

Nairobi Climate Network

OUR MANIFESTO 2024

ABOUT US

The Nairobi Climate Network (NCN) is a thriving and interconnected community of climate professionals dedicated to advancing climate action in Kenya. We serve as the collective voice of the industry, empowering members to accelerate Kenya's journey towards climate-positive growth.

Kenya is uniquely positioned to lead in climate action, boasting opportunities in renewables, carbon markets, nature-based solutions and many more. NCN harnesses the convergence of ideas, people, and resources, catalysing innovation and collaboration in the climate sector.

We cultivate connections and partnership among climate professionals through curated events, knowledge sharing and collective action to build a thriving ecosystem for climate solutions in Kenya.

NCN is part of *The Climate Network*, a non-profit organisation that builds local communities of climate professionals driving climate action in Africa.¹

OUR VALUES

- **Ambitious:** providing a platform for meaningful content that translates to action
- **Collaborative:** bridging sector divides, industries and competitors
- **Inclusive:** connecting senior leaders from corporates to communities
- **Local:** membership based locally and focused on local stakeholders

We enable our **COMMUNITY** of climate professionals to:

- **CONNECT with a climate community:** build local relationships in the climate space and share in-person experiences to build understanding and partnership
- **COLLABORATE with peers and partners:** share their views, achievements, and opportunities on a members platform to collaborate with both local and cross-network stakeholders
- **CONTRIBUTE to the climate ecosystem:** join expert groups and create shared outputs on topical issues that help to inform policy making, share network insights and showcase climate action

OUR MEMBERS

We strive to make our community and events accessible and inclusive, whilst ensuring climate-relevance and diversity of people, backgrounds and organisations to build value for all. Members apply to join the network through [this application form](#) and must meet our admission criteria:

- Working for an organisation where the primary mission is to address an aspect of climate change
- **OR** Working in a role where the primary goal is to address climate and sustainability issues for an organisation that may not be solely focused on the climate crisis
- **AND** Living or spending a majority of their time in Kenya

These criteria have been designed to ensure that the community remains focused on climate professionals and each new person adds value to the rest of the community. We recognise the needs for other communities focused, for example, on youth, communities and activism, and we are increasingly forging links between other groups so that we can provide these connections whilst our community remains focused on serving climate professionals.²

¹ Registration as a non-profit company limited by guarantee is in progress

² We do not accept fossil fuel companies to become Member Organisations. However, we will permit individuals working for fossil fuel companies if they work in a sustainability or climate-focused role.

Once an organisation reaches more than 2 members accepted into the network, we invite them to [become Organisation Members](#) of the network. This incurs a flat, annual fee which grants access for up to 6 employees so that the most relevant people are part of the network. If existing members cannot make an event then they may nominate an alternative staff member. This structure aims to enable access for a wide and diverse range of organisations, whilst asking those who are most active in the network to contribute towards its financial sustainability.

Organisation Members enjoy benefits such as early event access, website placement, and the ability to share opportunities through NCN channels. We work closely with members to facilitate direct introductions to business contacts, curate targeted guest lists for events and discussions, and provide members with access to conversations that shape the climate landscape in Kenya.

OUR VISION

We believe that a collaborative ecosystem of actors will solve the climate crisis faster and more effectively. The Nairobi Climate Network will help to achieve this by enabling local climate professionals to collaborate and deploy climate solutions faster and more effectively, supporting external actors adopt practices and policies that better enable climate solutions and amplifying Kenyan voices in the international climate community. Member stories and solutions will be showcased and championed on the international climate stage so that the world recognises the potential of Kenya in solving climate change. We expect our members to contribute to this vision by:

Connecting with a climate community:

- **Regularly participate** in NCN meetings and events.
- **Promote the network** and its activities to help build the community.

Collaborating with peers and partners:

- **Share knowledge**, learning, materials and experience of implementing climate solutions.
- **Keep us informed** with activities so that we can share them with others.
- **Respect the network as an impartial platform** working across organisations and bringing together many different types of climate solutions.

Contributing to the climate ecosystem:

- **Commit to addressing** climate change through active work implementing solutions in Kenya.
- **Respond to surveys and network outputs** in order to help build shared knowledge on climate solutions in Kenya.
- **Input to relevant working group outputs** that can help to influence the broader ecosystem for climate solutions and build a better enabling environment for all.

NCN makes no preferences across competitors and brings everyone together across industries, sectors and backgrounds to accelerate climate solutions across all angles. By working together as a collaborative ecosystem of actors, we can help solve the climate crisis faster and more effectively.

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