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ABOUT THE ORGANISATION

Zambia Climate Change Network (ZCCN) is a membership - based Organization existing as civil society National platform whose strategic thrust is on climate change justice and sustainable development in Zambia.

The Organization is registered with the Zambian Government under the Registrar of Societies registration NO.ORS/102/35/4365. The Mission of ZCCN is to Coordinate Stakeholder engagement on climate change related issues such as Advocating, Lobbying, Campaigning and Domesticating Practical and Sustainable measures for addressing Climate Change Impacts in Zambia, Africa and Globally in general through increased environmental stewardship and green development.

Its Objective is to Mobilize Civil Society Organizations and Individuals advancing Similar agendas in Climate Change related issues in order to create a platform for affirmative action.

Zambia Climate Change Network (ZCCN) is a member of the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) which is a coalition of civil society Organizations from African countries and that it is registered as an International Organization under the Laws of Kenya.

The organisation's thematic areas are in

1. Energy
2. Water and Sanitation
3. Health
4. Land Use and Management
5. Food Security and Livelihoods
6. Gender

Vision

A Zambia Resilient to the Adverse impacts of Climate Change.

Mission

To Coordinate Civil Society Organisations engagement on Climate Change issues through capacity Building, information sharing, Lobbying and Advocacy.

Motto

Towards Climate and Environmental Justice.



FOREWORD

Dear Members of the Zambia Climate Change Network,

I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits as we embark on another exciting chapter of our journey towards a sustainable future. It is my pleasure to present to you the first quarter newsletter for 2023, a testament to our collective dedication and commitment to addressing climate change and promoting climate justice in Zambia.

Throughout the years, our network has grown stronger, brimming with passionate individuals who understand the urgent need for action. I want to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support and tireless efforts in advancing our cause. It is your determination that drives us forward, empowering us to make a real difference in the face of the climate crisis.

The year 2023 holds immense promise for our network. Climate justice and continued advocacy will be at the forefront of our agenda. We have witnessed significant milestones in recent times, such as increased awareness and international cooperation, but we promise not to rest for anything. Our work is far from over, and together, we must push for transformative change that ensures a just and sustainable future for all.

By focusing on climate justice, we strive to address the inequities and disparities caused by climate change, amplifying the voices of marginalized communities who bear the heaviest burdens. Our advocacy efforts are aimed at influencing policies, promoting sustainable practices, and fostering resilience within vulnerable populations. Together, we will build a more equitable world where the impacts of climate change are mitigated and adaptation measures are accessible to all.

I would also like to take a moment to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated Communications Team, who have worked tirelessly to compile this informative and engaging newsletter. Their commitment to ensuring effective communication within our network is commendable, and we owe them a debt of gratitude for their hard work and dedication.

Looking ahead, I encourage each one of you to mark your calendars for an important event in the coming months. We will be organizing a members meeting in the middle of this year, 2023, where we will come together to discuss our progress, share valuable insights, and strategize for the future. This meeting will provide an invaluable platform for networking, collaboration, and learning, and I urge you all to anticipate this event with enthusiasm.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support, passion, and dedication. It is your continued involvement that makes the Zambia Climate Change Network a force to be reckoned with. Together, let us forge ahead on this challenging yet rewarding path towards a sustainable future.

With warm regards,

Lydia Chibambo

Acting National Coordinator

Zambia Climate Change Network

THE 2023 COMMITMENT



As we begin a new year, the ZCCN secretariat would like to take this opportunity to reiterate its commitment to Climate and Environmental Justice in Zambia. We remain steadfast in our dedication to protecting our planet and ensuring a sustainable future for all.

Over the past years, we have made significant strides in expanding our work and engaging with our members and partners to promote climate action in Zambia. We have actively advocated for policies that support renewable energy, sustainable agriculture and proper land use and management. We have also continued to work with local communities to raise awareness about the impacts of climate change and promote sustainable practices.

Our continued engagements with local communities and our commitment to climate justice is through our belief that every person has the right to a healthy and sustainable environment, and that we must work together to address the disproportionate impacts of climate change on marginalized communities.

We further believe that addressing climate change requires a just transition to a low-carbon economy, and that this transition must be carried out in a way that promotes social and economic equity.

