

Action 2015 Africa

Mass Mobilization and Public Facing Text

We are '**Action 2015 Africa**', a movement of African NGOs, Community Based Organizations, Faith Based Organizations, citizen movements, and grassroots organizations acting collaboratively to send a message of urgency to our leaders to tell them that time is running out for this continent!

Globally, our lifestyle and aspirations are threatening the very basis of our existence in the only home we have ever known. The human species has until the year 2100 to reduce all greenhouse gas emissions to zero to stand a chance of sustaining life on earth. The social, economic, political, and ecological transformation of the continent cannot be postponed any longer.

Specifically Africa is faced with challenges relating to:

- agreement and enforcements
- production, consumption and trade
- equity, inequality and distribution
- people centred, ecological sustainable and environmentally focused development

As African people, our deep instinct for living and working together remains resolute. Our creative ingenuity as individuals and communities remains undimmed. The solutions for the challenges we collectively face are within us. Technology has made the human family more closely knit today than at any other time in history. Our ambitions are inspiringly bold. The opportunity for a collective transformational action is greater than it has ever been.

We are committed to organize and mobilize; to '**ACT**' around the following fundamental issues:

- Human Rights: a framework that is energetically faithful to the universality and legal guarantees protecting all individuals and groups regardless of age, gender, disability, ethnicity, location, and religious belief against actions and omissions that interfere with fundamental freedoms, entitlements, and human dignity paying special attention to un-tackled business such as SRHR, land grabs, and transitional justice.

Elimination of all forms of discrimination against women and increase of their participation and influence at all levels of public and political life, achievement of gender equality and women's empowerment, ensuring safe motherhood, universal access to SRH services and protection of women and girls against all forms of violence;

- Inequality: tackling inequalities amongst and within nations through structural transformation, transparent governance and redistribution of wealth

- Climate change and ecological sustainability: Transformation of production and consumption patterns in a way that eliminates risks and costs placed by human induced climate change on the African people as well as for the future of our planet;
- Accountability and people centred governance based on a pro-people social contract that guarantees inclusiveness, accountability, transitional justice, and peaceful, just and prosperous societies. It is critical to amplify the voices of youth, elderly persons, people living with disabilities, indigenous groups, minority groups, children and all those who are marginalised in expressing their aspirations and in decision-making processes;
- Sustainable financing for development with a focus on making optimal use of development resources to enable peaceful and secure lives and address technology transfer and access, with a focus on reducing cost of technology transfer and adaptation in sectors of transformative potential to Africa as well as leveraging indigenous knowledge;
- Participation: Recognition and support of volunteerism, active and responsible citizenship, and peoples' agency to act.

Preparations are underway for world leaders to come together in 2015 to decide on the Post-2015 development framework that will determine how resources and priorities are shaped over the coming 15 years¹. We are concerned that this important opportunity could be wasted through indecisiveness, the politics of the UN system, disconnected member states, and lack of participation by the people.

We, the people of Africa, cannot sit back and watch. We must organize and mobilize ourselves, our constituents, and the public at large to insist that our leaders '**ACT NOW**' to ensure that no one is left behind by the Post-2015 development framework. We call for an ambitious structural social and economic transformation aimed at delivering equity, justice, and participation for all people everywhere in order to end the cycle of poverty and increasing inequality and deliver environmental sustainability.

¹ On September 28th 2015, the UN member states are expected to unveil a normative and aspirational Post 2015 development framework. Three months later, in December 2015, the world will meet again in an effort to deliver an ambitious plan of how to ensure that we arrest the human induced climate change.