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Editorial Note

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the seventh edition of the Act! Newsletter, **The Action**.

In this issue, we are pleased to share with you the exciting milestones marked during the year. As the theme “*New Partnerships*” suggests, it has been an fascinating year for us at Act!, particularly with the signing of new development engagement with the Royal Danish Government and the launch of the SCORE initiative by the U.S Ambassador to Kenya Robert F. Godec, in January this year. The two programs though different in their scope, will seek to enhance the capacity and effectiveness of civil society organizations, government and security oversight bodies to counter violent extremism and prevent political and natural resource conflicts in Kenya.

We are happy to be associated with the outcomes of the just concluded COP 21 conference in Paris, as far as keeping global warming within the limit of 1.5 degree Celsius and more funds committed towards adaptation and strengthening the capacity of communities to respond to vulnerabilities of climate change is concerned. Through our ENRM programme, we remain committed in ensuring communities across



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Kenya actively participate in the management of the country natural resources as evident in the featured stories that speak volumes of the transformation communities have undergone.

We greatly appreciate the tremendous support and continued commitment from our development and implementing partners for helping us achieve the necessary results within our core areas of work namely; Democracy and Human Rights, Environment and Natural Resources and Peace Building and Conflict Transformation.

On behalf of Act! team, I wish you a nice read and an exciting 2016!



US Ambassador launches the SCORE programme

In January, 2016, the U.S. Ambassador to Kenya Robert F. Godec officially launched a five-year programme, “Strengthening Community Resilience against Extremism” (SCORE) in Malindi, Kilifi County whose objective is to respond to the threats of violent extremism and radicalization in Kenya.

The programme will work towards the creation of a flexible and inclusive civil society with the view of addressing the root causes of violent extremism whilst reducing the allure of potentially radicalizing messages. SCORE will also promote close cooperation with security agencies and the Government.

Speaking during the launch of the initiative, the U.S. Ambassador said that the US Government is committed to helping Kenya to address the global threat of radicalization and violent extremism. “One of the great challenges of our time is to counter extremism and radicalization. Youth have a key role to play in this fight”, said Godec.

Anne Nyabera, Act!’s Executive Director, thanked the U.S government

for supporting the programme. She reiterated the need for civil society and government to work together in building bonds and enhancing mutual trust to defeat all forms of violent extremism and radicalization.

Mr. Dominic Pkalya, Peace Building and Conflict Management Manager, Act! called for creativity and continuous improvement in programming among the selected partner organizations who will spearhead the implementation of the various initiatives aimed at dealing with extremist ideologies. He further noted that, while unemployment among youth and lack of tolerance amongst society members were cited as major drivers of radicalization, caution should be taken not to escalate the problem by profiling communities and individuals on the basis of their religion, ethnicity, age and gender.

The six Counties to benefit from the programme are; Mombasa, Kilifi, Kwale, Taita Taveta, Tana River, and Lamu, with potential to expand into other Counties in subsequent years.

Act! is implementing the programme on behalf of USAID.



Henry Kuria Director of Programmes Act!, introduces the Danish Ambassador Mette Knudsen to Act! staff and members of civil society during her visit to Act! offices in Mombasa

Danish Envoy meets with Act! and Civil Society on **Peace** and **Security** Initiatives

In October 2015, the Royal Danish Ambassador to Kenya, Ms. Mette Knudsen held a meeting with Act! and her partners to discuss the role of civil society in deepening governance, democracy, peace and security in Kenya.

During the meeting held at Act!'s Mombasa office, the envoy called on civil society organizations to collaborate with the national and county governments to improve accountability and support the government's efforts in addressing security challenges, particularly violent extremism. She lauded the government's initiatives in the fight against radicalization in the country but cautioned that such efforts

should be conducted in full respect of human rights and without victimizing or profiling communities on the basis of their religion or geographical location.

Welcoming the envoy to Act! offices, Henry Kuria, the Director of Programmes, said that the Danish government's support to Kenya was timely in helping communities develop appropriate strategies to address radicalization and violent extremism in the country, particularly the youth who are most vulnerable to extremist ideologies.

Ambassador Knudsen called upon the relevant stakeholders to develop alternative activities that would promote buy-in from the youth such as equipping young people

with entrepreneurial skills, creating employment opportunities and integrating them in the development planning in their respective localities.

