

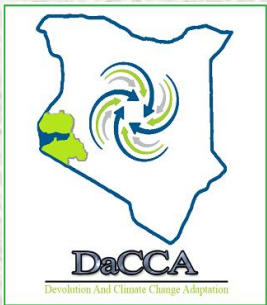
# THE DaCCA BULLETIN

A MONTHLY BRIEF ON THE DACCA PARTNERS' ACTIVITIES

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## Sustaining the momentum created on climate change advocacy in Kisumu and Homabay counties



### THE PARTNERS



*Photo 1: One of the participants at the CREPP CC advocacy campaign showcasing sustainable dryland farming products*



*Photo 2: The procession to the Kendu Bay Show ground for the OSIENALA renewable energy campaign*

The months of November and December 2017 saw the Devolution and Climate Change Adaptation in Western Kenya programme partners organize a series of climate change advocacy campaigns in the counties of Homabay and Kisumu. The campaigns which were guided by different themes focused on the subjects of adoption of a climate change policy in Homabay County, conservation of water sources, uptake of renewable energy technologies and sustainable dryland farming.

SusWatch Kenya kick started the series of campaigns in November 2017 by organizing their first campaign in Homabay Town. This was closely followed by Umande Trust, whose campaign was conducted in the DaCCA programme areas of Chuowe and Obaria beaches.

Sequentially, Community Rehabilitation and Environmental Protection Programme (CREPP) conducted their sustainable dryland farming campaign on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December, 2017 with the aim of meeting the following objectives:

1. To create awareness on climate and its potential impact on livelihoods
2. To create awareness on possible climate change adaption and mitigation measures

3. To mobilize and engage likeminded stakeholders to be part of the advocacy for synergy
4. To document and share climate change adaptation technologies/practices best practices as evidence for the advocacy and to up scaling uptake amongst targeted stakeholders
5. To have devolved funds allocated for climate change adaptation initiatives/technologies

The campaign commenced with a procession within Ahero Town in Nyando Sub County by the community members, the relevant stakeholders, the local administration and CSOs, after which the participants congregated at Karanda Primary School for speeches and refreshments.

During the event, the Ahero Ward Administrator, Miss Daisy Okal acknowledged the importance of the community members' engagement with the duty bearers and the county government in order to facilitate the prioritization of their needs in County plans. The day's Chief Guest, the Sub-County Agricultural Officer, Mr. Caleb Ogola, emphasized the need for a paradigm shift in the farming approach in view of climate change and its potential impact on the livelihood security of farmers. Community members were also encouraged to improve the forest cover in the county by practicing agroforestry, as it is an effective measure to counter climate change negative effects.

The same message was reiterated at the OSIENALA advocacy campaign on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December, 2017. Maryline Agwa, the Homabay Chief Officer for the Department of Energy and Natural Resources, urged the participants to increase the tree cover in Homabay County stating that every individual should plant trees equivalent to the number of their age. She further advised the participants to embrace the clean and renewable sources of energy like the solar lamps and abandon the traditional ones, such as the tin lamps, as they are a health hazard. She promised to market the rocket stoves, a form of energy saving technology, through the formation of cooperatives for women, sand miners and stone shapers.

At the tail end of the event, Dr. Godfrey Ogonda, representing OSIENALA, gave a speech on behalf of the DaCCA partners and stated that the partners will work in collaboration with the Homabay County government on the formulation of a policy on climate change that will guide climate change interventions in the county.

He further stated that the DACCA partners would work with other stakeholders in order to actualize the diffusion of renewable energy solutions among the vulnerable communities residing in Kisumu and Homabay counties.

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