

**NAIROBI  
CLIMATE  
NETWORK**

**2022 Report**

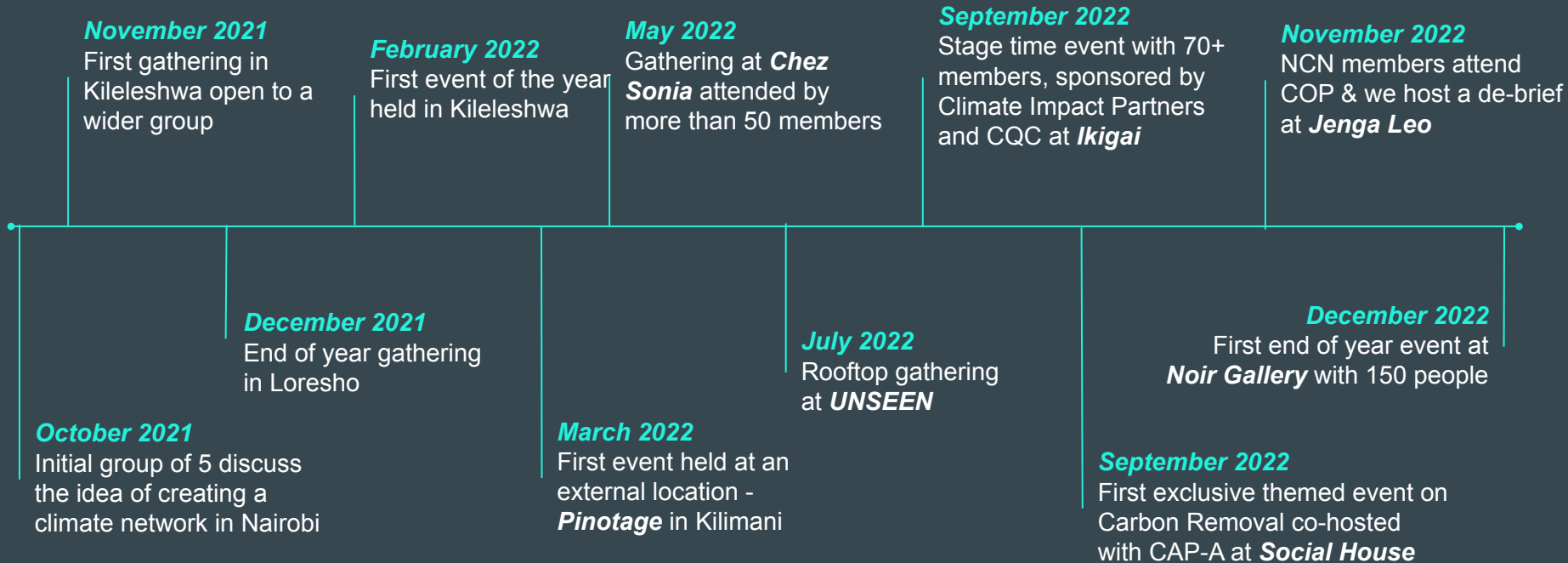
# NCN is building a thriving community of professionals propelling climate action in Kenya