“This is an opportunity to take stock of key achievements that my Government has had working with civil society and government agencies in promoting peace and security in Kenya. The involvement of civil society is thus critical in championing these initiatives”, she said. She thanked Act! for her role in strengthening the capacities of local civil society organizations in responding to different development challenges facing the country.

“The youth are the future of this country and we have the responsibility to safe guard them from the allure of violent extremism messages and groups.”, said Yusuf Lule, Executive Director, Human Rights Agenda, a civil society organization based in Mombasa County.

Through the partnership, Act! will work with development-oriented civil society organizations countrywide in



Royal Danish Ambassador to Kenya Mette Knudsen briefing the press after the meeting

complementing the government’s efforts of promoting peace, security and stability.

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Ambassador Mette Knudsen during a meeting with members of civil society



Members of Jitunze Environmental Youth Group harvesting trout fish

Show me how to fish

Trout Fish gives new lifeline to young farmer groups

On the slopes of Mt. Kenya, trout fish farming is gaining popularity among a community that has historically shunned fish products.

Milka Githui carefully examines fish drawn from a pond as she sorts the male and female putting each in a different container filled with ice-cold water. This is a routine process at the Group's Hatchery deep in the heart of Kabaru Forest in Kiganjo, Nyeri County. The Jitunze Environmental Self-Help Group has been able to wade through the murky waters of entrepreneurship and in turn they are reaping highly from it.

As she continues with her work seemingly impervious to the freezing weather and cold water

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from River Thegu along which the fishing ponds are built, the young lady explains that this is the first stage of identifying the fish for breeding in order to ensure a continuous supply of breeding stock to meet the market demand and that of other community groups interested in the venture.

"I joined Jitunze eleven years ago and to be honest it wasn't an easy enterprise at first. During the inception years, each of the members took turns in guarding the ponds since we didn't have enough money to hire security. In addition to braving the freezing

cold in Kabaru forest, which is part of the Mount Kenya Ecosystem, there were very many wild animals which made us fear for our security. I chose to stay on but a large number of the other women left the group. I am glad that I persevered, because now the project is doing quite well and we have been able to hire security thus I no longer keep vigil.” she explained.

Today, her efforts have paid off as she has now enrolled for a Master’s degree in a nearby local University. She encourages other women and youth to get involved in community based projects instead of sitting and complaining of lack of employment.

No regrets, so far: Every Journey begins with one step

Joseph Gatheru, the group’s Chairman takes us through Jitunze’s journey. He informs us that the Community Based Group was formed in 2004 and started off with 72 members. However, due to the labour and financial intensive nature of trout farming, most of the members pulled out and they remained with only 26. Each member was supposed to contribute a sum of Ksh 10,000 to help kick start the project.

“Trout farming is a very expensive venture which requires a lot of patience and focus. The remaining members are very persevering and have invested a lot of their money. We are glad that Act! bridged our financial constraints by giving us a grant that helped us expand the fish ponds and put up a processing plant as a way of adding value to our fish,” he explains.

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Milka Githui (in a white dust coat) sorting brood stock fish for egg production at the farm

among members in the form of dividends, which are paid twice in a year and the remaining 40% is ploughed back to the project to help in expansion and meet management costs.

Gatheru says that they anticipate a 100% increase in profits once the processing plant starts operating later in the year. “Once the factory is operational, we are confident that the profits will multiply because it will help us add value to the fish. We plan to package and distribute to high-end supermarkets thus increasing our prices. At the moment we are not able to dictate so much on the pricing because we don’t have storage facilities. However, once our plant opens then we will have huge storage facilities.” says a jovial Gatheru, as he throws a handful of fish feed into the pond. The self-help group has also been able to train other seven community groups in trout fish farming at no cost. As a measure, a plough back effect to the community, Jitunze gives free fingerlings to the trained groups to start them off. The upcoming groups are trained in record keeping, trout fish rearing, feeding and managing their profits.

Working with Government

For a decade, the Jitunze group has had a cordial relationship with the Government agencies such as the Kenya Forest Service in whose jurisdiction they have set their hatchery. The group is happy that the Forest Act that was enacted in 2005 is working well and in addition to contributing to forest conservation, they are able to exercise their user rights by reaping benefits from their project, which is set on 2 acres of forestland.



