



Youth green summit

2025 REPORT



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The Youth Green Summit is an initiative developed by the **Africa Carbon Agency (ACA)** in collaboration with the Vice President's Office (VPO) and the **Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Foundation (JMKF)**.

This initiative collect youth from different sectors and aimed to 1) **Raise awareness about environmental and climate challenges** facing our country and the globe 2) Promote youth driven solutions and innovation in areas such as **reforestation, clean energy, waste management, and climate smart agriculture** 3) Provide a nation platform for knowledge **exchange, advocacy, and collaboration** between **youth** and **environmental** stakeholders.

This initiative will be implemented in a series of events to ensure continuity and maximize sustained engagement. The inaugural event was successfully held on **June 3rd, 2025**, coinciding with the week of **World Environment Day**, at the **New Library Auditorium** of the University of Dar es Salaam. The event attracted approximately **1,000 attendees**, comprising of **primary, secondary, and university students**, as well as prominent **climate activists** and **environmental** stakeholders. The central theme for this year's initiative was **"Building Green Solutions for Tomorrow: Ending Plastic Pollution."**



Planting a Tree

The first activity was when the Guest of Honor, **Prime Minister Hon. Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa**, planted a tree (Figure 1), with the aim of attracting and influencing youth on the matter of tree planting.



Figure 1

Prime Minister Hon. Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa planting a tree at the **University of Dar es Salaam New Library Auditorium**.

Thereafter, the Prime Minister visited exhibition booths for a briefing from various environmental stakeholders. The first exhibition booth was that of **Africa Carbon Agency (ACA)**. (Figure 2).



Figure 2

Prime Minister **Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa** received a comprehensive briefing from Mr. **Rahim J. Kangezi**, the CEO of Africa Carbon Agency. During the briefing, **Mr. Kangezi** elucidated the nature of the carbon projects and elaborated on the significant benefits these initiatives are expected to bring to the nation.

The second exhibition booth was manned by **Miss Hadija Yusuph, an ambassador of Environment from the Vice President's Office**. Miss Yusuph explained how to convert waste material into usable products such as wallets. At the end she promised to deliver a gift to the Prime Minister at his office, and he was very much pleased by this offer (Figure 3).



Figure 3

Prime Minister is briefed by **Miss Yusuph of the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment)** about how to convert waste material into usable products.

The third exhibition booth was manned by Mr. Mika Mavza, a manager from Chanzi factory. He explained that Chanzi manufactures animal protein and fertilizer using black soldier flies. The primary raw material for their process is organic waste, which is collected from various sources, including schools and markets (Figure 4).



Figure 4

The Prime Minister being briefed by **Mr. Mika Mavza from Chanzi factory**.

Thereafter, the event continued in the Auditorium, where the moderator, **Mr. Tumsifu Mwasamale** welcomed the Guest of Honor. The event commenced with prayers led by **Sheikh Othman Shaban Harili**, Father **Novat Jonas** from the **Tanzania Episcopal Conference (TEC)**, and **Pastor Lusungu Mbilinyi** from the **Christian Council of Tanzania (CCT)** (Figure 5)."



Figure 5

Praying



Figure 6

Eng. Luhemeja giving inaugural speech

The inaugural speech was delivered by **Eng. Cyprian John Luhemeja**, Permanent Secretary in the Vice President's Office (Figure 6). He stated that, according to statistical data, approximately 77% of Tanzania's population is comprised of youth under the age of 35. Specifically, individuals aged 15 to 35 constitute 34.5% of the population, while those under 15 years old account for 42.8%. Based on census data, the Tanzanian workforce represents 56% of the population, indicating that youth contribute approximately 26 million individuals to the national labor force. These statistics underscore the critical importance of involving youth in addressing environmental challenges.

Following his opening remarks, Engineer Luhemeja formally welcomed the esteemed guests. These included the Guest of Honor, **His Excellency Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa**; the Honorable **Hamis Hamza Hamis**, Deputy Minister in the Vice President's Office (State and Environment); and the Honorable **Albert Msando**, who was representing the District Commissioner of **Dar es Salaam** and also serves as the District Commissioner for **Ubungo**.

