

YOUTH SUSTAINABILITY FORUM ACTIVITY REPORT

1. INTRODUCTION ABOUT YSO

Youth Survival Organization is a youth-led organization legally registered to operate in Tanzania, carrying the objectives of building capacity, transferring knowledge, and advocating for policies that empower youth to meaningful positions in sustainable development goals with a track record in climate action, clean energy transition, and gender empowerment.

2. ABOUT YOUTH SUSTAINABILITY FORUM

On the commemoration of World Environment Day, **YSO Tanzania** in partnership with **Plan Tanzania** and **UNEP** organized a Youth Sustainability Forum which brought together youth from NGOs, colleges and environment start-ups to discuss issues around driving economic prosperity through environmental justice initiatives.

Date: June 05, 2024

Venue: Julius Nyerere International Conference Center

Time: 09:30 a.m. – 02:30 p.m.

No. of Attendees: 285 youths from 13 youth NGOs, Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS), Ardhi University (ARU), University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), Institute of Social Work (ISW) and Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT)



3. SESSIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS

I. Introduction and opening of the event

The host of the event, Vice Chairperson of YSO Tanzania, Miss Brenda Wilson introduced speakers and attendees who in the majority come from NGOs and colleges and a few from private social enterprises.

II. Presentation inputs from the workshop on Children's Climate Adaptation Toolkit

Remarks were made by Secilia Bosco from Plan International – Tanzania, where she presented the progress of the consultative meeting on May 24, 2024.



III. Presentation and showcasing of youth-led solutions

3 youth social entrepreneurs presented their solutions for achieving environmental justice.

1. **Elias Richard Toba**, working on clean cooking through briquettes, from DN Products Ltd
2. **Virginia Malack**, from Grin Makers Initiative, working on sustainable bricks
3. **Belta Kazimoto**, from Belta Recyclers runs a waste management company for paper recycling.

1. HIGH-LEVEL OPENING STATEMENTS

Open remarks were provided by our guest speakers as listed below;

- I. **Mr. Humphrey Mrema**, Chairman from YSO Tanzania
- II. **Caroline Valerian Lyimo**, Senior Advisor, TYOCCC
- III. **Dr Joseph Bonga**, CEO at Africa4SDGs
- IV. **Madam Silvanas** on behalf of the Country Director, Plan International Tanzania
- V. **Beatrix Jingyi**, UNEP programme assistant.
- VI. **Hailo Kibiki**, Sustainable Finance Unit, from CRDB



4. PANEL DISCUSSION

A panel discussion titled **Breaking Barriers: The Urgency of Youth Voices in Environmental Justice** was set among panelists including;

- **Chikulupi Kasaka** (Political Officer from the Dutch Embassy),
- **Ndolezi Petro** from the Global Youth Parliament, Tanzania
- **Belta Kazimoto**, CEO at Belta Waste Papers Recyclers
- **Tajiel Urio**, from the South Pole

This panel was moderated by **Joselyn Mirashi** from the ECO Pulse Network

Through their expertise, they educated youth on their potential to develop economic opportunities in environmental justice. Moreover, they addressed policy issues that hinder youth inclusion in making their voices heard in development initiatives.



5. YOUTH PLATFORMS DEMONSTRATING YOUTH PROWESS IN AVERTING THE TRIPLE PLANETARY CRISIS

Several youth platforms were invited to present about opportunities to engage with youth through their platforms. We had presentations from

- Tanzania Youth Organizations Coalition on Climate Change (TYOCCC), by **Faraji Emily** Tanzania Youth Biodiversity Network (TBYN)



6. PRESENTATION ON ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN ENVIRONMENT SPACE

Madam Caroline Manyama, Sustainability Consultant and CEO at ELCA presented on the skills that youth need to get opportunities in a circular and low-carbon economy. Her presentation provided knowledge on how environmental justice initiatives can be turned to economic opportunities that can provide green jobs to youth.

7. OTHER ACTIVITIES

I. PRESS INTERVIEW

Capital TV arranged an interview session ahead of the beginning of the event, where Humphrey Mrema from YSO Tanzania and Secilia Bosco from Plan Tanzania shared commitments of their organizations in protecting children from the impacts of climate change and also creating meaningful opportunities for youth through advancing climate action.

Also, Mazingira TV and other media outlets were invited to collect views and news about the event where some youth participants and organizers were interviewed.



II. POEM PERFORMANCE

Doreen Ngemera, a young climate activist used the artistic way of a poem to convey a message of solidarity amongst community members amidst climate change impacts.

III. LUNCH

Through support from Plan Tanzania, lunch was provided to youth participants after the end of the programme for the day.

IV. PROVISION OF GIFTS TO EARLY ARRIVALS



8. OUTCOMES ACHIEVED AT THE EVENT

- a. Youth received the knowledge of sustainable initiatives that can help them start and run social entrepreneurship endeavours that will give them income, and jobs and also protect the environment
- b. Youth learnt how climate change is affecting children and the progress of the policy toolkit and their contributions were also highlighted and taken into consideration
- c. Youth entrepreneurs got a platform to present and showcase their solutions and how impactful they are to the communities.

9. CONCLUSION

At the end of the event, youth reaffirmed their commitments to be champions of sustainability, agents of change and advocates of the environment to protect children, their fellow youths and the resources abundant in our country.



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