Act! staff during an educational tour at Jitunze trout farm



A member of Jitunze demonstrates the process of harvesting trout fish for breeding

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George Anampiu, the Kabaru Forest Station Manager confirmed that with the 2005 Forest Act, communities are very key in forest conservation thus are allowed to use the forest and at the same time help in its management and conservation through registering Community Forest Associations (CFAs) and submitting the activity they wish to undertake. "Any project undertaken in the forest must have the ability to conserve the section it is erected in. Jitunze has proven that it is possible for communities to benefit from forests without destroying them." He explained.

The group also works very closely with the government owned Kiganjo Trout Hatching Station that has come in handy in training them on the basics of fish farming.

The Jitunze Environmental Self-Help Group project, supported by Act! through the Changieni Rasili Mali Facility is an example of what young people in the rural areas can do to create self-employment and improve their livelihoods.

IN SUMMARY:

- Trout is one of the tastiest freshwater fish, and is expensive with a kilo going for Ksh. 1,000
- Trout fish thrive in very cold areas thus in Kenya they can only be reared in Mount Kenya, Aberdares and Cherengany.
- The farmed fish need some help from human hands with a gentle squeeze from the abdomen to the anus to release the egg and sperm, which are then transferred to buckets inside the hatchery. It is called stripping the fish.
- Trout fish farming is labour intensive and expensive. Trout feed on pellets. A 50kg bag of pellets costs Ksh 6, 000.
- The Changieni Rasili Mali Facility is jointly funded by the Embassy of Sweden and UKaid. The Facility seeks to increase community participation in the management of the country's natural resources for improved livelihoods.



The Big Q

Mithika Mwenda,
Secretary General, PACJA

Climate Change: Acting Locally, Engaging Globally

1) Simply put, what is climate change?

Climate change is a change of weather over a long period of time. Most people have always mistaken it with normal changes in weather; however it should be understood that the change has to be over a long time- 30 years. It is mainly caused by endless pumping of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Initially, Climate change was a limited concern of scientists and environmentalists; but as time goes by, more and more people are increasingly realizing that it is an economic, political, social justice issue that is shaping the global economic arena.

2) What are the challenges and opportunities for Kenya?

Climate change manifestations in Kenya include the ongoing El nino rains, a big indicator showing things have changed. We are seeing rainfall of high intensity and more frequent droughts having serious effects at community and country level. The seasons are also shifting and becoming more unreliable

making it hard for my 'mother' in the village to know when to plant her crops. In Meru, where I come from, traditionally rains used to fall in a cyclical and predictable pattern. This is no longer the case. Now the rains sometimes fall when the previous crop has not yet been harvested, resulting in major losses. Climate change has had major detrimental impacts on Kenya's economic ambitions, and will continue to do so, unless we adjust our planning.

However, all is not lost. The world has made a major stride by pegging one of the Sustainable Development Goals-Goal no 13- on climate change. Kenya has also taken serious steps in addressing climate change. This includes the drafting of the **Climate Change Policy** and enactment of the **Climate Change Bill** that have been catalyzed by the civil society working closely with members of the National Assembly. It is also clear that climate change requires additional funding allocation. We are happy that the Kenyan Treasury has already pledged funds to facilitate the recently



Women in solidarity for global action on climate change

launched Green Economy Strategy. Some development partners have indicated that they will also channel funds towards this.

3) Tell us more about your organization and the role that it is playing to address the challenges of climate change in Kenya?

Pan African Justice Alliance (PACJA) is a coalition of African civil societies brought together by a common goal of bargaining for climate change actions. PACJA has been steering national platforms to bring civil societies together to address climate change. We have brought all African Nations into a formidable platform recognized by all actors. PACJA has driven policy shifts and processes for instance the civil society work on the Climate Change Bill and Policy in Kenya. It is true that many countries have ratified the UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) conventions but with no action. This implies that the

domestication and implementation of such treaties requires concerted civil society action. It is true that Kenya has a very vibrant civil society but if not well harnessed could curtail the progress made in implementing the Climate Change Convention.

Other initiatives by PACJA to ensure continued engagements on climate change include the Pan African Parliamentarians Summit on Climate Change; where PACJA sensitized parliamentarians on climate change. The recently held Parliamentarians Summit at Safari Park Hotel was the second after the 2009 one that was held before the signing of the Copenhagen Accord that was expected to be a key agreement that collapsed. Such a summit is a key step to ensuring that countries ratify treaties and also develop policies to address climate change aspects.