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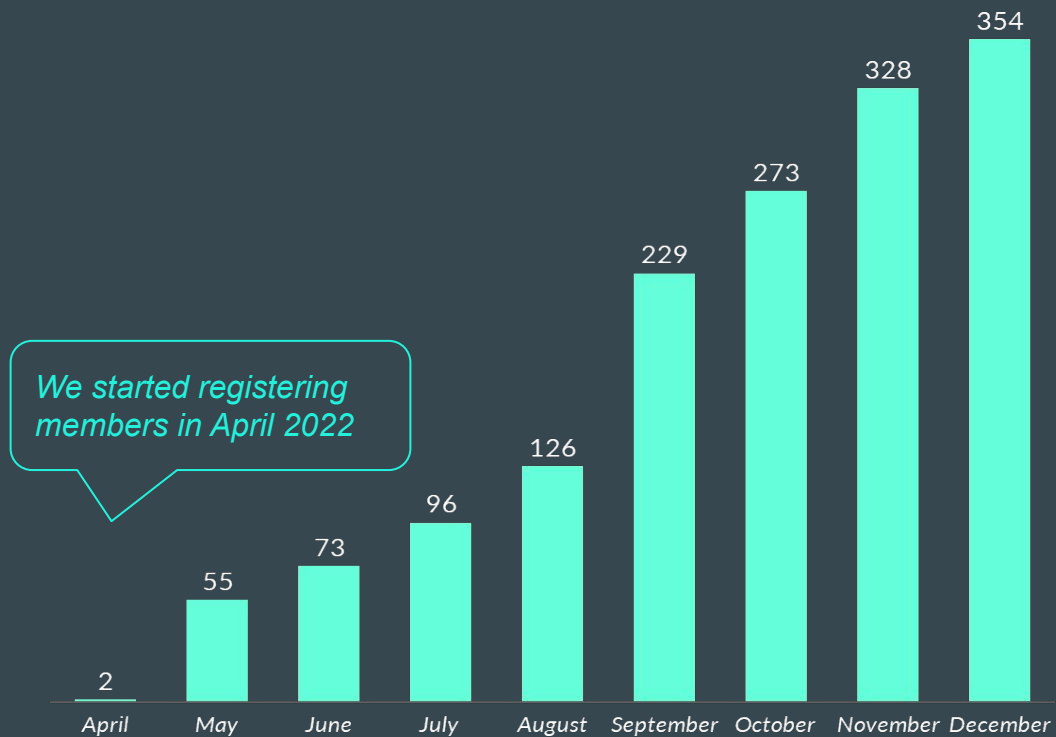
- **Face-to-face:** curating in-person conversations and connections
- **On the ground:** with a team in Kenya, not fly-in, fly-out
- **Leading the conversation:** working with senior leaders and driving meaningful content



