



Kenya National Consultation

Securing youth's commitment to achieve the 30% tree cover agenda for sustainable development

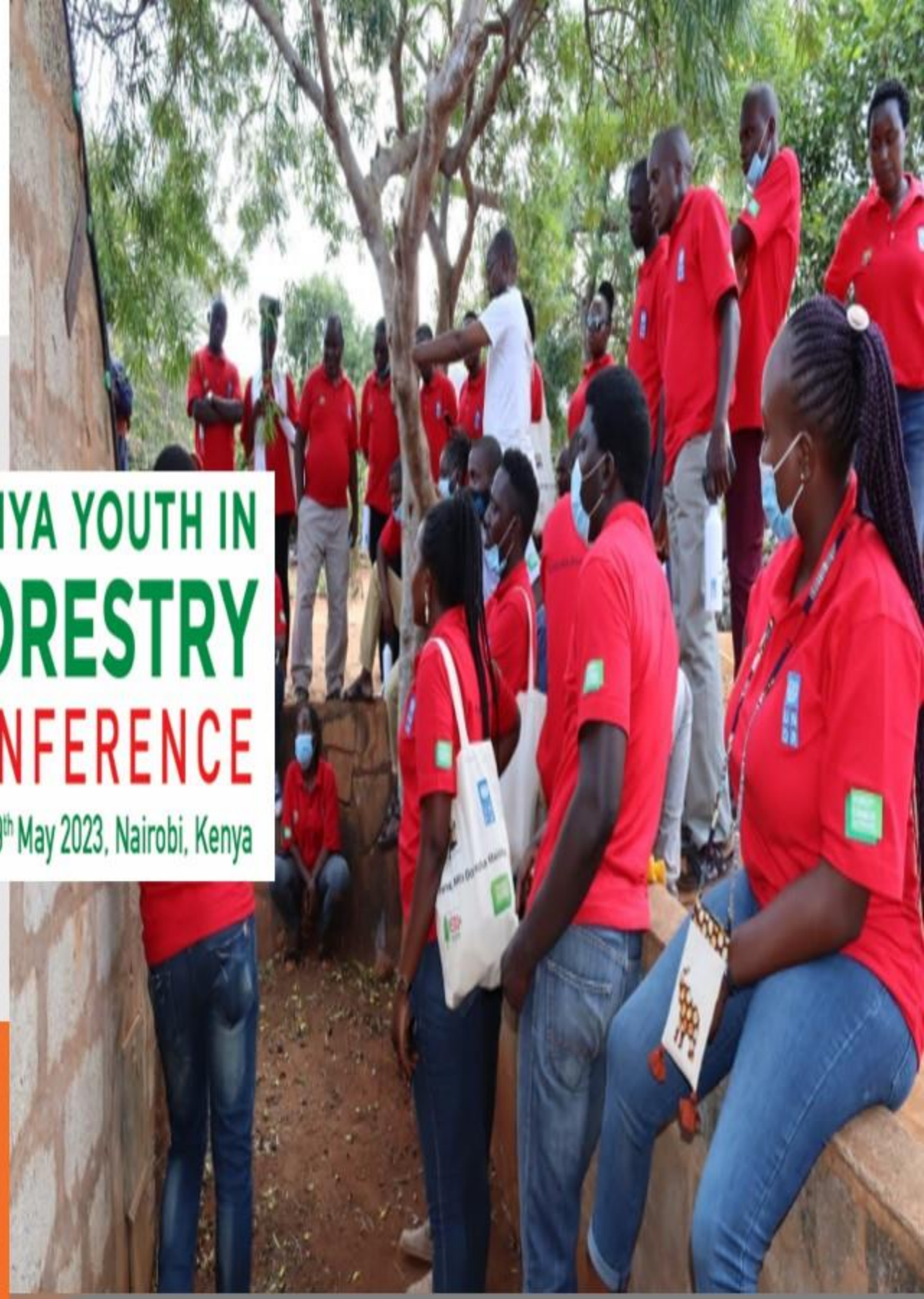
Theresa Aoko, Kenya Youth in Forestry Conference

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**KENYA YOUTH IN
FORESTRY
CONFERENCE**
17th - 19th May 2023, Nairobi, Kenya



Objective

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- To demonstrate that forestry has development opportunities for youth to address climate change and unemployment challenges
- Encourage entrepreneurship ventures within the sector, while conserving the environment for current and future generations

Challenges

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- **Market Silos**
 - Forestry sector working in isolation
- **Skills**
 - Lack of access to adequate skills, knowledge & information on tree growing & value chains
- **Capital**
 - Limited access to land, lack of capital and intermittent financial support for youth
- **Technologies**
 - Poor socio-cultural orientation towards forestry technologies & innovation
- **Culture**
 - Poor culture of entrepreneurship in forestry amongst the youth