Another key event is the African Climate Change Environmental Reporting Award,



#ActOnClimate: Kenyans march through the streets of Nairobi to call for climate justice for Africa

where journalists are incentivized to report the African narrative on climate change. This has led to the formation of the Pan African Media Alliance under PACJA mentorship. PACJA, in doing this, has continuously played a catalytic role of taking the climate change agenda to the national and international level.

4) In the international arena, there has been a lot of talk about COP 21- what is it?

The COP 21 is the 21st session of the UNFCCC and will be held in Paris, France. There has been 20 other conferences before Paris. COP 21 is significant as it will hopefully deliver an ambitious climate change agreement to take effect from 2020, to succeed the 2nd commitment after the Kyoto Protocol. The agreement was to take place in 2009 in Copenhagen but disagreements among member states made it not to happen. The discussions in Paris are important due to the direct impacts that climate change has on the livelihoods of the people.

5) As PACJA and a partner of Act! under the Changieni Rasili Mali Facility, what is your involvement in the COP 21 process?

PACJA as a civil society is engaged in a number of activities to drum up support towards an agreement at COP 21, including:

- Involvement in an Africa Mobile Cycling Caravan that has supported youths cycling all the way from Mozambique to Kenya to collect petitions from all over Africa;
- Convening the Pan African Parliamentarian Summit;
- Meeting with the faith leaders, a key actor in ensuring justice on environmental actions;
- Hosting the Pre-Cop; the social cop that aims to bring the peoples voices that will be represented at the COP 21 meeting;
- Organizing a march that brought together 5000 people in the streets of Nairobi to build momentum and attention toward the Paris meeting.

Through the lens

The Royal Danish Embassy and Act! sign a new development engagement on Peace, Security and Stability in Kenya 2015-2020



Kristian Jensen, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Cooperation, Denmark giving his keynote speech during the launch of Denmark's new Country programme



The Danish Minister for Foreign Affairs Kristian Jensen hands over new partnership agreement to Anne Nyabera, the Executive Director of Act!



Ambassador Mette Knudsen, Con Omore, Programme Manager Governance and Stefan Andersson, Programme Manager Public Sector Management of Royal Danish Embassy in Kenya



Con Omore Programme Manager, Governance, Royal Danish Embassy in Kenya welcoming participants during the launch of the new programme



DANIDA staff join Act! team in celebrating the new partnership



Thomas Gichuru Executive Director, Tree is Life Trust explains how the integrated energy saving stove is used for cooking and as a source of heat for rearing chicks

Taking advantage of Climate Change

Energy Saving Stoves offer Multiple Benefits for Farmers

Climate change poses numerous challenges to most communities, but it also bears opportunities for some. In Nyandarua and Laikipia counties, Tree Is Life Trust (TILT), a Nyahururu community based organization is promoting appropriate technologies aimed at adapting to the effects of climate change. Such technologies include the use of integrated chick rearing energy saving cook stoves that have become popular among the farmers.

The integrated stove innovation is made from locally available raw materials like sticks, sand and soil and smeared with ash. The system has a feeding chamber where chicks stay through out the day and a resting chamber for the night, with the heat coming from the stove providing the chicks with much needed heat.

Rosemary Maina, a farmer in Losogwa village, Nyandarua County has installed the energy saving stove in her kitchen where she has also been rearing chicks for the last two years. "I cook while the heat gives warmth to my chicks", says Maina. "This technology has minimal costs and uses the same wood fuel used for cooking to serve the brooder. It also allows chicks to regulate themselves depending on the weather conditions.

The birds move closer to the heated chamber when it is cold and into the open space when it gets too hot", adds Maina.

Through the innovation farmers have been able to cut down on brooding costs by approximately 90 percent while reducing household wood fuel demands by two-thirds. I used to spend about

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Ms. Grace Macharia with her chicks reared from the innovation

Ksh 1,000 on firewood a month but now I only spend Ksh 400, thanks to this technology. I no longer use charcoal as a few maize cobs are enough to keep the chicks warm at night”, she adds.

According to Thomas Gichuru, the Executive Director of TILT, the innovation has helped replace the use of charcoal and paraffin in rearing chicks that was expensive to the local farmers. He notes that the technology is environmental friendly and pro-poor as farmers do not need to spend as much money and time looking for wood fuel as they did in the past.