# We started in 2021 as a small group connecting to share experiences and ideas for climate action in Kenya



# Since October 2021, our membership has grown to 354 people



As of 12 December 2022

**46** nationalities

**47%** female

**95%** Nairobi-based

**>50%** Kenyan

*Raising Kenyan representation is a focus for 2023*

# We hit some major milestones this year...

**500+**  
applications

**350+**  
members

**17**  
different  
speakers

**115+** high profile leaders

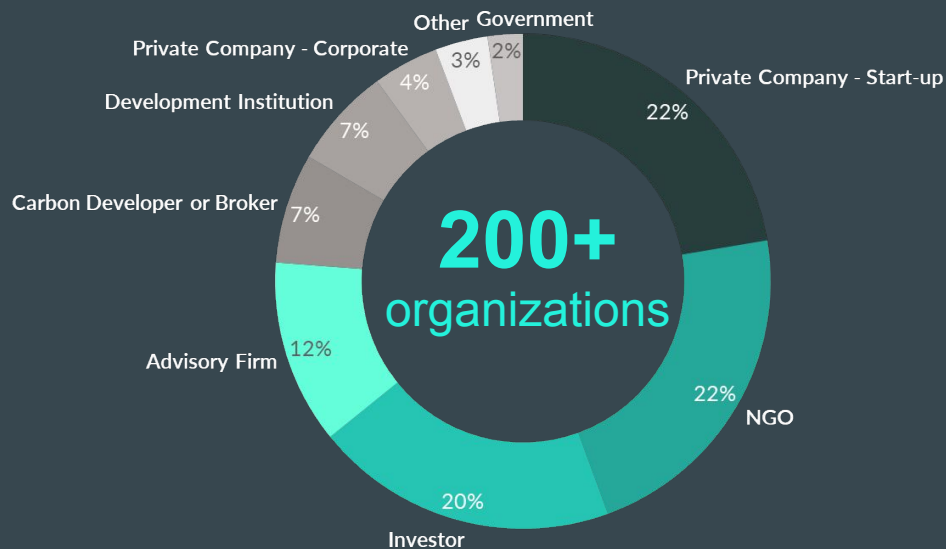
**200+** different organisations

**11 events**  
hosted

**7**  
sponsorship  
deals

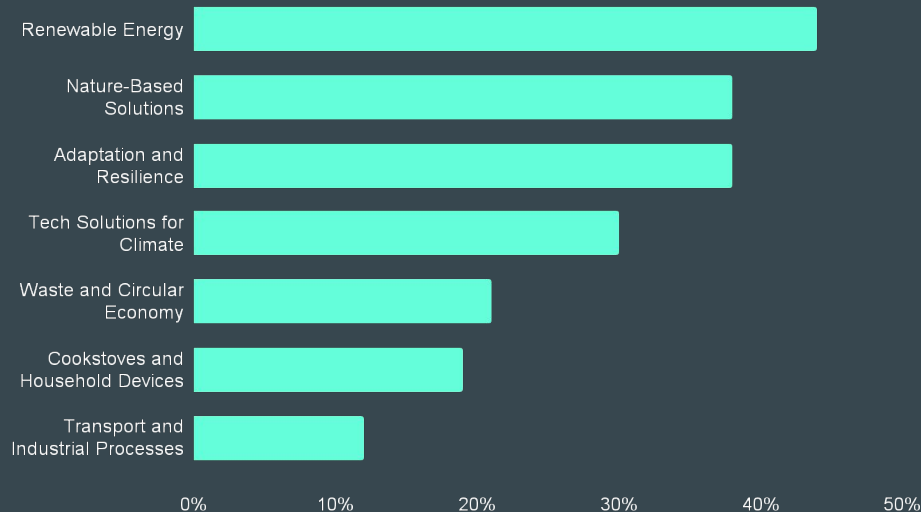
# Our membership organisations represent diverse experience

## Functional areas



*We aim to bring together multiple organisation types and functions*

## Climate themes



*Many members cover multiple climate themes in their work*

# Member milestones in 2022

**SandRose** started the development of a 200km<sup>2</sup> reforestation and NBS project in Northern Tanzania and has signed MOUs with two villages.

**Climate Action Platform-Africa (CAP-A)** secured over \$1.2M in 2022 to work with 500 farmers on a proof of concept to provide 'carbon price discovery' i.e. to determine what the price of carbon needs to be going forward to massively scale interventions like regenerative agriculture practices and other climate smart technologies. Founder James Mwangi was a recipient of the prestigious 2022 Climate Breakthrough Award, the largest climate action grant for extraordinary changemakers. James will receive a multiyear grant of US \$3 million to create and scale climate solutions and enable realization of CAP-A's vision to realize the opportunity the climate crisis presents for the African continent and to shift the global and continental narrative, and accelerate the transformative economic opportunity that climate actions offers for Africa – and the important contribution that Africa can provide to tackling climate change globally

At COP 27 the **Climate Champions** celebrated investment breakthroughs on the continent: Evergreening Global Alliance (EGA) partnering with three major investors: Climate Asset Management, **Climate Impact Partners**, Rabobank to commit \$350 million in carbon backed finance for communities to restore degraded land in up to 15 countries in East and Southern Africa and Nigeria. EGA ensures that 45% of carbon credits received will go to the communities over the next 3 decades. Southbridge Investments became Africa's first investment house to commit to deforestation free supply chains. The Climate Champions co-launched with **BCG** the Africa Food Systems Transformation Initiative formed of agri/food businesses to transform food systems to high yield, climate-resilient and nutritious outcomes. The Africa Carbon Markets Initiative roadmap was launched by President Ruto and other African leaders to secure a fair price for Africa's nature.

**ForestFoods** successfully launched and raised 450K USD to launch two Agroforestry Farms in two different biomes on the outskirts of Nairobi. They are Africa's pioneers in Syntropic Agroforestry, growing transparent, traceable, consistent, and nutrient dense food on next generation farms that recreate the natural world and supply abundance for the future.

The **Nairobi Declaration on Sustainable Insurance (NDSI)**, co-created by UNEP PSI and **ICEA LION** and supported by **FSD Africa**, now has 85 signatories since its launch in April 2021. The Declaration is a statement of commitment by African Insurance leaders to support achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It aims to bring together senior leaders to accelerate solutions to major sustainability challenges – ranging from climate change and ecosystem degradation to poverty and social inequality. The **UN Climate Change Champions** together with the NDSI co-hosted an event on Finance Day at COP 27 whereby the signatories made a pledge to insure a cumulative number of 1.4 billion people by 2030 and provide 14 bn USD insurance capacity for flood, drought & cyclones. The Africa Climate Risk Facility, a 900 mn USD multi-donor trust fund for premium subsidies, product development and capacity building, was also announced at the event.

