

# MONTHLY REPORT

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## DID YOU KNOW?

UNFCCC CoP27 will be happening in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt from the 6th to the 18th of November 2022



### Road to CoP27 in Somalia

The African CSOs Biodiversity Alliance (ACBA) will actively participate at the upcoming CoP27. The alliance has identified five main priority areas, which are: Nexus between biodiversity, climate change and livelihoods, Nature-based solutions, NDCs and biodiversity, Emerging Market-based solutions and Loss and Damage

In preparation to the conference, different ACBA members have organized events to enlighten people about CoP27. Somalia Green Peace Association (SOGPA), who are a member of ACBA, has organized a workshop that focuses on how climate change has become one of the major global challenges of this century with its adverse impact mostly affecting developing nations including Somalia.

The danger of climate change is not only multidimensional, but its effects also transcend national borders affecting the ecology that sustains livelihoods. For Somalia to experience sustainable and robust socio-economic development, there is a need for adequate and sustainable resources. However, the availability of such resources is being threatened by a dramatic shift in weather patterns, which has adversely affected food production, water resources, human health, and coastal zones. Somalia's susceptibility to climate change and the threat to achieving development goals have thus been documented.

This workshop that will happen on **31st October and 1st of November** aims to provide a summary on CoP27/UNFCCC process, bring together the youth-led organizations working on climate change and environment, highlight some of the losses & damages Somalia is facing as a result of climate change and also to showcase the actions Somalia youth are taking to combat climate change.

# ACBA @ COP27 SIDE EVENT

## **Climate action and solutions that work for biodiversity and society: the role of IPLCs and government in avoiding false solutions that harm people and biodiversity**

Climate change has serious impacts on biodiversity and for this reason there is need for greater coordination between the biodiversity and climate conventions. According to IPBES, current global warming is already affecting species and ecosystems around the world, particularly the most vulnerable ecosystems such as coral reefs, mountains and polar ecosystems. Extreme weather events are becoming more frequent and their impacts more severe. The world recognizes the need to act urgently to address the climate and biodiversity loss crises concurrently including their impacts and relationships to human



Any solutions must acknowledge that human societies and ecosystems do not exist separately. The communities that understand the complexity of managing biodiversity also know how best to sustainably manage biodiversity to deliver ecosystem services. Therefore, conservation approaches must build from the bottom up, respect human rights, justice and the rights holders and their territories. Equally, IPLCs manage their territories in a holistic and integrated manner and not in siloed approach. Equally important is the need to understand how irresponsible private sector investment trends and project implementation can undermine biodiversity and climate change. The government has a role to play in regulating and monitoring private sector efforts through public policy.

This side event that will happen on the **15 November 2022 11:30-13:00 CAT** will draw attention to the need to avoid a siloed approach to the conventions and highlight the fact that the biodiversity and climate emergencies are inextricably linked. The event will demonstrate that IPLCs understand the complexity of managing complex and multiple crises.

The IPLCs together with the government can ensure that solutions being proposed are legitimate and can contribute towards reducing biodiversity loss and that biodiversity is not reduced to being a climate solution. The event will share concrete examples of how IPLCs apply local knowledge in a holistic manner to ensure that biodiversity is managed sustainably and justly and that IPLCs benefit equitably from their efforts. The event will also show IPLCs have coped with the impacts of climate change and how governments can support them. Given the role the private sector plays in landscape and ecosystem transformation, the event will seek to share case studies of responsible and sustainable investment efforts.

# CSO OF THE MONTH



## Indigenous Information Network (IIN)

Indigenous Information Network (IIN) works on both development issues that affect and impact on Indigenous Peoples and local communities with a main focus on women, children, youth and other vulnerable members of our communities. Indigenous information Network (IIN) recognizes that conservation and protection of Our Environment is key and plays an important role in our lives as it is that environment we depend on for survival. IIN is a non-profit, volunteer-run non-governmental organization (NGO) registered in the Republic of Kenya. The organization was founded in 1996 by a group of professionals in response to addressing the need for information through

media and other channels about Indigenous Peoples, their livelihoods, and the challenges they face as they struggle to exist. The organization has been involved in dissemination of information, environmental conservation activities, community development, and advocacy activities in support of Indigenous Peoples, women, girls and boys, youth and other isolated minorities in the region. Indigenous Information Network IIN, believes that information is empowering. Engaging the communities and keeping them informed on different development activities and happenings around them is crucial. We do this by helping to set recourse centers and conduct people in every community to help reach out and share any development and social issues that concerns them. IIN engages in networking and information sharing between the indigenous peoples of Africa and other regions as set out by the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues UNPFII.



# POLICY UPDATES

## INTERESTING NEWS FROM THE REGION AND BEYOND

25 - 28 October 2022: Third meeting of the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Global Dialogue with Regional Seas Organizations and Regional Fishery Bodies, Busan, Republic of Korea, Confirmed

7 - 11 November 2022: South, Southeast and Pacific Asia Training Course on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms, Manila, Philippines (Tentative)

The 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES CoP19): Panama City, Panama, 14 - 25 November 2022

## UPCOMING EVENTS



CITES CPI9: Panama City, Panama  
14 - 25 November, 2022



COP 27 , Climate Change conference: Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt  
6 - 18 November, 2022

COP 15 , Biodiversity Conference: Montral, Canada  
7 - 19 December, 2022

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