



AFRICA PEACE AND ENVIRONMENT SUMMIT (APES 2)

People | Planet | Peace
Intertwining Human & Planetary Wellness

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THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN AFRICA ,NAIROBI, KENYA

CALL TO ACTION



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Preamble

Inspired by the theme of the Africa Peace and Environment Summit,
“People | Planet | Peace: Intertwining Human and Planetary Wellness”,
Motivated by the African Union Anthem, We, the daughters and sons of
Africa, dedicated to a peaceful, prosperous, and sustainable Africa,
After attending the inaugural Africa Peace and Environment Summit
2025,

Convened by Amani Communities Africa, Catholic University of Eastern
Africa, Centre for Environmental Stewardship, and Mother Earth
Network in partnership with other peacebuilding and environmental
stewards, Held at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa from 2nd to
4th September 2025,

United in our common voice on the peace and environment agenda,
Guided by Africa Union Agenda 2063 Goals 7, 13, 14 and 16 and the
United Nations Sustainable Goals 11, 13, 16 and 17,
Acknowledging that the world is facing multiple threats, including climate
change, pollution, biodiversity loss, the health crisis, and violent conflict,
Taking an Afro-centric approach in which we recognise the importance of
our identity, history, culture, perspectives, and values,

We commit ourselves to contributing to the well-being of ourselves, our
continent and planet.



We, the daughters and sons of Africa, call ourselves to action by responding to the Five Big Disrupters of our time by committing to the following actions

1.Climate crisis

2.Biodiversity Loss

3.Pollution Crisis

4.Conflict Crisis

5.Health Crisis



Climate Crisis

We call upon ourselves & stakeholders to:

- 01 Restore the relationship between humanity, God, and all creation through stewardship and responsibility.
- 02 Adopt and promote low-carbon lifestyles and production systems to reduce our carbon footprint.
- 03 Invest in renewable energy solutions (solar, wind, hydropower, biomass) and phase out fossil fuels.
- 04 Promote community-driven, locally-led climate initiatives, and centering marginalized communities, that build ownership and sustainability
- 05 Shift from “climate-smart” to “environment-smart” approaches that integrate restoration, mitigation, and adaptation.
- 06 Advocate for integrated and cross-sectoral approaches, rather than compartmentalized solutions.
- 07 Support science, research, and data-driven approaches to inform policies and action.
- 08 Create protected spaces for nature to regenerate and thrive.



The Biodiversity Loss Crisis:

We call ourselves to action to:

- 01 Strengthen, implement, and enforce biodiversity protection policies that are inclusive, participatory, and free from corruption.
- 02 Recognize and empower youth and women as central actors in biodiversity conservation through education, digital literacy, and livelihood-linked initiatives.
- 03 Document, safeguard, and integrate indigenous knowledge systems (xeer grazing rules, maslaha dispute resolution, seed preservation, sacred ecological sites) with scientific methods.
- 04 Scale up agroecology and nature-based farming to restore degraded ecosystems, ensure food security, and reduce reliance on harmful chemicals.
- 05 Enhance regional and cross-border cooperation to address biodiversity threats like invasive species, habitat loss, and climate-driven migration.
- 06 Mobilize partnerships with the private sector and financial institutions to expand conservation financing, create green jobs, and empower youth.



The Pollution Crisis

We call all ourselves to action :

- 01 Advocate for pollution justice by ensuring industries, governments, and communities uphold accountability for clean air, safe water, and healthy soils.
- 02 Affirm the principle of “Leave No One Behind” by prioritizing the inclusion of informal settlements, women, children, persons with disabilities, and other vulnerable groups.
- 03 Invest in conservation and expand access to clean water and dignified sanitation, with communities actively co-creating and complementing government initiatives.
- 04 Adopt holistic, human-centred and intergenerational approaches in restoration, empowering communities to take ownership of solutions.
- 05 Convene all stakeholders to design and implement practical, inclusive, and enforceable solutions for a pollution-free future.
- 06 Foster multi-sectoral collaboration linking environment, health, justice, and peace sectors to address pollution at its roots.
- 07 Institutionalise peace and environmental education in schools and faith-based organisations to nurture a generation that treats waste as a resource and champions sustainability.