**KawiSafi**'s first fund, launched in 2018, KawiSafi I focuses on distributed renewable energy and companies providing software, fintech, and IoT technology into the renewable energy sector. To date, the KawiSafi portfolio has impacted 90 million lives with clean energy services and reduced 24 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e. Their second fund KawiSafi II, to be launched in 2023, will invest across the low-carbon economy in Africa in companies that have the potential to materially reduce or remove GHG emissions on the continent as well as strengthen the adaptive capacity of communities and infrastructure vulnerable to climate change. KawiSafi has been recognized by ImpactAssets as one of the Top 50 Impact Managers in the world.

# Member milestones in 2022

**Revivo** sold more than 20,000 quality and affordable spare parts to electronics repair shops across Kenya. Each of these parts meant that someone could repair their phone or other device, allowing them to stay connected to their loved ones, money, and businesses. These repairs also reduce the number of devices produced, and therefore cut both e-waste and GHG emissions.

**Climate Change Lawyer's Cafe** ran capacity building workshops for lawyers on "Understanding the Role of Lawyers in Carbon Markets". They launched an Environmental and Climate Action Mentorship Programme for 30 young people from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Somalia and Ethiopia. Many members of Nairobi Climate Network are volunteering as Mentors in this Programme.

**Conservate Africa** secured agreements with 27 Community Based Organizations in the coastal region to pilot and test their technology. The company is utilizing innovative digital technology to build local capacity for monitoring reporting and credible verification (MRV) of conservation impact. Conservate Africa was founded through the Triggering Exponential Climate Action (TECA) fellowship under **BFA Global** and Catalyst Fund.

**Boomitra** registered 2 projects with the world's leading Carbon Standards body, spanning 500,000 acres of farmlands and grasslands in East Africa. They aim to work with 500,000 farmers over the next 3 years resulting in 1.5 mtco2e removed and 15.3M USD to local communities

**Dalberg** supported the **UN Climate Champions** resilience work in Africa - including the launch of the Sharm-el-Sheikh Adaptation Agenda, incubated and spun out the **Climate Action Platform-Africa**, and worked with the Ministry of Energy Kenya and **GEAPP** to develop a white paper that articulates the energy roadmap for Kenya in light of the changing dynamics of the global sphere and climate change. As part of the Climate Smart Forest Economy Programme, Dalberg worked with **BuildX** to launch a CLT prototype for mass timber buildings, and with **Wood Architect Rockstars** to change the narrative on the sustainable timber industry in East Africa.

**Pelican** Sustainability supported the mobilisation of a green and climate resilient transport and Logistics Corridor Strategy for the northern and Central Corridors in eastern Africa, aiming to avoid 0.5 mtCO2e transport sector emissions by 2030.

**FSD-Africa** facilitated transactions that have enabled ~\$283 million through sustainability-linked bonds. We are driving a major new programme on nature financing and investing in carbon projects to support innovation in Africa's carbon markets. To realise green and climate-resilient outcomes, we have actively engaged with like-minded partners to set up the Africa Climate Risk Facility (ACRF) and the African Natural Capital Alliance (ANCA), and we are working closely with the Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ) as it builds an Africa presence. In 2023 FSD-Africa will focus on: innovative climate financing, carbon market development and nature financing. We will scale up our support for climate financing in 2023, building new funding and technical partnerships.

**Murima** released a report that mapped the African Climate Ecosystem

**Climate Impact Partners** released the fourth addition of their Fortune Global 500 Climate Commitments report

**BURN** launched carbon projects in 6 new markets, and raised over \$35M in carbon financing to expand our production capacity and build new distribution networks. All design, engineering, and manufacturing takes place in-house, at our solar-powered facilities in Ruiru, Nairobi. We currently have a production capacity of over 250,000 stoves per month, have created over 1,500 local jobs, and are building distribution teams across Africa. Next year we will expand to more markets, continue scaling our production capacity and distribution networks, and launch four new products



# We plan to strengthen our network further in 2023



## Communications

Launching a website

Boosting our social media presence

Developing and implementing an advocacy agenda

Recruiting sponsors and member organizations

Growing our member base

Boosting events schedule including stage time, panels and formal dinners featuring prominent climate speakers



## Partnership

Curating reports on the industry & member updates

Increasing climate-related thought leadership for Kenya

Increasing knowledge sharing across our member base and to external audiences



## Knowledge & Data

# In partnership with our 2023 sponsors

**Dalberg**

Dalberg is a global group of changemakers working to build a more inclusive and sustainable world where all people, everywhere, can reach their fullest potential. Dalberg is committed to reaching net zero, to taking a climate lens to all projects, and to fostering innovation for climate change.

