

POLICY IN ACTION



AFRICA CSID NEWSLETTER

2026 2nd Quater Edition

A NOTE FROM OUR PROGRAMMES MANAGER...

"As we close the second quarter of 2026, we reflect on a season defined by impact, collaboration, and legacy-building. Our work has continued to amplify voices and strengthen the foundations for inclusive governance.

This quarter also marked our active participation at global climate negotiations alongside civil society partners, advocating for equity, accountability, and coherence in climate policy, ensuring that the realities of communities most affected by climate change remain central to global decision-making.

As we look ahead, our mission remains clear: to build and scale practical, community-driven solutions that enable marginalized communities to achieve resilience.

The initiatives highlighted in this edition demonstrate what is possible when partnerships, evidence, and local leadership converge.

We invite our partners, donors, and allies to continue walking with us—sustaining and scaling this vital work.

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As we conclude the second quarter of 2026, Africa CSID reflects on a period marked by meaningful progress and strengthened partnerships. Across our initiatives, we have worked to ensure that communities most affected by climate change are not only heard but actively shaping the solutions that define their futures.

We hope you enjoy reading this edition.



NGCCAP DISSEMINATION PHASE 2: ISIOLO

We are grateful for another opportunity to have served as partners for yet another wave of the **National Gender and Climate Change Action Plan (NGCCAP)** dissemination.

Building on the momentum of last quarter's dissemination workshops across 5 regions in Kenya, **Africa CSID** proudly partnered once again with the **State Department for Gender Affairs and Affirmative Action (SDGAAA)** and **GIZ - Kenya** to strengthen institutional capacities for the Counties of Garissa, Mandera, Marsabit, and Wajir.



Over three vibrant days in Isiolo, discussions explored the gender-climate nexus, the application of gender analysis to policies, and strategies for navigating responsive financing. Participants worked collaboratively to chart county action roadmaps and laid the groundwork for County Gender, Climate & DRR Sub-Committees. The energy in the room reflected a shared commitment to inclusive, equitable climate action—especially for communities most vulnerable to climate impacts.

In the spirit of **'Leave No One Behind'**, we are grateful for the trust placed on us to guide this process.





In May, Africa CSID was honored to have partnered with the **State Department for Gender and Affirmative Action** for the launch of the **Gender Mainstreaming Guidelines for Climate Change**, a document we proudly led its development in the first quarter of the year.

The launch brought together key actors in gender and climate governance, with Hon. Hanna Wendot Cheptumo, Cabinet Secretary for Gender, Culture, the Arts, and Heritage, serving as Chief Guest, and Hon. Anne Wangombe, Principal Secretary for the State Department for Gender and Affirmative Action, The National Gender and Equality Commission-Kenya, Women Enterprise Fund, UN Women and other key stakeholders in attendance.

The Cabinet Secretary commended the collaborative efforts of the Gender Sector Working Group and reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to ensuring that recommendations from sector engagements are effectively implemented.

The Guidelines provide a practical framework for integrating gender perspectives into climate policies, programmes, and projects. They emphasize the importance of recognizing the differentiated impacts of climate change on women, youth, and marginalized groups, while also highlighting their unique capacities to drive solutions.

For us, this launch represented a significant step forward in advancing inclusive climate action, reflecting our mission to building and scaling practical, community-driven solutions that empower marginalized communities.



AFRICA CSID AT SB64 BONN



In June 2026, the global climate community gathered in **Bonn, Germany**, for the **sixty-fourth** sessions of the **Subsidiary Bodies (SB64)** under the **UNFCCC**. The **Subsidiary Bodies (SBs)** are the **technical** and **implementation** arms of the climate negotiations, tasked with advancing decisions that shape global climate action. Six months on from **COP30, Belem**, SB64 in Bonn is the mid-way point through the year to assess where global climate action stands, and what it will take to accelerate it ahead of **COP31, Antalya, Turkiye**.

At SB64, negotiators, civil society, and experts worked through complex issues ranging from **adaptation** and **climate finance** to **just transition, agriculture etc**. The sessions highlighted the urgency of accelerating climate action while ensuring inclusivity - particularly for vulnerable communities whose voices often risk being sidelined.

