CSOs participate in climate march ahead of COP 24

The DaCCA Programme implementing partners i.e. Sustainable Environmental Development watch (SUSWATCH Kenya), Umande trust, Osienala, Community Rehabilitation and Environmental Protection Program (CREPP), Tanzania traditional energy for development organization (TaTEDO) and Uganda coalition for sustainable development on the 28th of November 2018, organized and participated in the very first regional climate march for civil society, communities and government in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. The march which was organized to raise the voice on the need to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius was precedent to the annual United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) 24th Conference of the parties (COP 24) in Katowice, Poland.

At the event, the DaCCA programme partners released a petition targeting the East Africa Community highlighting the urgency of the East African governments to take action towards the negative impacts of climate change that place a risk to the livelihoods of the citizens of the East African Community.

The partners reiterated on the need for the Paris Agreement’s provisions to be implemented in the community with special focus being on inclusion of vulnerable groups on issues concerning climate change adaptation and mitigation.
First Climate Change stakeholders workshop held in Homabay County

On 16th of November 2018, Sustainable Environmental Development Watch (SusWatch-Kenya) under the Devolution and Climate Change Adaptation programme (DaCCA), co-hosted the first Climate Change stakeholders forum in Homabay County, alongside the Department for Water, Environment and Natural Resources, Climate Change secretariat.

The workshop sought to enhance the understanding of stakeholders on the climate change situation in the county and come up with adaptation, mitigation and resilience strategies to be implemented over time.

The workshop which comes after the formulation of a Climate Change Technical Committee, which is responsible for the drafting of the county’s climate change policy, was also used as a platform for the generation of ideas on interventions that would make up the county’s climate change adaptation and mitigation plan.

The session was also used to introduce the stakeholders to the team constituting the technical committee and also unveiled the officers under the Climate Change Secretariat.

The secretariat is mandated to spearhead climate change interventions in Homabay County.

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