With the increased adoption of the technology, TILT with support from Act! has embarked on ensuring that there is sufficient supply of day-old chicks through the supply of solar powered incubators. This has gone a long way in increasing the availability of the chicks while minimizing the extra cost involved in their sourcing thus boosting poultry production.

TILT has also introduced demonstration gardens that boost productivity. Other technologies promoted by TILT among the farmers include the establishment of solar drying equipment that is used to dry vegetables and other agricultural produce such as roots and tubers for use during the dry season. The solar drying equipment ensures that food produced during productive seasons is stored for use during the time of scarcity.

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Farmers at one of TILT's demonstration farm in Nyahururu

Reaping the benefits of Capacity Development;

A local trader benefits from entrepreneurship skills



Wilson Bwana at his local hotel at Busembe Beach

Wilson Bwana sits patiently on one of the fishing boats docked at Busembe Beach along the shores of Lake Victoria in Busia County, Western Kenya, waiting for fishermen to arrive with their catch. After about an hour of waiting, the first boat docks and like many of the waiting customers, Wilson, commonly known as Ojwang among the locals, smiles at the sight of the catch. "Today is a good day, you have caught many fish. I

As a beneficiary of the project, he has taken upon himself to mentor others in the village on entrepreneurship and use of energy saving stoves. Through his actions he has ensured that the knowledge he acquired sparks a ripple effect in the community for improved livelihoods.

am glad that my clients will be happy with me, as he counts the fish, 100 in total enough for his hotel business which has been booming since he acquired skills on business management, thanks to Environment Liaison Centre International (ELCI), a partner under Act!'s Changieni Rasili Mali Facility.

Ojwang' who has been in the business for more than two years now, however, says that his business has gained a new lease



Local fishermen weigh fish at Busembe Beach

of life since he joined ELCI's Empowering People Nature (EPN) network that seeks to secure the livelihoods of fishing communities in Busia and Homabay Counties.

"I am glad that my business has grown tremendously in terms of space, number of customers, service delivery and profit margins compared to previous years. As a fisherman, though not practicing regularly due to the demands from my hotel, I am proud of the results so far. I am now able to settle

a loan that I acquired to expand the business", explains Ojwang'.

Other than the entrepreneurship skills acquired from the training, Ojwang' has also embraced use of energy saving stoves both at home and at his local hotel. This he says has cut his energy usage by nearly half. Before he was made aware of the technology, he used to spend Ksh 1,500 or more in a day at the hotel but now he spends at most Ksh 700 daily. He is able to make a saving of Ksh 800, which is significant for any business.

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Local fishermen at Busembe Beach

Springing back to Life

Restoration of Chepkoibet Spring Brings Joy to the Community



Community members fetch water from the rehabilitated Chepkoibet spring

Until recently, Chepkoibet Spring, in Bomet County was not easy to access and the water flow was insufficient to meet the demands of the local community. Act! in partnership with National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCCK) South Rift Branch has helped change the situation as evident

in the clean teeming water of the restored spring. Her efforts have seen the spring protected and vegetated, and stairs developed in order to aid in accessibility to the spring.

According to Daniel Kamau, a project officer at NCCCK, one of the goals of the project was to ensure the community actively participates in conserving the remaining water springs that were on the verge of drying up by planting trees along the river beds and water points. He notes that the restoration of Chepkoibet spring is a major step in securing sources of clean drinking water for generations to come whilst serving downstream communities



Chebet fetching water from the rehabilitated spring

with sufficient water for their livestock and other agricultural activities.

A young schoolboy named Kiprotich who came to fetch water said "...now we spend less time to make a round trip to the spring when fetching water for our school. Back then, we used to come down to the spring barefoot because the path was quite muddy but this has changed. As a candidate awaiting to sit for my national examinations, I now have more time to study following the restoration of the water point," said the schoolboy.

The women are grateful for the spring protection too. Chebet, a young mother of four says that since the restoration of the spring, time spent fetching water from the water point has drastically reduced. "Now I don't have to queue for close to five hours just to fetch water for my family, it only takes a minute or so to do so", adds Chebet.

Including the reduced time now spent fetching water from the spring, the locals now admit that cases of conflicts have reduced, as they no longer need to jump the queue or fight for water.

The protection of the spring has also contributed to happy families. "Our wives now spend more time with the family as the time they would take to fetch water has significantly reduced," said Ruto, one of the men we found at the water point.

