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Stop Financing Fossil Fuels and Industrial Agriculture

As the Africa Climate Summit (ACS2023) got underway at the Kenyatta International Convention Center in Nairobi, Kenya, on September 4, 2023, Civil Society Organizations staged a March to offer a platform where the voices of people affected by climate change could be heard.

CSOs felt that the ACS2023 was a forum for governments and corporations, not the people hard hit by the menace, hence establishing the Africa People’s Climate Assembly.

Hundreds of people from different African countries gathered at Nyayo Stadium Indoor Gymnasium, where the March began. The procession entered Aerodrome Road and snaked through Uhuru Highway and onto Haile Selassie Avenue into Green Park, where speeches and entertainment were made. The crowd was dotted with placards written with different messages addressing governments and corporations perceived as responsible for fueling climate change by exploring fossil fuels and industrial agriculture.

The People’s Assembly brought President William Samoei Ruto, the host of ACS2023, under scrutiny for implying to be part of the solution to Climate change by asking Kenyans to plant 15 billion trees, but at the same time, his government has officially allowed deforestation, it is eyeing the production of nuclear power, and he champions importation of chemical fertilizers and genetically modified food.

ActionAid International was allowed to launch her research findings on How the Finance Flows: The banks fueling the climate crisis.
The report named banks in Europe, America, and Asia (China) funding the exploration of fossil fuels and industrial agriculture as the biggest culprits for climate change.

Whereas the ACS2023 was talking about the carbon market (not that it is not important), the People’s Assembly focused on the defunding of the root causes of climate change.

The People’s ACS2023 instead offered the use of renewable energy and agroecology- farming systems that work with nature rather than destroy it. ActionAid International Secretary General Arthur Larok insisted that interventions must be people-centred, not profit-driven.

Corporations from the Global North have made Africa dependent on chemical fertilizers, which is killing Africa’s soil, hence, the continent is becoming a net food importer instead of producing it.

Susan Otieno, the Executive director of ActionAid International Kenya, stressed that it is time Africa refused to be colonized again.

“We don’t want to be colonized again!

“We want solutions that work for us and are designed by us. We want solutions that put us at the forefront and not to be dictated to, to be told how it is done because our forefathers had solutions that worked with nature, and we’re friendly to nature.

We (Africa) want to produce food without destroying the environment,” said Susan.

Here, smallholder women farmers from Nigeria, Malawi and Zimbabwe shared their experiences of how the climate crisis has affected them and their communities, and how they are adopting. They all indicated that they resorted to the agroecology model of food production. They shunned away from using chemical fertilizers because it kills the soil, affecting the production of quality food and that it only focuses on large quantity of yields, leading to more profit and compromising people’s health.

She also implored the people of Africa and their governments to speak in unison and demand systems change to attain real change.
A call to be part of the climate solution.

Rural women and their communities have little to no contribution to climate change but are adversely affected by the phenomenon.

In a national precursor event to ActionAid International’s launch of their research- How the Finance Flows: The Banks Fueling the Climate Crisis, ActionAid International Kenya (AAIK) held a forum where rural women, the youth and children recounted how climate change has impacted their lives.

Campaign dubbed ‘Fund Our Future’ at an event held at Desmond Tutu Conference Centre in Nairobi, Kenya. Following the drying up of the iconic River Ewaso Nyiro, Consolata Lomilo from Oldonyiro Isiolo County noted that women and girls had been trekking long distances in search of water.

“Trekking long distances in search of water meant that women and girls had little time for personal development and rest. Girls had to drop out of school to help with house chores. When ActionAid came to our community, accessibility to clean water was one of the main intervention areas we identified. They (AAIK) drilled a borehole for the community that is now being managed by the women network,” said Lomilo.

Women from Kishushe, Taita Taveta and Elangata-Wuas, Kajiado County, added that human-wildlife conflict during these treks were many. The animals are also looking for water.
Jennifer Kibon, who attended COP27 in Egypt, noted that Kenya could borrow systems from the land of Pharaohs and produce more than sufficient food for the nation. Representing the youth, Moses Thuranira said that young men and women in the rural areas afflicted by the climate crisis migrated to urban centres in search of livelihoods since farming is no longer viable.

Mwanajuma Hiribae, the Acting County Secretary and Head of Public Service Tana River County, was the keynote speaker.

“Africa is disproportionately affected by the climate crisis, and it only accounts for 4% of the harmful gases. The most developed countries are the main culprits in climate change, who use fossil fuel power and engage in industrial agriculture who must fund our future,” pointed out Hiribae, a former staff of ActionAid International Kenya.

On his part, Dr. Mithika Mwenda, co-founder and Executive Director of the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA), said:

“If you damage nature, nature will destroy you in return. Plant and nurture trees, preserve the soil and do not pollute the atmosphere, and our future will be secured.”

“Setting the atmosphere right for the research launch on September 4, 2023, ActionAid International Secretary General Arthur Larok brought the matter to our tables when he said:
“When boiling milk rises, you remove the fire to prevent the milk from pouring over. Consequently, we will be calling these ‘fires’ by name, asking them to cut finance flows to fossil fuel and industrial agriculture.”

The event was graced by community members from areas where AAIK does programming in partnership with local organizations, the youth, school-going children, and peer organizations, including Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA), Pellum Kenya and Christian Aid. Also in attendance were Njoro legislator Charity Kathambi Chepkwony, AAIK Board members led by the chairperson Sam Muga and staff.
Supporters, partners, volunteers, community members and ActionAid International Kenya staff convened for the annual Friends of ActionAid event on Thursday, September 14, 2023, in Nairobi. Themed ‘A Future Together,’ the event provided a platform for participants to interact, reconnect, and share ideas to bolster AAIK’s efforts to eradicate poverty and injustice.
The event also provided an opportunity to highlight fundraising needs and opportunities as the organization embarks on to its second half of a century in Kenya. The Friends of ActionAid were motivated to continue supporting ActionAid’s work.

Members of communities where AAIK is or has been implementing projects shared testimonies of milestones on economic empowerment, capacity building, social auditing, and their contribution to climate change solutions. Charity Furaha, an Education for Life project beneficiary, told of her predicaments and how the Education for Life project turned her life around. She can now fully provide for her child, and in addition, she has employed three youths in her bakery.

“ActionAid turned my life around for the better. I dropped out of school at a tender age due to pregnancy. I did menial jobs that were hard to come by to support my family, but it was not sufficient. The literacy classes, entrepreneurial skills and scholarship to a vocational training center were all I needed to have a new lease on life. I am thankful to ActionAid and its supporters,” said Furaha.

Diana Gichengo, National Coordinator at The Institute for Social Accountability (TISA), the guest speaker, highlighted ActionAid International Kenya’s work around youth and governance, women’s rights and economic empowerment and their role in addressing climate change.

As the curtains came down on the event, conversations of new alliances with peer organizations commenced, as more individuals committed to A Future Together with AAIK’s work as supporters and volunteers in different areas.
THE CLIMATE IS CHANGING
WHY AREN'T WE?

STOP THE POLLUTION
STOP THIS
SAVE THIS
BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

HEAL THE EARTH
HEAL OUR FUTURE

STOP OCEAN POLLUTION

THERE WILL BE NO FUTURE IF WE TREAT NATURE CRUELLY

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