Conflict Crisis:

We call all ourselves to action to :

- 01 Lobby and advocate for laws, policies, and practices that promote the peaceful resolution of disputes.
- 02 Engage communities to reinforce common humanity values and shared resources.
- 03 Undertake capacity building initiatives to promote intra-personal, inter-personal and community peace.
- 04 Engage communities in activities that reinforce their common humanity values and shared natural resources.
- 05 Use history, technology, songs, dances, and indigenous knowledge to restore harmony and healing.
- 06 Integrate marginalized voices at all levels of peace-making making especially children.
- 07 Integrate ecological peacebuilding in mainstream activities to achieve coexistence of planet and people. sustainable livelihood and peace
- 08 Promote a culture of peace through Dialogue and non-violent practises.



Health Crisis

We call all ourselves to action to :

- 01 Strengthen community health surveillance by training and engaging local members to detect and report risks.
- 02 Enhance disaster preparedness and climate resilience through community-led planning.
- 03 Invest in technological innovation to monitor environmental risks, advance renewable energy, and expand digital health systems.
- 04 Promote multi-sectoral collaboration across health, agriculture, environment, and energy sectors to address climate-linked health challenges.
- 05 Support conservation efforts that provide co-benefits for human health (clean air, safe water, natural disease prevention).
- 06 Prioritize maternal and child health by integrating climate adaptation into healthcare policies and systems.
- 07 Invest in clean water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) infrastructure for all communities.
- 08 Strengthen early warning systems to prevent and mitigate health and climate emergencies.



Conclusion

Through working together ,We will transform these words into action to ensure a just, peaceful, and flourishing Africa. We affirm that this is possible when we act together, guided by dignity, equity, and respect for all life.

Monitoring and Evaluation Action Points

- Constitute the the Africa Peace and Environment Summit ‘APES’ Call to Action Implementation Committee and Network representing the five regions in Africa and the Global South to monitor and evaluate the progress and results
- Organise the Africa Peace and Environment Summit as an annual event
- Create a Consortium for continuous sharing and connecting
- Establish a Secretariat hosted by Amani Communities Africa to plan for the Africa Peace and Environment Summit 3
- Prepare a communique appealing for peace and environmental sustainability in Africa addressed to governments, regional bodies and the African Union

Endorsed by:

- Amani Communities Africa (ACA)
- Centre for Environmental Stewardship (CES)
- The Catholic University Of Eastern Africa
- Mother Earth Network

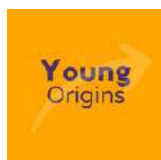
Organizations that Adopted the Call-To-Action

1. Amani Communities Africa (ACA)
2. Centre for Environmental Stewardship (CES)
3. The Catholic University Of Eastern Africa (CUEA)
4. Mother Earth Network
5. Sustainable Futures Africa (SFA) Foundation
6. Women Regional Network of Peacebuilders -Kenya (WRN-K)
7. World Vision Kenya
8. Young Origins
9. Transition Network
10. Nile Humanitarian Development Agency
11. International Peace Centre
12. Digital Peacebuilding Africa
13. National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC)
14. Mpenda Mazingira
15. Haki ya Jamii
16. Globe Ethics
17. Bahai-Faith
18. Paran Women Group
19. Young Origins
20. The Peace Centre
21. Center for Economic Empowerment and Development
22. Laudato Si' Movement
23. Harmony Institute
24. Mother Earth Network
25. Mandela Community Development Program
26. Covenant mediators
27. Office Of Justice, Peace & Integrity Of Creation
28. Women for Women Empowerment
29. Ronalds LLP
30. Tangaza University
31. Champion for SDGs Youth
32. Centre for Mediation Africa (CMA)
33. Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI)
34. United States International University -Africa (USIU)
35. UN Faith Action
36. AFRI-NOV
37. Oldanya Organic
38. Samba Sports Youth Trust
39. Lenly
40. Econsta
41. Green Minds initiatives
42. Brilliant Angels CBO
43. SEED
44. Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP)
45. Kenyatta University
46. Craftsmania Collections
47. Indigenous Information Network
48. Sun Rays Foundation
49. Capuchin TV.
50. Kenya Tissue and Transplant Authority
51. Nibo Creation Media
52. Waterzyme Africa Limited
53. Cara Projects
54. Mpenda Mazingira Initiative
55. Centre of inculturation
56. Rotary Peace Centre Makerere
57. AOSK
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