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WHO WE ARE (PACJA)

- The Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) is one of the largest CSO platforms in the world focusing on environmental and climate change advocacy.

- Founded in 2008 in South Africa, it’s today a formidably influential consortium, bringing together over 1000 organizations from 48 countries in Africa with a shared vision to advance people-centered, right-based, just and inclusive approaches to the climate and environmental challenges facing humanity.

- PACJA’s diverse membership includes grassroots community based organizations, faith based organizations, NGOs/CSOs, trusts, foundations, indigenous communities, farmers, youth groups and women movements, people living with disability, the aged.
WHO WE ARE (CTD)

- The Alliance works with people at the frontline of climate change, especially women in rural settings.

- Members and Affiliates of PACJA believe that environmental and climate justice will be achieved only if governments recognize the right to justice and respond with policies, resources and actions to meet the needs and aspirations of their citizens.

- Members of PACJA also believe that vulnerable groups such as women, IPs, Youth and the aged must be included in all aspects of decision making processes especially in climate information and services (CIS).
BACKGROUND

- Climate finance is a key pillar of climate action
- A key pillar of negotiations in UNFCCC
- Among others, climate finance is coordinated under the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF)
- SCF provides a platform for a wide range of climate finance stakeholders:
  - Governments,
  - climate funds
  - Financial institutions
  - Civil society
  - Think tanks
  - Private sector
BACKGROUND

- SCF established to exchange information and promote linkages and coherence in the mobilization and delivery of climate finance.
- CF is a contentious issue between North and South on:
  - Mitigation finance
  - Adaptation finance
- Unfortunately the current climate finance flows favors mitigation (designed as investment and thus has return for investments)
- Adaptation (primarily priority for the South/Africa) has no return for investment!
...THE CHALLENGE

- Adaption finance is inadequately accessible to the real victims of climate change due to red tape and complicated access modalities and requirements.
- In COP27 there was a call for MDBs and other financial institutions to remove barriers to climate finance access.
- Conversation must now shift more focus on Locally Led Climate Actions.
- In this regard, PACJA is a signatory of the 8 principles of LLA.
LLA PRINCIPLES

- Devolving decision making to the lowest appropriate level
- Addressing structural inequalities faced by women, youth, children, disabled and displaced people, Indigenous Peoples and marginalised ethnic groups
- Providing patient and predictable funding that can be accessed more easily
- Investing in local capabilities to leave an institutional legacy
- Building a robust understanding of climate risk and uncertainty
- Flexible programming and learning
- Ensuring transparency and accountability
- Collaborative action and investment
Our Climate finance lens

- In our understanding, climate finance must be seen as resources that go directly to address local level vulnerabilities.
- This must not be confused with other ODA assistance and so must not be given in loan form (This means doing business with the poor who are already burdened with debt situations).
- The role of intermediary institutions in ensuring access to the poor must be noted.
- Some institutions must not be impediments to the smooth flow of climate finance to the poor and vulnerable communities suffering the brunt of climate impacts.
- However capacities of locally based institutions to access finances must be emphasized.
Our intervention

- **PACJA has been in the forefront in demonstrating how LLA can be operationalised for benefits of communities on the frontline.**
- **A good example is the TUTEGRATED project which is a successful model of private sector, CSO and community collaboration in delivering a successful livelihood initiative that is scalable and which makes financial sense.**
PILOT: “TUTEGRATED PROJECT

- Tujiinue Tena (we lift ourselves again)
- The initiative involved partnering with a private sector entity in promotion of an alternative livelihood option for communities in the front line of climate change
- The model involved forming a tripartite arrangement between PACJA, BIDCO oil company and communities in eastern region in Kenya
- PACJA mobilized the farmers and gave them material support to initiate sunflower growing while BIDCO company committed to provide technical support and ready market for the produce
- Sunflower which is a drought resistant crop was therefore introduced to the farmers on contractual basis where the price of a kilo of sunflower seeds was agreed on between PACJA, the farmers and BIDCO company
- Over 3000 farmers enrolled in this initiative with over 5000 acres under sunflower crop
Consultations with the community opinion leaders
Community sensitisation and training
Project Launch
Technical and material support to the farmers
Continuous monitoring
The harvest was ready in just 4 Months!!
PHASE 2

- The second phase of Tutegrated Project was launched
- This phase involves growing of sorghum which is also drought resistant, early maturing crop and with high nutritional value
- PACJA has negotiated with an alcohol processing company which has committed to absorb all the produce from the farmers
- 805 farmers were supported with 3 tons of hybrid sorghum seed cultivating over 1500 acres of sorghum. The farmers produced over 100T of sorghum. 40T delivered to EABL. The rest consumed locally
- In the current season October – December 2022 Rainy season, PACJA has supported farmers in Embu and Meru Counties with 8,122 Kilograms of certified sorghum seeds; already planted and doing well in the farms.
3 Tons of seeds distributed
Sorghum crop maturing in 115 days
/Ready to transport to buyer- EABL
Apiculture Integration into Tujiinue Tena Project

- Bees are pollinators - improves crop yield
- A form of farm diversification to increase income
- Requires low capital, land and labor input
- The products and byproducts are medicinal and fetch high income
- Boosts conservation and biodiversity
- Nature based solution to wildlife/human conflict - Based on Dr. Lucy Kings Model
Training groups in Apiculture and hives distribution
The success factors

- Local level planning
- Private sector engagement
- Relevance of the initiative in context of climate change
- Building partnerships
- Local Implementing Partners (LIPs) – as special purpose vehicle. Build the capacity & Tap into local initiatives/innovations
- Business Development - Scout and act on opportunities
Conclusion

- We continue calling for the doubling of the adaptation finance
- The Global Goal on Adaptation must be first tracked and informed by data from the global south where adaptation needs are a priority
- The new collective quantified goal must be in tandem with the adaptation conversation
- Loss and Damage financing MUST not be confused with adaptation financing. The priority for Africa is Adaptation and therefore the first dedication to L&D must be over and above the adaptation commitment
Thank you!

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