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ABOUT US...

VISION



- Development actions that protect current and future generations

MISSION



- Advocate for development that considers specific needs and interests of the marginalized communities without compromising the needs of the future generations in Africa.

CORE VALUES



- Integrity and ethics
- Respect
- Innovation
- Trust
- Ingenuity
- Accountability
- Value-centricity



B.O.D CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Mr. Peter Abande
Chairperson, B.o.D

Dear Colleagues and Partners,

As we reflect on this past quarter, I am deeply proud of the strides Africa CSID has made—strides that are possible because of the enduring partnership between our board, dedicated team, and the communities we serve.

At the board level, our commitment is clear: to provide visionary leadership that supports inclusive and sustainable development across every region we reach—from the resilient communities of Baringo to the climate leaders emerging in Zanzibar. We have witnessed, time and again, that true progress is achieved when diverse voices are not only included but centered in our work.



This quarter, our collective efforts have been strengthened through global engagement, and through local innovations that uplift women and youth as agents of change. As a board, we remain steadfast in supporting our Executive Director, staff, and partners to continue amplifying these impacts and forging pathways for debt justice, equity, and systemic transformation.

As we approach the close of this performance year, I encourage us all to stay anchored in our shared purpose and to embrace the bold actions needed to create a more just and sustainable future.



On behalf of the Board, thank you for your trust, collaboration, and unwavering dedication to this vision.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Miss. Salome Owuonda
Director

Dear Friends,

As I reflect on this past quarter, one truth stands clear: resilience is not built in isolation. It is crafted in community, nurtured through partnership, and sustained by the courage to center voices that are too often ignored.

From the drylands of Baringo to the vibrant coastal landscapes of Zanzibar, from the negotiation halls of Bonn to the school grounds of Othora, Africa CSID has remained anchored in its mission: to champion inclusive development that values both people and planet.



This commitment was powerfully reaffirmed during our time at the Jubilee People's Forum in Calgary, Canada. Standing alongside fellow advocates from across the Global South, we shared Kenya's lived realities and joined a united call for debt justice and systemic transformation. It was a moment of solidarity and strategy: one that reminded us that global justice begins with listening, empathy, and collective action.

In Baringo, we saw women rewriting the narrative of peacebuilding. In Zanzibar, they are redefining climate leadership. And in every space we occupy, local or global, we remain guided by the lived wisdom of the communities we serve.



As we enter the final stretch of this performance year, may we be rooted in purpose, bold in action, and unwavering in our belief that inclusive, sustainable change is not only possible: it is already underway.

Thank you for journeying with us!

EDITOR'S PEN

Dear Readers,

It is with great pride that we unveil this latest edition of the Africa CSIÐ quarterly newsletter, a window into the pulse of our work this past quarter.

From amplifying community voices to driving transformative projects and campaigns, this issue reflects the strides we've taken in building resilient systems that foster trust and stability. We've captured rich moments of collaboration, from grassroots empowerment to strategic engagements that are shaping Africa's development landscape.

As you explore these stories, we invite you to witness the commitment, creativity, and momentum powering Africa CSIÐ. May this edition ignite fresh inspiration as we collectively advance sustainability, equity, and inclusive progress.

Happy reading!

Warm regards, Editorial Team

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PEACE REPORT: ENDOROIS & ILCHAMUS

In drought-prone pockets of Baringo County, Kenya, climate stress is more than just an environmental burden, it's a social fault line. For Indigenous communities like the Endorois and Ilchamus, these stressors fuel recurring conflict over land, water, and livelihood. But quietly and persistently, women are reshaping this narrative.

Building Peace from the Ground Up: Gender and Resilience in Baringo County

The report, shared below, which we launched in May, reveals how women, historically sidelined in local leadership and decision-making, are now anchoring grassroots peacebuilding. From mediating disputes to revitalizing traditional systems, their agency is not just symbolic, it's strategic. Community midwives, religious leaders, and women-led cooperatives are navigating cultural norms to shift the dial toward inclusive conflict resolution.



This evolution isn't accidental. It's shaped by access to education, shifting livelihood roles, and targeted training on gender equality and peace processes. Young women and female elders alike are assuming new responsibilities, often without formal recognition, yet making measurable impact in rebuilding fractured social fabrics.

What emerges is a compelling lesson: gendered vulnerability in climate-induced conflict does not preclude leadership; it demands it. Women's lived experience, coupled with Indigenous knowledge and intergenerational resilience, positions them as vital architects of peace in fragile ecosystems.

<https://africacsid.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/PEACE-BUILDING-REPORT-MAY-2025.pdf>

As the effects of climate change intensify, Baringo offers a grounded blueprint for responsive peacebuilding—one that values inclusion, tradition, and community agency. It reminds us that sustainable adaptation isn't just about infrastructure or finance—it's about trust, empathy, and who gets to lead.