Looking forward, we are excited to continue our efforts to create a more sustainable and equitable future. In 2023, we will be focusing on expanding our work in several key areas, including:

1. **Strengthening our Advocacy Efforts:** We will be working to build stronger partnerships with the government and policymakers to promote the adoption of climate-friendly policies and practices in Zambia. We will also be engaging with local communities to ensure that their voices are heard in the decision-making process.
2. **Scaling Up Our Climate Education Programs:** We recognize the importance of education in promoting climate action, and we will be expanding our efforts to educate communities and individuals on the impacts of climate change and the steps they can take to reduce their carbon footprint.
3. **Promoting Sustainable Agriculture:** Agriculture is a significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions, but it is also a critical source of livelihood for many Zambians. We will be working to promote sustainable agriculture practices that reduce emissions while also improving food security and promoting economic development.
4. **Building a Stronger Network of Partners and Members:** We believe that collaboration is key to achieving our goals, and we will be working to build a stronger network of partners and members who share our commitment to climate and environmental justice.

We encourage all of our members to get involved in our efforts to promote climate action in Zambia. There are many ways to get involved, from volunteering to attending events and workshops to advocating for climate-friendly policies. We will be keeping our members updated on our activities and events throughout the year, so please stay tuned for updates.

Together, we can create a more sustainable and equitable future for all. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our mission.

PROJECTS AND PARTNERSHIPS 2023



The Zambia Climate Change Network (ZCCN) has continued to participate in the UNFCCC processes both as part of official Zambian delegation as well as part of the global Civil Society fraternity. This directly provides space for the Network to contribute to the global debate and effort necessary to combat the effects of global warming which is resulting into climate change. Through this engagement, ZCCN contributed to the development of Zambia's Nationally Determined Contributions that culminated in the finalization of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

The Network has identified itself as a member of the Pan African Climate Justice (PACJA) which epitomizes the African coalition of climate change response affirmative actions. The Network membership to PACJA provides an important and strategic continental alliance to meet the growing challenge of climate change.

At regional level the Network remains engaged with COMESA, the African Unions (AU) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC). In recent

times links have been identified and forged with other climate change Networks in the region through joint actions and sharing of information and space for engagement. This commitment is envisaged to be sustained and enhanced through this strategic plan.

At national level the Network contributed to the development of environment and climate related policies that include, the National Climate Change Response Strategy, the National Climate Change Policy, NAPA, REDD+ and the National Forestry Policy.

Following the participation in the development of the Zambia National Climate Change Policy, the Network continues to serve on the National Climate Change Technical Committee as a strategic linkage for the civil society.

The secretariat is pleased to announce that 2023 has started with standing and new projects, and we are excited to share some of the progress we have made with our various partners.

Firstly, we are pleased to announce that international organizations in the climate change space have continued to work with us on various projects. These partnerships have enabled us to achieve our objectives and make a significant impact on the lives of communities in Zambia.

One of our star project is dubbed Galvanizing and Unifying Africa's Actions for Resilient Development (GUARD), which is under the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA). This project is set to run until 2025, and we are already making great progress towards achieving its goals.

We are also excited to announce that the existing A4CA Project under the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA) on Agroecology campaigns will continue for another year. This project has enabled us to make a significant impact on food sovereignty and Agroecology in Zambia.

The Voices for Just Climate Action (VCA) Project under WWF will continue for another two years. This project aims to amplify community voices, and we are already making strides towards achieving this goal.

In addition, we have started two new projects with PACJA on the Need Based Adaptation for Africa

(NBAA) and We-Effect's Gender and Climate Justice in Food Systems project. These projects are expected to make significant contributions towards climate justice and gender equality in Zambia.

Furthermore, we are working on a partnership with INTERSEC Solutions, a global leader in mobile data and location intelligence solutions. This partnership is expected to lead to the development of more effective emergency warning systems that will help reduce the impact of climate change on the people and the environment in Zambia.

We have also collaborated with the University of Central Africa (UCA) on research and development in various areas. This partnership has enabled us to tap into the expertise of the academic institution and make significant progress towards achieving our objectives.

Finally, we assure our members of continued growth in the climate and environmental space. We remain committed to our mission of promoting sustainable development and reducing the impact of climate change on the people and the environment in Zambia. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to sharing more updates with you in the future.



SIAVONGA DISASTERS



On December 14, 2022, Siavonga District was hit by a destructive storm that left the communities reeling from its effects. Houses, shops, and a school were destroyed, causing significant economic losses for both individuals and the government.

The negative consequences of climate change on human societies and the environment were keenly felt in the already climate change prone communities.

Recognizing the gravity of the situation, the Zambia Climate Change Network (ZCCN) took it upon themselves to visit the affected communities in Siavonga District to appreciate the extent of the damage and how the situation was being managed. They were accompanied by Mr. Given Kwapu, the Chairperson of the Siavonga District Council, who expressed his concern over the impact of climate change on the district.