Also recognized were **Comrade Nasra Mohammed**, representing the **Chairperson of the Tanzania Youth Union (UVCCM)**; **Professor William-Andey Lazaro Anangisye** from the University of Dar es Salaam; **Engineer Mwanasha Tumbo**, Chairperson of the NEMC Board; **Engineer Kevin Muttasa**, Director of Environment; **Dr. Lan Kambuzi**, representing the Director General of NEMC; and **Dr Deo Shirima**, representing the Director General of the National Carbon Monitoring Centre (NCMC).

Additional dignitaries welcomed were **Mrs. Vanesa Anyoti**, Director General of the **Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Foundation (JMKF)**; **Mrs. Kaley Milao**, Assistant Director of the **Africa Carbon Agency (ACA)**; and other invited guests.



The address that followed was delivered by the **Hon. Hamis Hamza Hamis**, Deputy Minister in the Vice President's Office (State and Environment) (Figure 7). He stated that the government, through the Vice President's Office, has undertaken various environmental initiatives in collaboration with non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, and international institutions. As an example, he cited the preparation of the Youth Green Summit, an endeavor by the Vice President's Office (VPO) in partnership with the Africa Carbon Agency (ACA) and the **Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Foundation (JMKF)**, aimed at engaging youth in discussions regarding environmental opportunities. Lastly, he extended a welcome to the Prime Minister to deliver his speech.

Figure 7

Deputy Minister VPO Hamis Hamza Hamis

Prime Minister Speech

Prime Minister issued a directive to the local government authorities to set up waste sorting and recycling points; so as to ensure safe, sustainable waste management and reduce landfill overflow and litter in residential areas. Local government authorities have to collaborate with the Vice President's Office to develop plans that empower communities and youth to engage in carbon trading businesses, adopt clean energy technologies and promote recycling projects.

The Prime Minister urged the Youth, particularly learned individuals and innovators in the environmental sector, so as to assist the government with various methods in addressing environmental challenges. This includes finding ways to reduce the significant amount of waste generated annually. Currently, Tanzania produces between 14.4 million and 20.7 million tons of solid waste per year. This is equivalent to an average of 241 to 347 kilograms per person annually.

Prime Minister launches the **National Waste Management Strategy 2025 - 2030** (Figure 8). This strategy aims to provide guidance on promoting waste control and management through a circular economy approach. It offers an opportunity to view waste as a valuable resource that can generate products and create employment.



Figure 8

Prime Minister Hon. Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa presses the button to launch the National Waste Management Strategy 2025 - 2030.



Figure 9

Mr. Sixbert Mwanga explaining Issues of Climate Change.

The event proceeded with presentations from various organizations and environmental stakeholders. **Mr. Sixbert Mwanga**, a representative from the Climate Action Network Tanzania. (Figure 9). **Mr. Mwanga** referenced the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report, which provides overview of the current state of the environment. He emphasized the importance of addressing climate change, noting that every incremental increase of one degree in global temperature has effects on the environment. He further elaborated on opportunities, including the creation of “**Green Jobs**,” advancement of industrial economies, growth of the national income, and the fostering of resilient communities dedicated to sustainable environmental.



Figure 10

Ms Gloria Chilipweli of Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Foundation briefing on Plastic waste

Ms. Gloria Chilipweli, representing the Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Foundation, delivered a presentation focusing on plastics (Figure 10). She explained the importance of behavioral change among youth concerning plastic consumption and disposal. **Ms. Chilipweli** highlighted that the Foundation actively supports young innovators who are addressing environmental challenges, particularly in waste processing. She explained that through waste processing, various products can be created, such as bags or even animal feed, which can then be sold to generate income and increase financial growth.



Figure 11

A representative from **PETpro**, an organization dedicated to the collection and recycling of post-consumer packaging such as plastics and glass, also presented their work. He highlighted the detrimental effects of improper plastic disposal, including the degradation of beaches, fatalities among marine life, and increased instances of flooding. To mitigate these issues, **PETpro** is committed to ensuring that plastics within our environment are re-entered into a circular economy, either in their original form or transformed into new products (Figure 11).

PETpro representative, briefing on Plastics and how youth can turn this into opportunities.