Paul Rono, the chairman of Nyangores Water Resource Users Association (WRUA) notes that during the dry season, the spring serves beneficiaries within a radius of 2 KM. Initially the spring would serve only 100 households and three schools but following its protection, the radius of service has increased to about 300 households and a total of five institutions including local dispensaries in the area.

NCCK's conservation efforts are one of the many initiatives that Act! is supporting through the Swedish and UKaid funded-Changieni Rasili Mali Facility, to ensure the capacities of water resource users are strengthened so as to take up a greater role in water management decisions at the community level.



A section of the rehabilitated Chepkoibet spring

Capacity Development Yields Real Benefits



By Fatuma Kinsi Abass, Director, PGI

Despite the usual challenges in organizational development, Pastoralist Girls Initiative (PGI) has grown into a viable entity, thanks to Act!'s capacity development support. The partnership between the two organizations began in 2013, when PGI received a grant to implement a one year project on "Resilience Building for the Vulnerable Communities in Garissa, Kenya".

When Act! initiated the process of conducting an Organizational Capacity Assessment (OCA), we were a bit skeptical of their intention. This process commenced before we had signed a contract to officially commence working with Act! hence we considered it a fact finding mission of sorts. On the contrary, during the assessment, we realized the aim of this assessment as an entry point for the Act capacity development and mentorship process. Following the signing of the contract, there was a series of engagements between Act! and PGI where Act! committed to support PGI not only in the delivery of the project but also in our growth as an institution. This was after having identified a number of areas that needed improvement that included governance

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and leadership; operational systems and services; among others.

The OCA tool was quite intense and comprehensive in identifying not only the areas of improvement but also the competence of PGI as an organization. This was a participatory process where our team went through a step by step exercise in identifying the status of PGI in various areas. Notably, the OCA revealed that our organization was at the integration stage, where most of the requisite functions are in place but are yet to solidify and become one pattern of the institution. One of the key areas that were flagged out was resource mobilization, where it took us a while to finally come to terms with the problems we were facing in our resource



Pastoralist Girls Initiative graduation assembly

We are elated to state that to date, we have been able to expand our donor pool and partnership, expanded our geographical coverage and also streamlined and focused our work system towards efficient program delivery

mobilization strategy. One of the key attributes to our challenges in resource mobilization was the lack of governance capacity on our board. This was related to the lack of a Board Manual, resulting in unstructured board operations and guidelines hindering the ability of PGI to usefully utilize the Board Members' abilities in resource mobilization. In essence, the Board Members of PGI did not understand their critical role in resource mobilization, assuming that this was the sole purview of the Executive Director

PGI has had a good working relationship critical stakeholders including the community, donors and the Government of Kenya. We acknowledged that it was important for us to maintain these relationships and engagements, and to ensure that PGI is able to stand on its own in working

towards achieving our vision. We therefore took up a number of recommendations from the OCA and notably developed a Resource Mobilization Strategy and a Strategic Plan for 2015-2019.

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It has been a long time coming, but through persistent mentorship from the Act! team, we are happy with the huge strides we have made and are confident of stepping into the future. Act! remains a remarkable partner due to the institutional strengthening support. For this we remain forever grateful.

Picture Speak



Prof. Judi Wakhungu Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Water and Natural Resources addressing participants during the “Pre-COP 21 National Stakeholders Workshop” organized by Act! partner PACJA



Act! staff during a facilitation training



Participants during the 2nd African Parliamentarian Summit on Climate Change



Youth from Kwacha Afrika entertain guests during the launch of SCORE Program in Malindi



Robert Wanjohi of Jitunze Environmental Youth Self Help Group showcasing one of the group's fish pond to Act! team during a visit to the farm



Promising Harvest! Sipion Ene Leketony, a member of Emaiyanata Self Help Group displays part of the tomato harvest from the group farm in Nguruman, Kajiado county

Picture Speak



Kilifi County Executive Committee Member Education, Youth Affairs, Culture & Social Services, Salma Muhiddin Ahmed giving her remarks during the launch of SCORE programme



Participants follow discussions during the AFSC 2015 Conference



Chris Rasugu, Grants Manager, Act! responding to questions from participants during an induction training of SCORE partners in Mombasa



The Act! team with members of Jitunze Youth Group during a field educational tour to the farm



Act! climate change partners during a farmers' field visit in Mau Narok



Participants during a Land Non State Actors meeting held in Nakuru



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