*"Dalberg is excited to work with the Nairobi Climate Network in 2023 and continue to build the climate action ecosystem in Kenya." Sunru Yong, Partner & Nairobi Office Director, Dalberg*

*"We have great admiration for what the NCN team have been able to build over the past 18 months and the contributions they have made to forming a vibrant community of climate practitioners in Kenya. We are looking forward to working closely with the team to support their continued growth in 2023 and help them build out their program of activities. In particular, we are keen to support deeper public-private collaboration between policymakers, investors, and operators in the climate space - recognizing the important role each has to play" Marcus Watson, Partner, KawiSafi*



KawiSafi Ventures is a climate VC firm investing in low carbon technologies that meet the essential needs of rapidly growing African markets. KawiSafi invests in late venture to early growth stage companies tackling the climate crisis with innovations in energy transition, green manufacturing, mobility & logistics, circular economy, and natural climate solutions.

*"We are excited to be partnering with the Nairobi Climate Network to help create a thriving community of professionals that propel climate action in Kenya and beyond. Climate Impact Partners is committed to developing and delivering high-quality, high-impact carbon market solutions for climate action and we are excited to work with the Nairobi Climate Action Network to build a local movement for climate action that fosters innovation throughout the climate sector." Tim Cowman, General Manager Kenya, Climate Impact Partners*



FSD Africa is a specialist development agency working to make finance work for Africa's future. We work in more than 30 countries on policy and regulatory reform, capacity strengthening and improving financial infrastructure, and addressing systemic challenges in Africa's financial markets.

*"At BURN we believe in sharing ideas and collaborating to create greater impact. There is so much excellent work happening in sustainability in Nairobi, and we are thrilled to be sponsoring Nairobi Climate Network as the go-to space for climate professionals to get together" Chris McKinney, CCO, BURN Manufacturing*

*"Nairobi Climate Network is a great opportunity for the market to come together in support of innovation that contributes to climate and nature-positive innovation. We look forward to making new connections and sharing our expertise." Mark Napier, CEO, FSD-Africa*



Headquartered in Nairobi, BURN manufacturing is Africa's largest clean cookstove company. Our flagship "Jikokoa" reduces charcoal consumption by 64%, saves families \$120 per year, and reduces indoor air pollution by 65%. At BURN, we develop and manage our own carbon projects, with ~12Mt CO2e avoided to date, and ~7Mt of wood saved.



Climate Impact Partners is a leader in developing and delivering high-quality, high-impact carbon market solutions for climate action. With a focus on transforming the global economy, improving health and livelihoods, and restoring a thriving planet, we will reduce 1 billion tonnes of CO2 by 2030. Climate Impact Partners builds on the expertise, integrity, and innovation of two companies that have led the voluntary carbon market – Natural Capital Partners and ClimateCare.

# And led by our three co-Founders who bring a breadth of skills and experience across the Kenyan climate ecosystem



**Flavia Howard**  
Co-Founder

Strategy | Climate | Enterprise

Experience at Dalberg, UN  
Climate Champions, Systemiq,  
Futurepump, Accenture



**Héloïse Zimmermann**  
Co-Founder

Venture | Carbon | Finance |  
Forestry & Restoration

Experience at Komaza, I-DEV  
International, rA



**Esther Mutuma**  
Co-Founder

Social Entrepreneur | Climate  
| Nature Based Solutions

Experience at Boreka, Gatsby,  
Mitsui, Komaza, Asante Capital  
Standard Chartered Bank

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Kenya is uniquely positioned to lead on climate action - from renewables to carbon markets to nature-based solutions.

Gathered in Nairobi is the perfect confluence of ideas, people, and funders all looking for the next climate opportunity.

We can help them find it.

We look forward to 2023 together

