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AFRICA'S UNIFIED VOICE AT COP29

From Kenya to South Africa, Africa's leaders at COP29 are delivering bold, unified messages. Here are some of the voices leading the call for climate justice and equitable financing.





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Africa's needs are non-negotiable. This is a matter of survival, not just for us, but for the planet. We need climate finance that is reliable, actionable, and just.

Ali Mohamed

Kenya's Special Envoy for Climate Change





We cannot talk about a just transition while African nations are trapped in debt cycles. Climate finance must uplift our economies, not bury them deeper. The global financial system must change. Multilateral development banks and other financial institutions need to step up, provide affordable financing, and allow African countries to transition without sinking into more debt.

Barbara Creecy

South Africa's Minister of Forestry, Fisheries,
and Environment





Climate change in Africa is an existential question that needs immediate action. Waiting for climate deniers to pay voluntarily for the damage they have caused is a little like Nero fiddling while Rome burned.

Benedict Oramah

President of Afreximbank





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Our communities are drowning in floods, drying up from droughts, and struggling to cope with erratic climate patterns. This crisis was not of our making, yet we are paying the price. It is only fair that those responsible step up.

Musalia Mudavadi

Kenya's Prime Cabinet Secretary





We hope to move from millions and billions (of dollars) to the thousands of billions of dollars Africa clearly needs for climate action. The success of this COP, described as the “finance COP,” will largely depend on the level of ambition of the climate finance target.

Dr. Kevin Kariuki

VP, African Development Bank Group





We are victims of a climate crisis for which we are not responsible... We refuse to ask for loans for problems we have not caused. It is essential that climate finance is based on grants and that they are appropriate to the needs of our communities in Africa.

Mithika Mwenda

Executive Director, Pan African Climate
Justice Alliance





For too long, climate finance has been treated like a charity handout rather than a rightful obligation. It is time we stop begging for what should be a shared global responsibility. Our farmers are on the front lines of this crisis. They need immediate support, not a complex maze of loans and conditionalities.

Sam Cheptoris

Uganda's Minister for Water and Environment





While African countries require adequate, predictable and accessible finance, the structure of existing climate finance continues to perpetuate inequities. Today, much of the available climate funding is disbursed as loans, and not as grants, adding to Africa's already high debt levels.

Claver Gatete

Executive Secretary of the Economic
Commission for Africa





There must be an agreeable, proper, sustainable financing, whether it is financing of adaptation, mitigation and sustainable development. And that financing must be in the form of grants, not commercial because the choice we have now in our country, for example, is between dealing with the effects of climate change and dealing with the effect of that burden.

Aden Duale

Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for Environment,
Climate Change and Forestry





Africa stands at a crossroads: a victim of climate injustice but also a beacon of climate innovation. The \$1.3 trillion demand isn't just about addressing past wrongs—it's about unlocking Africa's potential to lead the global green economy. We must ensure that every dollar mobilized translates into resilient communities, thriving industries, and a sustainable future for the continent.

Dr. Caroline Saroni, PhD.

Founder & CEO, AfriTrade Consulting Group



What's Your Take?

Africa's call for \$1.3 trillion annually is urgent and necessary.

How can we collectively support this demand and ensure climate justice?

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