

MIGORI COUNTY: INSPIRING SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE.

The Devolution and Climate Change Adaptation programme organized an exhibition to showcase community climate change adaptation best practices in the counties of Homabay and Migori on the 21st and 28th of July, respectively. During the event, the Programme Coordinator, Mr. Elijah Odundo urged the community to adapt to the adverse climate conditions and help the nation contribute to her Nationally Determined Contribution by being involved actively in mitigation and disaster preparedness. The County Government's Department of Environment and the National Environment Management Authority reminded the community to be vigilant and tap into the opportunities presented by the county government and other stakeholders so that they can apply for funds to help them work successfully on their climate change adaptation and mitigation programs.

The exhibition attracted a number of institutions, individuals and groups who displayed innovative technologies and approaches on adaptation and mitigation. Among these was Siala training institute which showcased a technique on using a component of human waste to breed the black soldier fly, which are highly nutritious and an essential feed for poultry farmers.

On the other hand, OGRES, an organization specializing in organic herbs and production showcased the use of fresh herbs providing medicinal benefits to the body. Other exhibitors included, Manywa farmers who specialize in fruit farming and encourage value addition; Ripple Effect, who specialize in production of botanical pesticides as a sustainable climate change adaptation practice and Ratat CBO, who encourage the use of briquettes as a clean energy solution.

Overall, the two events helped to highlight the need for community climate change adaptation as a contributor to community resilience in the face of the vagaries of climate change.

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