Mr. Kwapu highlighted the destruction of critical infrastructure, which had caused economic

losses for both individuals and the government. He emphasized the need for concerted efforts to address the damage on homes and schools.

ZCCN's Partnerships and Advocacy Officer, Mr. Simon Mwamba, echoed Mr. Kwapu's sentiments, emphasizing the critical nature of the matter. He called for a collaborative effort to support the affected communities, who were particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change. Mr. Mwamba emphasized that Loss and Damage is another critical matter that arises from such calamities. He urged the government to make use of existing international climate change policies to support these communities adequately.

The visit by ZCCN was an essential step towards recognizing the impact of climate change on communities and advocating for support for the affected individuals. It is essential that we take the necessary steps to mitigate the effects of climate change and support vulnerable communities in the face of such disasters.



VCA 2022 HIGHLIGHT STORY

As the year 2022 came to a close, Zambia Climate Change Network (ZCCN) reflected on the achievements of the Voices for Just Climate Action (VCA) Project in the Nanyanga community forest reserve, located in Chief Sikoongo's area in Siavonga District, Southern Province.

Led by their community coordinator, Mr. Edson Munsanje, the locals of Nanyanga have taken a significant step in engineering locally-based solutions to safeguard their forest and entire ecosystem. These solutions are entirely based on local knowledge and expertise, which is a testament to the importance of involving communities in climate action.

This has been a massive win for the community as they strive towards sustainable development while preserving their heritage.

Stephen Chansa, the chairperson of the forest committee, has witnessed the remarkable work the community is doing through the VCA project. He commented, "We are delighted to see the community taking such a proactive role in the protection of the forest. Their efforts will go a long way in ensuring that future generations can continue to benefit from the ecosystem services provided by the Nanyanga forest."

The Nanyanga community has been actively involved in preserving the forest by promoting sustainable forest management practices such as community-led patrols, reforestation, and conservation of wildlife. Additionally, they have taken significant steps towards mitigating climate change by adopting alternative energy sources such as energy efficient wood cooking stoves.

Faides Maki, the head woman of Hamuzya village, welcomed the ZCCN team to Nanyanga forest reserve, where they toured the forest and visited the Nanyanga hot spring, a site that the community holds dear. She praised her community's efforts in safeguarding the hot spring, which is now viewed as their heritage.

"We are proud of the work that the community is doing, and we are committed to preserving our heritage," the head woman said. "The Nanyanga hot spring is part of our culture and tradition, and we are determined to keep it alive."

The visit to Nanyanga in December 2022 was an excellent opportunity for ZCCN to review and celebrate the community's achievements and to encourage them to continue with their efforts in safeguarding the forest.

Just as we ended our 2022 implementation year on a high note, we look forward to the 2023 implementation year with great anticipation. The community-led efforts towards sustainability and climate action in Nanyanga forest reserve are inspiring, and ZCCN is committed to supporting them in their quest for a better future.

In conclusion, the story of Nanyanga community forest reserve is an inspiration to ZCCN and communities across the country and beyond. It demonstrates how a community-led approach towards sustainable development and climate action can yield significant results. The Nanyanga community's efforts towards safeguarding their heritage and ecosystem have been remarkable, and they deserve commendation.



WORLD RECYCLING DAY



The commemoration of the 2023 World Recycling Day fell on March 18th, a day set aside to raise awareness on the importance of recycling and its impact on the environment. As we mark this day, it is crucial to acknowledge the need for a mindset change towards waste disposal in Zambia.

Plastic waste has become a significant environmental problem in Lusaka and many parts of the country. The city is grappling with the challenge of plastic waste management, with many people disposing of plastics and other waste in unsanitary places, such as drainage systems, open fields, and water bodies.

This practice has led to severe environmental consequences, such as pollution of the air, water, and soil, as well as the degradation of the ecosystem.

ZCCN has been advocating for a change in mindset towards waste disposal in Zambia. We have continued to raise awareness of the importance of recycling as a means of reducing waste and protecting the environment.

Through our advocacy work, we have been engaging with communities, businesses, and government agencies to promote recycling practices. The Network, through its members in the recycling sector has also been providing education on the importance of separating recyclable waste from other waste to make the recycling process more efficient.

It is crucial to note that recycling is not just a means of waste management but also an essential tool for environmental conservation. Recycling helps to conserve natural resources, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and promote sustainable development.

