secretariat	
14:50 - 15:00	The Regional Hub Fazal Issa, ForumCC	ForumCC
15:00 - 16:15	Discussion on the Way Forward	
16:15 - 16:30	Launch of the East Africa Civil Society Regional Hub	
16:30 - 16:45	Closing Day One	

DAY 2: Friday, 8th May, 2015		
TIME	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
Networking and Coordination		
08:30 - 09:00	Arrival and Registration	Facilitator
09:00 - 09:10	Preparations for Adaptation Fund Project Site visit	
09:10 - 09:20	Day One Recap	
09:20 - 10:00	Status of UNFCCC Negotiations on Adaptation and Finance - Richard Muyungi (Tanzania UNFCCC Chief Negotiator)	VPO-DoE
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break	All
Adaptation and Finance in UNFCCC Negotiations		
10:50 - 12:20	Discussion	All
12:20 - 12:30	Closing of the Conference	ForumCC
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break and Leaving to Sites	All
Sites Visit		
14:15 - 16:00	Visit to Adaptation Fund Project Sites (<i>along Obama Avenue/Ocean Road</i>)	Facilitator
16:00 - 16:30	Wrap-up and Closing	ForumCC