For Africa and other regions most affected by climate change, SB64 was a platform to push for equity, accountability, and coherence in global climate governance. Civil society organizations played a crucial role in amplifying community perspectives and pressing for finance and policy frameworks that respond to local realities.

Some of the agenda items we closely followed as Africa CSID and their outcomes have been discussed below...



Kenya's delegation at SB64, Bonn, Germany

(a) Gender and Climate

SB64 was the first major milestone after the adoption of the Belém Gender Action Plan at COP30. At SB64, we saw the GAP come to life through its mandated events, including the expert dialogue on gender and age-disaggregated data, workshop on the role of the national gender and climate change focal point, and the first annual gender-responsive climate finance dialogue.

(b) Agriculture and Food Systems

The agriculture team had informative workshops under the implementation of the **Sharm El-Sheikh Joint Work on Agriculture**, a four-year framework agreed upon during COP27 in 2022 and coming to an end at COP31 this year.

What would this mean for farmers, local communities, Indigenous Peoples, women, youth, and children who are disproportionately affected by climate change, yet continue to feed the world while making up a large proportion of those affected by hunger? What would it mean for you and me, as we all depend on food?



(c) Loss and Damage

No formal agenda item was dedicated specifically to **Loss and Damage(L&D)** at the UN June Climate Meetings (SB64) in Bonn. Consequently, no overarching, formal decisions were agreed upon.

Even though there was no formal agenda dedicated to L & D Kenya came out of the talks with some wins, becoming the second country globally and the first ever in Africa to receive a support from the **Santiago Network**, securing **\$700,000** to map out climate impacts experienced in the country over the last 10 years.



(d) Just Transition

Negotiations made moves toward operationalising the **Belém-Antalya Mechanism (BAM)** for a Just Transition (JT), establishing a framework to help countries incorporate **social equity** considerations into national climate actions.



Through the period of SB64, delegates worked to advance the architecture of the BAM, which will shape just transition partnerships, climate finance delivery, and equitable implementation pathways.

Negotiators also debated how to directly mobilise public finance and technical assistance to ensure transitions do not disproportionately burden developing nations.

JT is about protecting livelihoods and jobs, ensuring energy access, supporting farmers and pastoralists affected by climate policies, creating pathways for youth employment, and providing finance so countries can transition without compromising development goals.

While Parties agreed on the need for a Just Transition Mechanism, they did not agree on what it should do or how it should operate. Negotiations have therefore been deferred to COP31, making it another important area Africa CSID is on the watch for.

[Read more on the outcomes of Just Transition...](#)

(e) Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA)

The Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA) featured prominently at SB64, with Bonn expected to serve as a venue for Parties to translate political ambitions into practical technical outcomes. Discussions also examined how to monitor the international provision of adaptation finance and support.

Over the two weeks, however, countries were unable to reach consensus on key issues, including how to fund and measure adaptation progress and the composition of a task force to guide this work.

Adaptation remains a priority for developing countries and vulnerable communities, while increasingly becoming a concern for developed countries facing more frequent and severe climate impacts such as heatwaves. This underscores the importance of clear adaptation indicators and the continued relevance of the GGA.

Negotiations on the GGA did not advance as anticipated. While there was recognition of the need to operationalize adaptation indicators, doing so requires adequate finance, capacity, and technology support. The absence of agreement on these enabling factors contributed to the lack of progress.

For Africa CSID, operationalization is synonymous with implementation—and implementation depends on the availability of means of support.

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“The AGN views with deep concern the resistance from some partners to engage concretely on the tripling of adaptation finance agreed at COP 30. The outcomes of SB64 must reflect urgency”

Nana Dr Antwi-Boasiako, Chair, AGN

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[Read more on the outcomes of GGA at SB64...](#)

Africa CSID closely monitored the growing inclusion of persons with disabilities in UNFCCC processes. A historic milestone was reached at COP30 with the formal recognition of the Disability Caucus, granting organizations of persons with disabilities a collective voice in climate negotiations. This recognition ensures their perspectives inform policies and frameworks that directly affect their lives and communities.

At the Bonn Climate Conference, disability inclusion featured in several discussions and side events, highlighting the importance of embedding inclusivity into climate action. Agenda items such as Gender and Climate Change and Just Transition explicitly referenced disability, signaling progress in mainstreaming these priorities across negotiations.