As we commemorate World Recycling Day today, let us all make a commitment to change our mindset towards waste disposal and promote recycling practices. By doing so, we can protect our environment and preserve the ecosystem for future generations.



ZCCN, AFSA CELEBRATES THE WOMEN

Zambia Climate Change Network (ZCCN) and the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA) celebrates women that are making a difference in the fight against climate change!

On the occasion of International Women's Day, ZCCN & AFSA recognized the efforts women dotted in different parts of the country are doing to address the challenges of climate change. These women play a crucial role in building resilience and promoting sustainability in their communities, and their contributions are essential to creating a more just and sustainable future.

In Zambia, women are often the primary caregivers and providers for their families, and they are deeply connected to the land and natural resources that sustain their communities.

Our Women farmers, for example, are on the frontlines of climate change, as they are responsible for producing food and managing natural resources in the face of shifting weather patterns and extreme weather events.

Despite the many challenges they face, our women in continuously finding innovative solutions to climate change. They are adopting sustainable farming practices, such as crop diversification and conservation agriculture, that help to build soil health, conserve water, and increase yields. They are also advocating for policies and programs that support climate adaptation and mitigation, and they are leading efforts to promote renewable energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

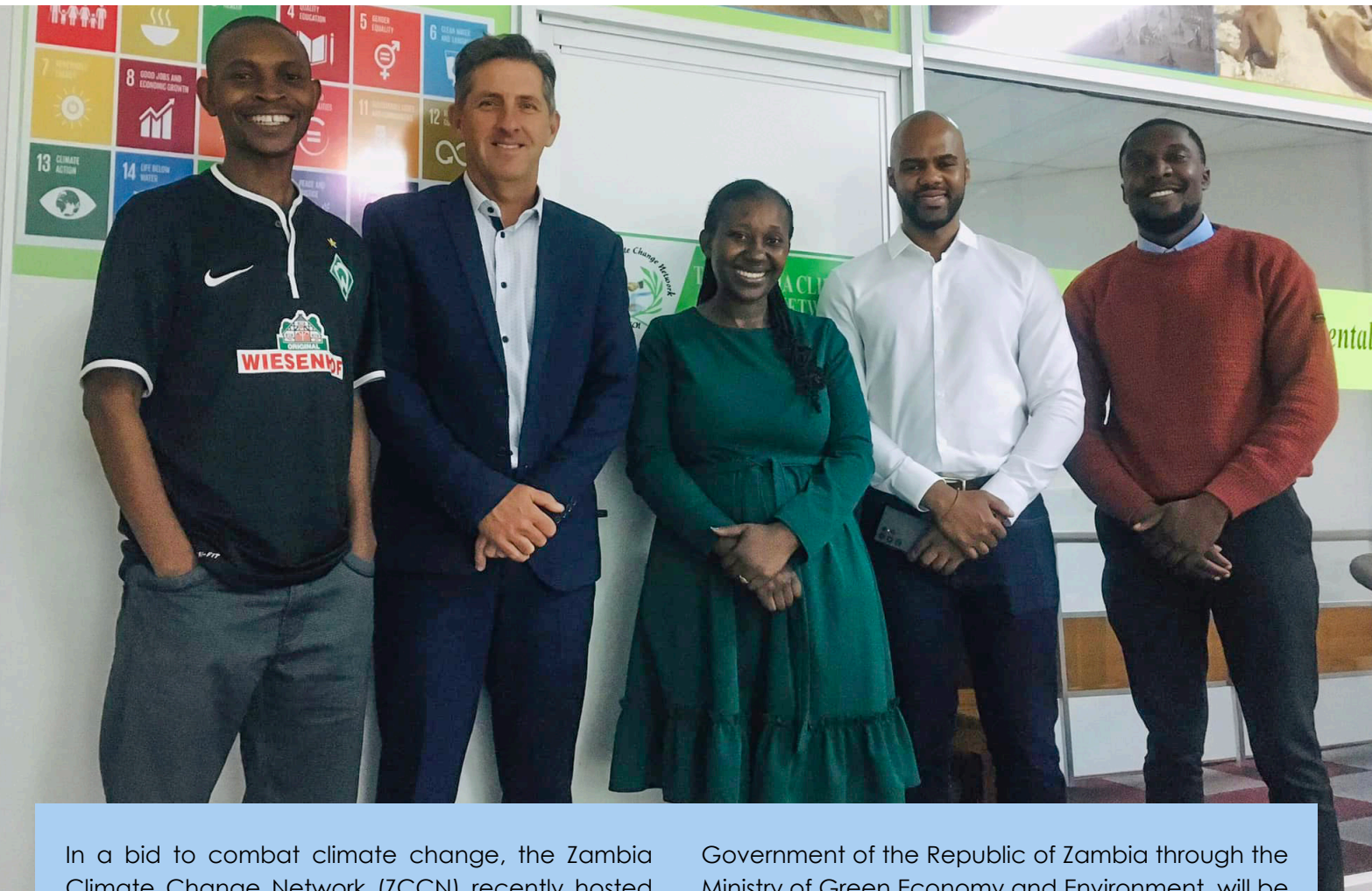
And as such, we believes that women are key agents of change in the fight against climate change, and we are committed to supporting their efforts to build resilient and sustainable communities.

