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CBD'S POST-2020
GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY
FRAMEWORK TARGETS

Achieving the CBD's Framework Targets: Synthesis and Recommendations

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CLN: fostering transformative change and adaptive management in southern Africa.

Community Leaders Network is a collaborative grouping of rural representatives from Angola, Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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ACHIEVING THE CBD'S POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK TARGETS: SYNERGIES BETWEEN CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

Achieving the CBD's post-2020 Global Biodiversity
Framework Targets: Synergies between Climate Change
and Biodiversity

Date: 14th April 2022

Venue: Zoom

Time: 09:30 EAT | 14:30 CST | 08:30 CAT



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While halting biodiversity loss undoubtedly has diverse benefits, including economic gains, financing for biodiversity is limited. The “biodiversity financing gap”

**averages
\$711 billion
annually,
about 0.8
percent of
global GDP.**

Global biodiversity spending is currently \$133 billion, while total needs are \$844 billion; this means that funding needs to increase more than fivefold .

Climate change is one of the greatest risks to African countries and China. By 2030, up to 118 million extremely poor people throughout Africa will be exposed to drought, floods and extreme heat, which will hinder progress towards poverty alleviation and economic development. In the most severe scenario for climate change, China will potentially lose nearly a quarter of its annual GDP. Relatedly, China and Africa - DR Congo, Madagascar and South Africa are home to several of the 17 most biodiverse countries. This makes biodiversity loss an equally significant risk to their people and nature.

In that regard, Africa CSOs Biodiversity Alliance (ACBA) in collaboration with China's Civil Society Alliance for Biodiversity Conservation (CSABC) hosted a webinar titled Achieving the CBD's P-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework Targets: Synergies between Climate Change and Biodiversity on the 14th of April 2022 from 09:30 to 11:30 EAT. The webinar aimed at sharing lessons learned and best practices on Synergies between Climate Change and Biodiversity Conservation and to explore practical measures to bridge the biodiversity funding gap and explore potential funding mechanisms in Africa and China.

Some of the highlights that came out from the webinar were that the global call for raising ambition to mitigate and adapt to climate change entails that developed countries lead the way in implementation. While their support to developing countries under the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities is important, it is equally critical that they seek to reduce emissions based on scientifically recommended milestones nationally and collectively.

One of the major threats to and opportunities for progress in mitigating biodiversity loss and climate change impacts throughout Africa is arguably the high dependency of people on nature and its services. To disrupt the threat created by this dependency, it is essential to introduce a long-term horizon that maintains nature and climate services and ensure that sustainable livelihoods for those most reliant on biodiversity and climate;

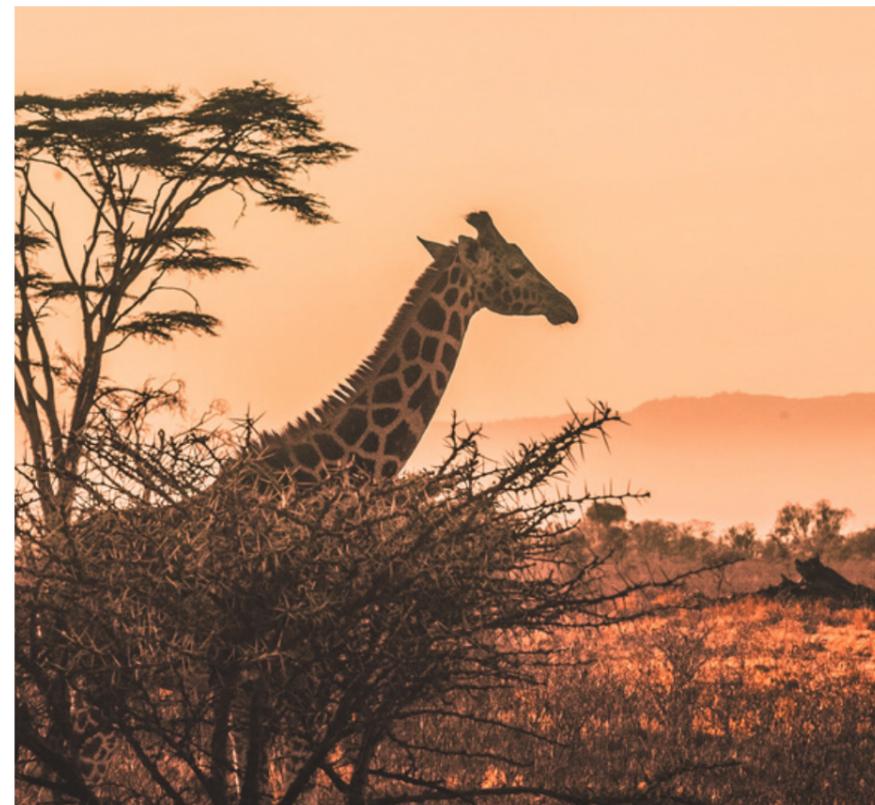
CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT AWARD TO ACBA



African CSOs Biodiversity Alliance (ACBA) was privileged to receive a USD 20,000 grant from Global Environmental Institute (GEI) - China. The grant will enable ACBA to organize a capacity-building seminar on African voluntary commitment aimed at mobilizing at least 10 African institutions to fill in the voluntary commitment forms that will be presented to the Conventional Biological Diversity (CBD).

The grant also covers the development of a report that analyzes various financial resources and mechanisms that support biodiversity conservation in Africa as well identifying at least 10 institutions with the highest potential for future.

FUN FACT (TEASER)



Did you know? The Earth's biological resources are vital to humanity's economic and social development.

