



Big Five
Green Asks

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What African Climate Reality Leaders want
to see happening at COP22 and beyond



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FOSSIL-FREE ENERGY FOR ALL

DIVEST FROM FOSSIL FUEL ENERGY...

Forego all proposed oil exploration, mining and expansion of any fossil fuel-based industry.

Enact and enforce legislation to discontinue the used of certain heavy fossil fuel-dependent equipment now.

Enact laws banning gas flaring in all its ramifications.

Apply a moratorium on fracking & nuclear investments.



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FOSSIL-FREE ENERGY FOR ALL

**... AND PRIORITISE DEVELOPMENT OF AND
INVESTMENT IN RENEWABLE ENERGY
SOURCES.**

Encourage decentralised investment in wind and solar energy as sources that are cheaper, cleaner, non finite and more democratic than fossil fuels.

Promote alternatives to firewood and charcoal for cooking.



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SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND LAND MANAGEMENT

**PRIORITISE CLIMATE-SMART, SUSTAINABLE
AGRICULTURE.**

Sensitize and train farmers on ecosystem-based agriculture and permaculture.

Introduce improved farming techniques requiring less agricultural land to remove pressure on forests.

Ban chemical inputs in agriculture & land management.



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SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND LAND MANAGEMENT

PREVENT DEFORESTATION...

Raise climate change awareness at the grassroots to prevent the traditional practice of bushing before planting season.

Enforce a ban on illegal lumbering and serve stiff sanctions to defaulters.

Protect and rehabilitate forests.



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SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND LAND MANAGEMENT

... AND REFOREST OUR LANDS.

Foster tree planting by communities.

Shift from traditional forestry practices to Sustainable Forest Management (SFM).

Facilitate community-based natural resource management, particularly forests.



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SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND LAND MANAGEMENT

IMPROVE LAND MANAGEMENT.

Improve land–use planning and integrated conservation and development programmes.

Simplify the process of land registration & transfer to enable owners invest, preserve and develop their land sustainably.

Stop illegal surface mining as it destroys arable lands.



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CLIMATE JUSTICE

STRENGTHEN CLIMATE RESILIENCE.

Provide drought-resistant seeds & seedlings to farmers.

Plant climate-friendly, locally-adapted trees in communities for CO² sequestration and less soil erosion.

Promote efficient use of water.

Restore damaged and changing ecosystems.



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CLIMATE-SMART TRANSPORT & BUILDINGS

FOSTER LOW-CARBON TRANSPORT.

Promote the use of electric, solar-powered cars.

Foster cycling with bicycle lanes and parking.

Invest in efficient and environment-friendly public transportation systems, especially in urban centres.

Ban import of defective vehicles to Africa and their circulation on African roads. Develop local production and/or import of fuel-efficient vehicles and materials.



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CLIMATE-SMART TRANSPORT & BUILDINGS

PROMOTE ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS.

Emphasise building efficiency and proper urban planning to maximise energy efficiency.

Set and enforce ambitious energy efficiency requirements for all new buildings.

Retrofit buildings to meet environmental sustainability standards... and save money in the long run.



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KEY RESOURCES FOR MITIGATION & ADAPTATION

ENSURE GOOD GOVERNANCE.

Corruption prevents efficient climate action. Capital flight deprives Africa of USD50 billion each year that could feed into the USD100 billion climate change budget.

Ensure transparency and accountability in climate finance.



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KEY RESOURCES FOR MITIGATION & ADAPTATION

ADOPT AND ENFORCE ROBUST POLICIES.

Ratify the Paris Agreement.

Pass climate legislation to enforce the Nationally Determined Contributions and ambitious green policies.

Design a robust monitoring mechanism to evaluate the progress of the Paris Agreement.

Model the different components of Mitigation and Adaptation plans in each country.



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KEY RESOURCES FOR MITIGATION & ADAPTATION

LEVERAGE CLIMATE-FRIENDLY INVESTMENTS...

Subsidize renewable energy technologies.

Increase tax holidays for investments in fossil free energy sources like solar and wind.

Establish national or regional environmental trust funds to channel financial resources and share risks.

Implement a ring-fenced carbon tax for all businesses.



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KEY RESOURCES FOR MITIGATION & ADAPTATION

... AND IMPROVE ACCESS TO CLIMATE
FINANCE.

Decentralise financial resources to the local level.

Empower local microfinance institutions to invest in sustainable, marketable local projects. Increase access to single digit soft loans for fossil-free energy development in Africa, including to help households transit to cleaner cooking stove and solar appliances.



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KEY RESOURCES FOR MITIGATION & ADAPTATION

EDUCATE AND BUILD CAPACITIES.

Integrate climate resilience and environmental preservation in the curriculum from elementary school.

Transfer clean energy technologies and skills to African countries while ensuring local job creation.

Develop toolkits for best practices on Mitigation and Adaptation strategies, taking into account traditional and indigenous knowledge.



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KEY RESOURCES FOR MITIGATION & ADAPTATION

EMPOWER AND LEAD BY EXAMPLE.

Empower local communities who experience climate change effects firsthand to identify and implement appropriate responses.

Require that institutional investors factor-in sustainability costs into their projects.

Make sure that multilateral agencies integrate sustainability in their strategies and their processes.



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