We urge and encourage members of the public, NGO's and cooperating partners to recognize and celebrate the important contributions that women are making to create a more just and sustainable world for all.

Women at the Center of Climate Justice!



ZCCN, INTERSEC POSSIBLE COLLABORATION



In a bid to combat climate change, the Zambia Climate Change Network (ZCCN) recently hosted a team from INTERSEC Solutions, a global leader in mobile data and location intelligence solutions. The meeting, which took place on February 7th, 2023, discussed the possibility of joining forces to develop innovative and disruptive tech solutions that would enable fast data analytics, mass communication and AI-based decisions to be made during emergencies.

The team from INTERSEC Solutions comprised of Cedrick Véro, the EMEA Sales Engineer who resides at the headquarters in Paris, France, and François Pretorius, the Africa Regional Sales Manager based in Cape Town, South Africa. During the meeting, the team discussed the use of INTERSEC's real-time public warning systems, which answer to emergencies such as floods, wildfires, and many more.

INTERSEC's innovative and disruptive tech solutions are being used in Europe, the Middle East, Asia-Pacific, North America, and Africa. As an organization, ZCCN believes that the collaboration with the firm, as well as the partnership with the

Government of the Republic of Zambia through the Ministry of Green Economy and Environment, will be a game-changer in the emergency warning systems in the country.

The partnership is expected to lead to the development of more effective emergency warning systems that will help reduce the impact of climate change on the people and the environment in Zambia. The meeting was such a success that ZCCN was invited to feature on ZNBC Radio 2 to discuss more about the partnership and its potential benefits for the country.

We strongly believe that the collaboration between INTERSEC Solutions and ourselves will contribute tremendously in the fight against climate change in Zambia. The innovative and disruptive tech solutions will help reduce the impact of climate change on people and the environment in Zambia, and provide much-needed support during emergencies.

AUTHENTIC STORY TELLING-VCA

On the 9th of February 2023, the Mkango Golf View Hotel played host to a two-day training event organized by WWF under the Voices for Just Climate Action (VCA) project. The training aimed to equip VCA partners with the skills necessary for authentic storytelling and effective communication, in order to drive the agenda for climate action and amplify community voices through innovative communication methods.

Attended by communications and field officers from various VCA partners, the training was focused on the successful implementation of the VCA Intervention Strategy.

The VCA Intervention Strategy is centered on amplifying the voices of communities who are already leading the way in taking action on climate change. The training was designed to equip partners with the skills to effectively communicate these stories and bring attention to the urgent need for

climate action.

The event featured interactive workshops, including discussions on digital media, art, and other unconventional methods for communicating climate action messages. Throughout the two days, partners were immersed in various activities, ranging from group discussions to role-play sessions.

Partners were taught how to craft authentic stories that resonate with their audiences and effectively communicate the need for action on climate change.

Overall, the VCA training was a resounding success, with partners leaving equipped with the skills and knowledge necessary to drive the agenda for climate action and amplify community voices. The event serves as a testament to the power of collaboration and the importance of authentic storytelling in driving change and creating impact.



THE ASACC MEDIA AWARDS



On the 31st of April 2023, Zambia Climate Change Network partnered with CARITUS Zambia, Zambia Alliance for Agroecology and Biodiversity, PELUM Zambia, Action AID Zambia, and FIAN International Zambia to host the highly anticipated 2022 ASACC Media Awards. The event was a resounding success, with government officials, journalists, and other stakeholders in attendance.

The ASACC Media Awards were created to recognize and honor journalists who have gone above and beyond in their efforts to report on issues related to Agroecology, Social Accountability, and Climate Change. These are critical issues that affect not only Zambia but the world as a whole. The awards aim to motivate journalists to continue to report on these topics, creating more awareness and understanding among the general public.