Nonetheless, gaps remain. Key tracks, including food and agriculture, still overlook the unique challenges and contributions of persons with disabilities. As negotiations advance toward future COPs, Africa CSID calls for outcomes that intentionally integrate disability priorities across all thematic areas, ensuring climate action is inclusive and just.

Looking ahead, SB64 has built a political momentum heading into the next phase of the global climate negotiations, with growing attention focused on ensuring that climate action delivers meaningful benefits for people and communities most affected by the climate crisis.

As negotiations continue towards COP31 in Antalya, Climate stakeholders will be watching whether actors will bridge the gap between climate commitments and implementation, particularly in areas that directly affect inclusion, livelihood, resilience and sustainable development.

LAUNCH OF KENYA'S GBV WHATSAPP HOTLINE NUMBER

Kenya took a bold step in strengthening its response to gender-based violence (GBV) with the launch of a **National GBV Reporting WhatsApp line: 0724 884 444**. This new platform complements the existing **1195 toll-free helpline**, offering survivors and concerned citizens an additional, easily accessible channel to report cases and seek support.

The WhatsApp line is designed to meet people where they are leveraging a familiar, widely used communication tool to ensure that reporting GBV is simple, discreet, and immediate. Africa CSID welcomed this development as a significant milestone in advancing inclusive systems that safeguard vulnerable groups.



Another highlight is the recognition of local leadership. Through project linkages, Raburu Steve, a member of the Kawino Women and Youth Group, was selected and successfully completed an 8-week agroecology accelerator training hosted by **Sustainable Organic Farming and Development Initiatives, Manor House Agricultural Centre, and G-BiACK**. This milestone reflects our commitment to nurturing champions of agroecology.



SEEDS FOR CHANGE MILESTONES

We are pleased to share the good news from our Seeds for Change Project!

During our recent field visit to Nyatike, we assessed the progress of the **demonstration farm**, the **Black Soldier Fly (BSF)** project, and the **poultry section**. The demo farm is thriving, serving as a hub of resilience and learning for local farmers.

The BSF project registered surplus production—so much so that the group is now using it to feed poultry and even sharing with other farmers, a powerful example of innovation strengthening food systems.

The poultry section is benefiting directly from this surplus, showcasing how integrated approaches can enhance sustainability and reduce costs.



BEYOND THE HEADLINES

NYATIKE SCHOOL REGREENING PROGRAM (NYASEP)

We are pleased to be living out our mission of building and scaling practical, community-driven solutions that enable communities achieve resilience.

What began as a simple idea of introducing children to the power of nature, has blossomed into a movement that is reshaping classrooms and communities. Through the initiative, students are being introduced early to tree planting, sustainable food systems, and climate-smart agriculture.

By experimenting with diverse farming practices, nurturing fruit trees, and weaving agroforestry into their daily routines, learners are becoming stewards of both the soil and the food they eat at school. With 20 schools onboarded and more looking to join, we foresee this becoming more than an initiative, but a movement!



UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

DATE	EVENT
July 2026	Women, Faith and Climate Security community Meetings (Baringo, Homabay and Migori
July 2026	Food and Seeds Symposium (Seeds for Change) Nyatike
Nov 2026	Conference of Parties (COP31) Antalya, Turkiye



“Equity, accountability, and coherence are cornerstones for climate-responsive policy.”

As we draw the curtain on the second quarter, Africa CSID reflects on a season of impact, learning, and legacy-building. Guided by the vision to co-create locally relevant, inclusive, and fundable climate solutions, our work this quarter has centered on amplifying voices, influencing policy, and strengthening the foundations for sustainable change.

This quarter also marks the launch of our new website—a living repository that captures the journey, achievements, and insights from our work. It stands as a resource for practitioners, policymakers, and communities alike, ensuring that the seeds we plant continue to grow and bear fruit in the years ahead.

[EXPLORE OUR NEW WEBSITE](#) and **[discover the voices and actions of local communities and our partners who continue to inspire change beyond programme lifecycles.](#)**

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Africa CSID is committed to amplifying locally-driven action in ways that embrace the voices of all community members, ensuring inclusivity and shared ownership in shaping resilient futures.

For more information about the organization, our agenda, and how to collaborate with us or if you have inspiration or tips, please contact us at info@africacsid.org or visit our website www.africacsid.org