

# Stakeholders deliberate on draft Homabay County Climate Change Policy

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More than a hundred (100) stakeholders from the County Government of Homabay, academia, community groups and civil society convened at a Homabay Hotel on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, to deliberate on the county's Climate Change Policy.

The process, initiated by the DaCCA Programme partners began with the development of a climate change policy and bill for Kisumu County which is currently awaiting assent at the County Assembly.

The national Climate Change Act (2016), which provides the foundation for the county policy, instructs for the mainstreaming of climate change into the counties as a first step towards addressing climate change impacts on the livelihoods of the rural and urban communities.

Therefore, the DaCCA Programme partners partnered with the Department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources, Homabay County to develop a climate change policy that would guide the climate change adaptation and mitigation interventions for the county.

A county stakeholders' public participation session was therefore organized by the DaCCA programme and the Department to gather inputs that would go into the policy.

A validation session will then be organized for the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft document, in the month of June.