Figure 12

Engineer Jimson Filex Mkenda, from Magwepande Compost Facility, presented their operations (Figure 12). He explained that their facility collects organic waste, processes it, and converts it into either fertilizer or animal feed. He highlighted that communities often use chemical-heavy fertilizers that negatively impact soil health, and their composted organic waste offers a healthier alternative with significantly lower chemical content. Furthermore, Engineer Mkenda stated that the reduction of organic waste through composting helps to decrease emissions of gases like methane and **carbon dioxide**, both of which contribute to climate change.

Eng. Jimson Filex Mkenda from **Magwepande Compost Facility** briefing on how they convert organic waste into fertilizer.



Figure 13

Mr. Alex Masaki briefing on “Zero Waste”- a policy established in NipeFagio.

Mr. Alex Masaki, representing NipeFagio, outlined the organization’s primary objective: to address the challenges posed by environmental issues. He elaborated on their “**Zero Waste**” policy, a system designed to streamline waste management from its source and effectively tackle waste-related problems. This approach, he noted, significantly reduces government expenditure. **Mr. Masaki** highlighted that this system is currently operational in the **Bonyokwa** Ward, Dar es Salaam (Figure 13).



Figure 14

Dr. Deo Shirima from NCMC and **Mr. Leod Leonard** from **Cadres KPD** briefing on the available opportunity on Carbon projects.

Dr. Deo Shirima from Nation Carbon Monitoring Centre (NCMC) and **Mr. Leod Leonard Kachebonao**, Managing Director of **Cadres KPD**, provided insights into the opportunities available for youth within the carbon credits sector (Figure 14). He gave details of various sectors where carbon credits can be generated, including, renewable energy (e.g. solar and wind energy projects), sustainable transportation, forest conservation, agroforestry, waste management and control, and industrial activities: thus implementing cleaner processes in industrial operations. **Mr. Kachebonao** emphasized that engagement in these sectors offers significant potential for youth to create employment opportunities.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all invited guests for their exceptional support. We particularly appreciate the invaluable contributions of our sponsors, notably the **Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Foundation (JMKF)**, **National Social Security Fund (NSSF)**, **Workers Compensation Fund (WCF)**, **Occupational Safety and Health Authority (OSHA)**, and our individual sponsors, whose support was instrumental in the successful execution of this event.



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Appendixes



Figure 15

The music provided by **Mr. Mbonde** during the Youth Green Summit event.



Figure 16

The welcoming speech to the Guest of Honor, provided by **Mrs. Kiley Milao** (Assistant Managing Director - ACA)



Figure 17

The formal greetings to the Guest of Honor, by **Mr. Joram Kiliba**, the President of TARUSO



Figure 18

The welcoming speech to the Guest of Honor, by **Mrs. Vanessa Anyoti**- Chief Executive Officer of Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Foundation (JMKF).



Figure 19

The formal speech to the Guest of Honor, by **Mr. Makula** representative of the Vice Chancellor from the University of Dar es Salaam.



Figure 20

The welcoming greetings to the Guest of Honor, by **Mr. Albert Msando**-District Commissioner for Ubungu.



Figure 21

The picture showing the Organizing committee: Members from Vice President's Office, Africa Carbon Agency (ACA) and Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Foundation.









Table 1. Media Coverage

Media House	Instagram	Facebook	Twitter (X)	Newspaper	Youtube
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The Guardian				https://epaper.ippmedia.com/selectnewapaperplan/2/100047	
Mwananchi				https://www.bing.com/images/search?q=ni+kizungum-kuti+gazeti+la+mwananchi+-jun+04,+2025	
Daily News				https://apps.tsn.go.tz/public/epaper/cover/822be6b-0252902fe9419ed3f0aaf4b73.png	
Majira		https://images.app.goo.gl/2exaMaqW-7WYWrHJ36			
Tanzania Bora	https://www.instagram.com/images.app.goo.gl/v7kK99B5FKm-jKcA56			https://images.app.goo.gl/AWLFgUmw4YLNBYfH8	
Habari Leo				https://apps.tsn.go.tz/public/epaper/cover/0a0accf-7907ec7d94d223308006db7df.jpeg	
Tanzania Yetu			https://images.app.goo.gl/g5Ua5TkV7ciui-yGB7		
Mtazamo Mpya	https://www.instagram.com/p/DKeQ-xplm45/?utm_source=ig_web_button_share_sheet				
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