The event was graced by various government officials, including the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Media and Information, Mr. Kennedy Kalunga, and veteran journalists like Frank Mutubila and Alick Mugala.

The winners of the ASACC Media Awards were selected from a pool of exceptional entries that showcased in-depth reporting, investigative journalism, and innovative storytelling. The winners

received recognition for their outstanding work and were rewarded with various prizes.

The event was supported by the consortium with help from ZCCN partner, WWF under the Voices for Just Climate Action (VCA).

This initiative is part of the global effort to combat climate change and promote sustainable development. The belief is that the ASACC Media Awards will continue to encourage journalists to report on Agroecology, Social Accountability, and Climate Change, creating a more informed public and promoting sustainable development in Zambia.

In conclusion, the ASACC Media Awards are an essential initiative that recognizes the crucial role that journalists play in creating awareness and understanding of issues related to Agroecology, Social Accountability, and Climate Change. Congratulations to all the winners, and we look forward to even more exceptional reporting in the years to come.



ZCCN COMMEMORATES WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2023

Zambia Climate Change Network (ZCCN) proudly joined the global community in celebrating World Environment Day, an annual event observed on June 5th.

Our activities throughout the Environment week have culminated in today's events, dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of the environment and the urgent need to protect and preserve it.

This year's World Environment Day theme, "Beat Plastic Pollution," holds immense significance for ZCCN and its esteemed partners, that include ActionAid Zambia, Levy Mwanawasa Medical University (LMMU) under the School of Public & Environmental Health, Centre for Environment Justice, Caritas Zambia and Environment Africa Zambia. Together, we have organized a series of activities around 'Plastic Pollution' with the aim of encouraging the public and rights holders to reconsider the manufacturing, usage, and management of plastics.

The day commenced with a spirited march in Bauleni Compound, where numerous organizations joined hands to demonstrate their commitment to tackling plastic pollution. Our day's events concluded in Kalingalinga Compound, where our students and Youth Digital Activists engaged in plastic picking.

The young people also took the opportunity to educate the community about the detrimental effects of plastic and promote the principles of "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle" for a clean Lusaka and a sustainable future.

We are happy to have received positive response from members of the public who have recognized the urgency of the issue and have pledged their support.

The youth activists further urged the government to review existing laws pertaining to plastics, emphasizing the need for stronger regulations that align with the goals of sustainability and environmental conservation.

Lastly, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the partners for the unwavering support in making this commemoration a resounding success. The commitment and dedication shown by the young people from LMMU, ActionAid, and Environment Africa in educating the Kalingalinga community and actively participating in the plastic picking activity have been truly commendable.

ZCCN remains steadfast in its mission to advocate for climate and environmental justice and as leaders in this space, we will continue to collaborate with various stakeholders and work towards creating a sustainable and resilient future for our nation.





ZCCN COMMEMORATES INTERNATIONAL DAY OF MILLET

The Zambia Climate Change Network (ZCCN) proudly joined forces with various Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to celebrate the International Day of Millet.

This significant event which was held at Levy Mall Junction aimed to emphasize the significance of indigenous foods, with a particular focus on promoting the cultivation, preservation, and consumption of millet. Millet has emerged as a crucial food crop, playing a vital role in assisting farmers in adapting to the challenges posed by climate change.

The International Day of Millet provided an exceptional platform to advocate for the recognition and utilization of indigenous food sources in combating climate change. ZCCN, along with its partner CSOs, effectively conveyed the urgent need to prioritize sustainable agriculture practices and the preservation of traditional crops like millet.

The event showcased various initiatives and activities that highlighted the importance of millet as a climate-resilient crop. Engaging presentations by experts and farmers alike elucidated the multiple benefits of incorporating millet into diets and farming systems.

Participants were enlightened about the nutritional value, economic potential, and environmental advantages associated with millet production.

Furthermore, the celebration of the International Day of Millet underscored the crucial role of indigenous knowledge and practices in addressing the challenges posed by climate change. Traditional farming techniques, such as intercropping and agroforestry, were presented as viable solutions for enhancing agricultural sustainability and resilience.

The event served as a platform to share experiences, exchange best practices, and strengthen collaborations among stakeholders dedicated to building a sustainable future for Zambia's agricultural sector.

As the Zambia Climate Change Network, we remain committed to advocating for policies that prioritize sustainable agriculture, biodiversity preservation, and climate resilience.

The International Day of Millet served as a reminder of the immense potential that indigenous foods hold in ensuring food security and mitigating the impacts of climate change.

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