The pathway to climate resilience runs through community wisdom, and in Baringo, that wisdom increasingly speaks in a woman's voice.

ZANZADAPT PROJECT

As Africa CSIØ extends its footprint from Kenya to the rest of Africa, the ZanzADAPT Project is transforming dialogue into action. Partnering with Community Forest Pemba (CFP) and Community Forest International (CFI), our work is centered on elevating women’s leadership in climate adaptation through nature-based solutions.

Following dynamic exchanges with policymakers, religious leaders, CSOs, and media partners like TAMWA, a clear truth emerged: meaningful gender equality requires more than policy; it demands culturally rooted, locally driven action.

Community-led sessions across Pemba and Unguja shaped a shared blueprint for change. Women are not just beneficiaries; they are architects of resilient futures. From expanding credit access and diversifying livelihoods to reclaiming traditional platforms like Unyago and Jando for gender advocacy, the report charts a pathway grounded in community wisdom and intergenerational commitment.



Women Leading Change in Zanzibar's Climate Landscape

Gender Equality Training

From May 12–16, Africa CSIØ led a transformative Gender Equality Training in Zanzibar for the Community Forest Pemba (CFP) and its partners. We engaged 59 participants—including government officials, religious leaders, journalists, and CSOs—and explored gender concepts like intersectionality, equity, advocacy, and power dynamics.

The training sparked newfound clarity and empowered participants to integrate gender awareness into their personal lives and professional responsibilities. Post-training surveys revealed knowledge gains of up to 70%, marking a significant step toward inclusive climate action.

Emerging outcomes include peer learning networks, community advocacy plans, and enthusiasm for continued collaboration.

Our next plans entail Community Action Group support and tailored mentorship cement these gains.



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SB62 BONN, GERMANY

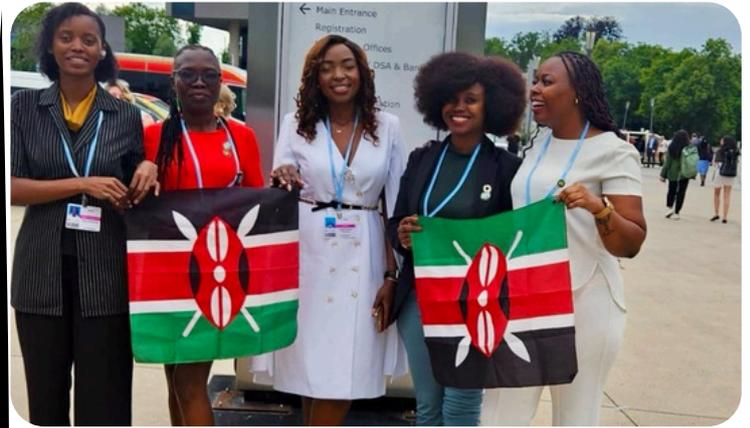
At the SB62 climate meetings in Bonn, five workstreams—food systems, adaptation, gender, climate finance, and just transition—revealed the distance between ambition and action. And for many in Africa and the global South, that gap is more than technical—it’s existential.



01. Food & Agriculture

On food and agriculture, parties agreed to operationalize the Sharm el Sheikh Joint Work (SJWA), with a knowledge portal and workshop rolled out. Yet the conversations remained contentious, especially on financing. Without clear support, smallholders may be left behind while solutions stay on paper.

What Bonn Taught Us About Climate Action That Works



02. Adaptation & GGA

Adaptation talks narrowed over 9,000 indicators to 490 a promising step, with more work in place to further reduce them to 100. But concerns remain: language shifts from “means of implementation” to “enablers of implementation” risk weakening real commitments. Communities in crisis need more than semantics.

Another major area of focus in the negotiations was transformational adaptation. Unlike incremental adaptation, which involves small adjustments within existing systems, and transformative adaptation entails fundamental, systemic changes in social, economic, and ecological systems.

03. Gender & Climate

Gender negotiations revealed tension over what the new Gender Action Plan should deliver. Will it build capacity and dismantle systemic inequality? As the old plan expires, COP30 must push for an ambitious, transformative, and sufficiently funded Gender Action Plan.

SB62 BONN, GERMANY

04. Climate Finance

Climate finance remained the drumbeat across negotiation halls. Developing countries cited Article 9.1 of the Paris Agreement- emphasizing that financing developing countries is an obligation to developed countries. Amid pushback, one small win emerged: a 10% budget increase to support UNFCCC work, a beacon of hope in hard times.



05. Just Transition

Just transition talks stirred trade debates and justice demands. The Global South called for holistic pathways, not just workforce-centric approaches. COP30 remains the hope for adoption of holistic just transition framework that includes clean energy commitments, a concept that remained contentious during SB62. With the program ending in 2026, its legacy depends on whether it can center dignity, equity, and context-driven action.