Opportunities

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- 30% Tree Cover Goal
 - Opportunity for the youth to participate in sustainable forest conservation while improving their economic base
- Affirmative action
 - Put in place affirmative action for youth in forest matters
- Communication
 - Strengthening communication to youth in the forestry sector
- Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
 - Sector employs 50,000 people directly and another 600,000 indirectly hence green enterprises

Outcomes

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- Dialogue on mindset change towards forestry conservation (1)
- Dialogue to strengthen youth participation in the forestry sector (6)
- Dialogue on how youth can support sectoral, national and county government tree growing plans and activities (4)
- Gain knowledge and understanding on commercial forestry (6)
- Platform to link active professionals within the forest sector with the youth (7&9)
- Support long-term economic growth in Kenya and East Africa (8)

Overview

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 UNDP REDD+ through the UNDP support, MEF, FCP, KEFRI the youth became aware that they have a critical role to play towards conservation



Several youth innovations took place across the counties



Expand opportunities to create space for more young people to benefit



Designed with the help and input of forestry experts in the field

Grass Roots Innovators

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Establishment of Tree Nurseries (Maendeleo Group
Mkwiro, Kilifi One Million Trees (Mwanaisha, George)
Kwale & Kilifi



Establishment of Tree Nurseries ; Mentor Me Generation
Program ; Owilah & Hezron Nairobi & Siaya



Mangrove Restoration

Establishment of Mangrove Nurseries (Maendeleo Group Mkwiro, Mwanisha, George Kwale



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Hewa Safi Initiative Bodo Kwale: Mwanisha, Sudi



Tree Growing

Incorporating Tree growing and SDGS Felix Mbuvi; Makeni



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Monitoring of planted trees ; Raisa Otieno



Capacity Building

Capacity Building of Communities Wings of Empowerment Pastoralist ; Adrian , Sam Marsabit)



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Environmental education and Awareness in Schools Crested Crane ; Monique HomaBay



Emission Reduction

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Recycling of waste (Turning Trash to Treasure Consortium: Boniface; Nyeri)



Carbon Projects Development (Kirinnyaga Carbons Climate Smart Agri; Ngare, Kirinyaga)



Conservation Advocacy

Environnement Warriors: Anita Sonia;
Nairobi Green MP)



Exclusive: Anita Soina talks 'The Green War'

By Queen Serem - January 12, 2021



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Advocacy through Art and Music
Good Governance; Douglas, Nakuru



Conservation Governance

Cross Cultural Dialogues (Manene Cultural Trust: Ngala; Kajiado)



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Angaza Siaya Initiative (Community Based NR Governance; Theresa, Siaya)



Conservation

Trees planted in Karura Forest;
Celestine : Savistine Agribusiness



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Awards

Bonniface Ndegwa Kenya's Innovator of the Year Award Winner

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 Ndegwa wa Ng'ang'a BonnyBull is 🏆 celebrating victory in Nyeri, Kenya.
7 mins · Nyeri · 🌐

NATIONAL INNOVATION AWARD WINNER.
It's an honour being awarded as the Kenya's innovator of the year 2020 by the RedCross Society as a volunteer responding to Covid-19, innovator, and entrepreneur. Toast to all champions reducing suffering socioeconomically, or through any other means. *God Bless you for your humanitarian service* Cheers!



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Diversity and Inclusion Environmental Champion Award Nominee Kevin Lunzalu



Planning Team



- Wendy Omanga - Kisumu County
- Adrian Leitoro - Marsabit County
- Joseph Mwakima - Taita Taveta County
- Edna Kimenju - Nairobi County
- Ruth Muthike - Nakuru County
- Anita Soina - Kajiado County
- Meshack Kiplagat - Elgeyo Marakwet
- Boniface ndegwa - nyeri county
- Whycliffe hassan - kakamega county
- Celestine musavi - kakamega county
- Theresa otieno - siaya county

Program

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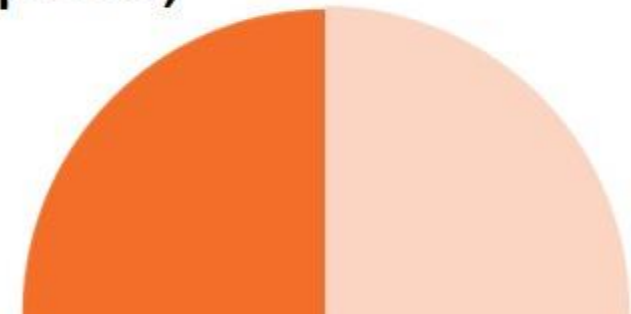
- State of forestry in Kenya
- Forest economics & markets in Kenya
- Value Chains
- Laws & Policies forestry industry
- Forest & SDGs
- Areas youth can plug in
- Energy, biodiversity & conservation
- Tree planting sessions
- Exhibitions

Conclusion

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- If we are to achieve the local & international commitments towards forestry, youth engagement will be crucial
- We invite you to save the date **17-19 May 2023** and intend to participate
- Registration details are on our website www.youthinforesry.com
- If your organization is able to support a few youth to participate, please let us know so we can form a partnership



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