

MONTHLY REPORT

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DID YOU KNOW?

There are multiple, feasible and effective options to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to human-caused climate change, and they are available now, according to the last UN Climate Change report backed by science. <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/syr/>



From Paper to Action: Youth Building Back Biodiversity Campaign

It has been 4 months since the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF). The adopted framework includes four goals and 23 targets to steer the worldwide conservation agenda until 2030. Questions about following the adoption are do people understand these targets? What happens next? How do we make sure that this framework is implemented accordingly?

With no clear answers to the above questions, The African CSOs Biodiversity Alliance (ACBA), the Global Youth Biodiversity Network Africa Chapter (GYBN Africa), and the Africa Wildlife Foundation (AWF) have launched a campaign to raise awareness about the COP 15 outcomes and inspire different stakeholders to act to implement the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

The goal of the campaign, which is scheduled to last until mid-July, is to ensure that at least 1000 African youth are aware of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and are motivated to act. And among the strategies to accomplish the main objective is to publish a number of infographics that condense the main GBF messaging and discuss a number of targets in webinars. The campaign materials can be accessed here <https://trello.com/b/wqdy2MNR/from-paper-to-action-youth-building-back-biodiversity>

CSO OF THE MONTH

Support for Women in Agriculture and Environment (SWAGEN)

Support for Women in Agriculture and Environment (SWAGEN) is an indigenous organization founded and owned by grassroots women in Uganda. The organization came into existence in 1998 out of felt need. Although the period spanning 1986-1990 saw a proliferation of women NGOs the majority were national level. They engaged in grassroots operations without performing adequate consultations, needs assessment and problem analyses. As a result, many of their interventions: - failed to target the most pressing needs of communities



did not deliver benefits to the intended beneficiaries - could not gain the support of the local stakeholders - were not sustainable. The mission of SWAGEN is to create strong women groups capable of active participation in and meaningful contribution to mainstream national development. To learn more about SWAGEN, visit their website through this link <https://swagenafrika.org/>



COMMUNITY STORY

Community Action to Conserve Rwoho Forest



With financial and technical support from UNDP/Global Environment Facility Small Grants Country Office SWAGEN implemented this project whose goal was to improve the livelihood of the forest – edge community. The community was experiencing alarming levels of poverty having been barred from utilising forest resources when the forest was gazetted. The organization in partnership with the forest dependent community performed the following activities:

1. Created awareness of Climate Change, its effects on livelihoods and possible responses of communities through adaptation and mitigation activities

2. Established forest resources on people's own land e.g. planted trees, cultivated medicinal plants and put up apiaries with modern bee hives that do not require fire for harvesting

3. Facilitated dialogue between the Community and National Forest Authority and eventual signing of a Collaborative Forest Management Agreement

This intervention has so far obtained the following results:

1. Enhanced community participation in the governance of the natural forest resource
2. Increase share of benefits of conservation from non-extractive, non-timber alternative sources of income e.g. sales of honey and processed herbal medicine
3. Reduced incidences of fire in the forest

The Global Green Grants provided us with funding to impart skills to women to construct fuel saving stoves, establish tree nurseries and process honey and medicinal herbs. The support also provided equipment. The organization in partnership with the women organized workshops and conducted hands-on training. This intervention has so far had the following results:

1. 300 households use fuel efficient stoves
2. 300 households have established a woodlot on their private land
3. 300 households have a source of income from honey sales and herbal medicine sales.

Click here to learn more about different community stories from SWAGEN <https://swagenafrika.org/program-areas/>

POLICY UPDATES

INTERESTING NEWS FROM THE REGION AND BEYOND

Event Title: African Union Commission CBD and CITES planning conference

Date: 29 May – 1 June,

Venue: Addis Ababa

Aim of the Conference:

To review the outcomes of CITES CoP19, CBD CoP15. The conference will also have deliberations on the Ocean Treaty Identify cross-cutting strategic issues that emerged from these meetings, including those related to issues such as IPLC engagement, livelihoods, sustainable use, zoonotic disease and one health approach)

Identify priority actions that need follow-up from Member States

UPCOMING EVENTS



World Migratory Bird Day

13 May and 14 October 2023

The sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (BC COP-16)

1 - 12 May 2023

Geneva, Switzerland

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