As a result, there is a growing recognition that biological diversity is a global asset of tremendous value to present and future generations.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY 2022

The United Nations has proclaimed May 22 the International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues. This year's theme is "Building a shared future for all life". The slogan was chosen to continue building momentum and support for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to be adopted at the upcoming UN Biodiversity Conference #COP15.

Biodiversity remains the answer to several sustainable development challenges. From nature-based solutions to climate, health issues, food and water security, and sustainable livelihoods, biodiversity is the foundation upon which we can build back better. To read more click [here](#).

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To mention but a few, CLN has worked towards promoting effective practices and approaches to CBNRM in the region, strengthen local CBNRM institutions and national knowledge management systems in the region as a basis for decision making and adaptive management using a regional monitoring and information database, support development of a regional CBNRM policy through dialogue and implementation of existing and new policies at national and regional levels which recognize that successful natural resource management depends on people, power and economics and they help promote the recognition and enforcement of human rights, including land use and resource rights.



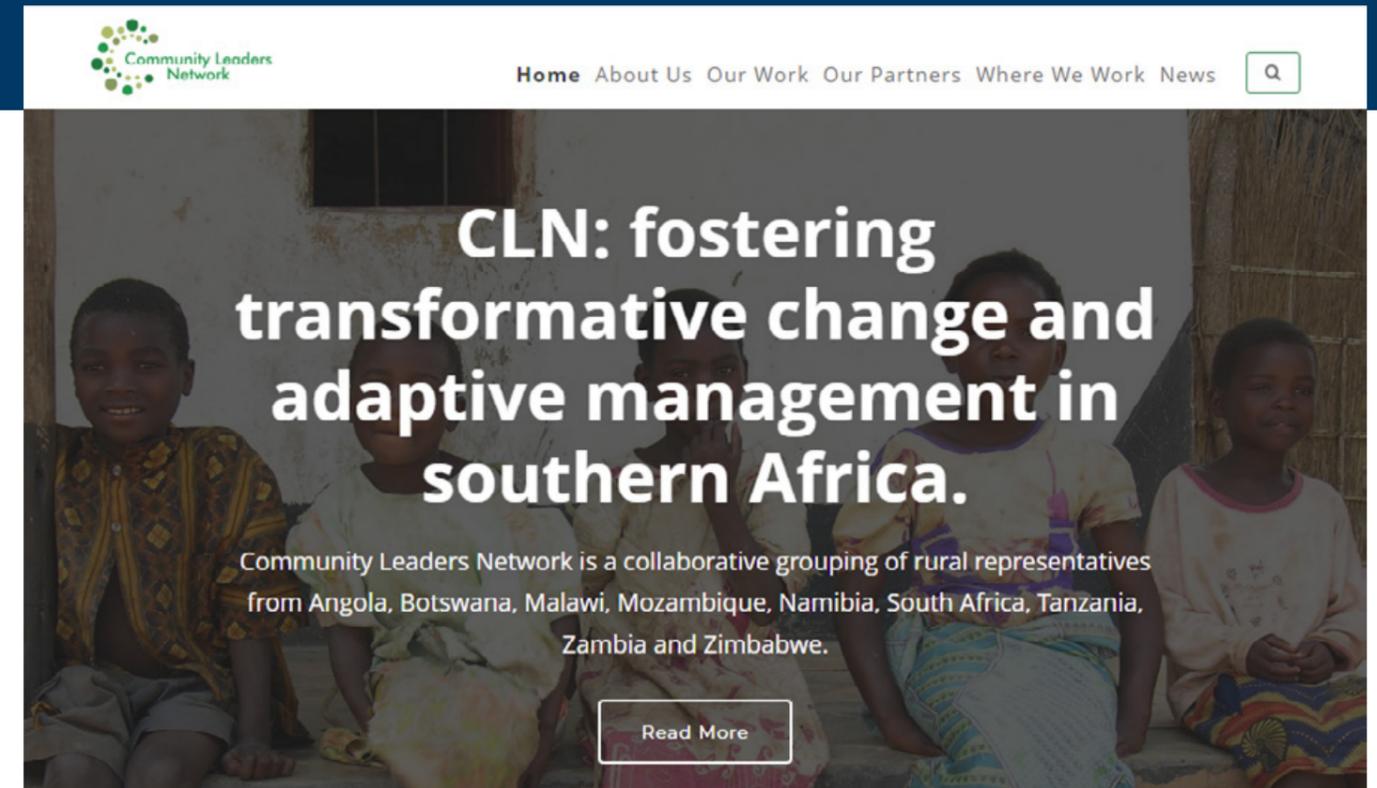
The Community Leaders Network of Southern Africa (CLN) is a collaborative grouping of rural representatives formally constituted under the Namibian laws, on the 22nd of October 2021. The Network has membership with recognized national CBNRM associations and organizations from 9 southern African countries, with the ultimate objective to amplify community voices in CBNRM at national, regional, and international levels.

Community Leaders Network's main Objective is to amplify the voices of local communities through participation and influencing policy negotiation, development, and implementation processes to ensure informed decision-making at national, regional, and international levels that reflects the needs and rights of local communities to manage and benefit from their natural resources.

COMMUNITY LEADERS WEBSITE LAUNCH

After its formal establishment as a voluntary association on 22 October 2021, the CLN decided to establish a website that will further the aims to amplify the voices of their communities. Community Leaders Network recently launched its website.

During the launch, members of the CLN Executive Committee outlined the overall objectives of the website and highlighted the key activities of the Network. The well-designed webinar can be accessed [here](#).



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KEY UPDATES

- **22 May 2022:** International Day for Biological Diversity, Multiple - online, Montreal, Canada



UPCOMING EVENTS

- International Day for Biodiversity (22 May 2022)

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