Like other negotiation workstreams, the issues of means of implementation was one of the contentious ones, as well as human rights, consideration inclusion of gender based approaches, and clean energy.



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G-20 PEOPLE'S FORUM

As the G7 Summit convened in Kananaskis, Alberta, a different gathering unfolded next door in Calgary—one rooted in lived experience and global justice. At the Jubilee People's Forum, Africa csid joined advocates from the Global South and Global North, weaving Kenya's story into a shared call for change.

Voices of Justice at the G7: A Southern Lens on Debt and Solidarity

Debt in the South isn't abstract; it is a daily barrier to dignity. It limits access to schools, hospitals, food systems, and safety. Its persistence reflects deeper imbalances that must be dismantled. We shared insights shaped by resilience, urging transparency and transformation from both North and South. This dialogue was more than reactive; it was visionary.



With thanks to KAIROS Canada, Africa CSID was and is proud to stand for Jubilee 2025, not as a slogan, but as a movement. One that must ripple beyond Alberta, into every summit space—G20, COP30, and beyond.

Our Message at G-20:

"Justice cannot wait, and neither can the marginalized communities."

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AFRICA CSID – KAIROS DINNER

In May, we were honored to welcome KAIROS Canada and their partners from the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan. This wasn't just a dinner. It was a reaffirmation of values—shared, lived, and evolving.



Since the beginning of our engagements in 2023 and consequent signing of an MOU in 2024, the partnership between Africa CSID and KAIROS Canada has become more than intentional. It's a relationship built on mutual trust, enduring advocacy, and collective action.

For over two years, this alliance has helped elevate vital issues beyond borders, from conflict resolution, gender equity, Indigenous rights, and sustainable development, resonating across communities and continents alike.

But impact doesn't always come loud. Sometimes it arrives in long conversations, in the quiet strength of community advocates, in the unglamorous coordination of grassroots networks that hold fragile ecosystems together. That's the kind of commitment our guests brought into the room.

As we face rising climate stress, regional fragility, and deepening inequities, partnerships like these remind us that resilience is rarely top-down. It's built in community circles, on lived experience, and through the persistent effort to make space for dialogue, for leadership, and for change.

Africa CSID is proud to stand alongside those who show up not just for projects, but for people. In advocacy rooted in empathy, in strategy grounded in place, we find the courage to go the mile— together.



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OTHORA SCHOOL ACADEMIC DAY

This July, Africa CSIØ joined Othora Comprehensive School's Academic Day—a powerful gathering of purpose, community, and hope. Our Executive Director, Ms. Salome Owuonda, served as Chief Guest, returning as a daughter of the soil to affirm that every child's dream is valid and every goal achievable through focus and belief.



The event, co-hosted by the school community, the Ministry of Education—Kenya, Magnolia Foundation, and Africa CSIØ, was more than a celebration—it was a commitment to holistic empowerment. Africa CSIØ contributed tree seedlings and child-friendly environmental books to grow a conservation culture, dignity pack to the girls and extended help to the school's feeding program.



Partners pledged to strengthen the 4KClub and enhance kitchen gardening, advancing sustainability and food security. In every act of support, we're reminded that true impact is community-built—and at Africa CSIØ, we're proud to show up not just for education, but for transformation.

We are happy to report that Othora Comprehensive School registered its 4K Club just two months after the engagement.



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UNFSS +4: ADDIS ABABA

Africa CSIÐ was honoured to join global leaders, grassroots actors, and changemakers at the UN Food Systems Summit +4 in Addis Ababa — a critical moment to take stock, accelerate commitments, and spotlight the interlinkages between food, climate, biodiversity, and equity.

We welcomed the strong messages from leaders like UN Secretary-General António Guterres and UN DSG Amina Mohammed, who called for food systems anchored in human rights, equity, peace, and sustainability. Their calls for debt relief, investment in local food systems, and protection of farmers facing climate shocks strongly align with Africa CSIÐ's advocacy.



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Urgent, inclusive, and accountable action to achieve sustainable, equitable, and resilient food systems by 2030.



We echo the urgency: Hunger, malnutrition, and climate breakdown remain interconnected crises, especially in Africa. As noted in the Call to Action, only one-third of young children and two-thirds of women globally meet minimum dietary diversity. Food access in conflict zones is under siege, and many farmers face growing debt, inflation, and climate risk.

Africa CSIÐ stands ready to support national and regional food systems pathways through Agroecological models that center climate resilience and ecosystem restoration; Blended finance advocacy that unlocks climate resources for grassroots innovators; and Community-based programming that integrates food, gender equity, nutrition, and peace.

UNFSS+4 was not just a stocktake: it was a signal to act boldly and inclusively. We return with strengthened resolve to contribute to the 2030 vision through our work at local, national, and global levels, and we carry this momentum to COP30 and beyond.

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