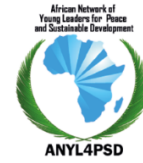




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towards Convention on
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Roadmap of African youth and civil Society engagement in the momentum building towards a strong Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. July 22, 2021

Background

Our ecosystems are at the heart of international concerns with a view to their contribution to the fight against current environmental challenges, in particular the conservation of biological diversity. They are home to a rich diversity of species, natural habitats and ecosystems. International concerns related to biodiversity are since 2020 mainly focused on the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework in accordance with the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 14) to the CBD which adopted, decision 14/34 on the preparatory process for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. They are also directed towards the preparation of the COP15 Biodiversity scheduled for October 15 to 28, 2021 in Kunming, China. In paragraph 6 of decision 14/34 cited above, the eighteenth CBD COP 14 urges Parties and invites other governments and stakeholders to “actively participate and contribute to the process of developing a robust post-2020 global biodiversity framework to foster strong buy-in to the framework to be agreed and strong support for its immediate implementation”.

In this regard, it was agreed that thematic and regional consultation workshops would be organized in order to provide a forum for discussion and to actively engage all relevant stakeholders including youth. It is in response to this openness to participation in the process of developing this new global framework on biodiversity that African Network of Young Leaders for Peace and Sustainable Development undertook to bring its contribution by mobilising African youth and civil society organisations and networks as part of the New Deal for Nature and People Coalition, led by the Pan-African platform. Several regional workshops and consultations with worldwide participation have been organised in 2020 as part of the projects: “African youth and civil society resilience initiatives Against COVID19 and pandemics”; “African youth and civil Society Green Growth Hub: from Pandemic to Sustainable Development Goals”; and “Enhancing the understanding of African youth and civil society towards biodiversity COP”. They have yielded to the production of 02 (two) position papers on COVID19 and pandemics and towards a strong post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework for a green growth resumption in Africa and in the world.

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In order to increase youth's and civil society voices and action in the implementation of these position papers, African Network of young Leaders for Peace and Sustainable Development implements this year 2021 the project "Increasing youth voice and positions in the momentum building towards a strong Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework". One of the outputs of this project being a roadmap of African youth and civil Society engagement in the momentum building towards a Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

Introduction

The humanity is causing a catastrophic loss of species and exacerbating already dangerous levels of climate change. Over the past two decades, the number of endangered species and the rate of ecosystem degradation have increased dramatically across all regions. The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) noted that approximately 1 million plants and animal species are now at risk of extinction. The decades-long failure to provide quality and meaningful climate and environmental education and civic skills to primary and secondary students worldwide has undermined the effort to solve the climate crises and other critical environmental issues while hampering efforts to build a global green economy and to create the jobs of the future. It has also impeded efforts to teach citizens the civic skills that they need to fully participate in their national, state, and local government decision-making process, undermining the rights of citizens to take action to protect themselves, their children, and the health of the planet.

Climate change is adding to and worsening the impact of biodiversity losses. Together climate change and biodiversity losses threaten the viability of crucial ecosystems in many regions of the world. Biodiversity loss equals economic loss and is thus a serious financial risk, putting pressure on our whole economic system. According to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the loss of biodiversity and destruction of ecosystems can affect financial institutions, increase operating costs and risks while affecting private sector performance. The rampant destruction of biodiversity and nature is causing significant, and in some cases irreversible, harm to our life-support systems; the air we breathe, the water we drink and even our own health, as is clear from the pandemic leaving the world in shock.

The New Deal for Nature and People Coalition led by African Network of Young Leaders for Peace and Sustainable Development welcomes the publication of the first draft of the framework as a major step towards securing a crucial global biodiversity agreement.

In October 2020, African Network of Young Leaders for Peace and Sustainable Development led Youth and civil society organizations in the drafting of a youth and civil society Position Paper towards a strong post 2020 Biodiversity Framework. In this position paper, we appreciate that the draft of the framework contains many elements necessary to a successful agreement that will reverse nature loss by 2030. We welcome the inclusion of area-based conservation and restoration targets, including a target to protect 30% of land and oceans by 2030 (incorporating inland waters), which must be conditional to a rights-based approach that secures and protects the rights of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities to their lands

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and waters, and a 2030 milestone to achieve an increase in the area of natural systems. Targets that identify and address productive sectors are important, and need to become more comprehensive and ambitious in the framework. The recognition of the significant contribution that ecosystem-based approaches can make to climate change mitigation and the mention of language in some targets reflecting a rights-based approach, plus attention for customary sustainable use and traditional knowledge are welcome. Commitments to reduce pesticides use and nutrients run-off represent an important contribution. The draft provides a basis for discussions on resource mobilisation.

However, we are disappointed that, overall, the ambition and urgency contained in the draft framework are below what is necessary to secure a nature-positive world this decade. This is at odds with the increasing number of world leaders signaling they are stepping up ambition on nature.

Objectives of the roadmap

African Youths and civil society organizations members of the New Deal for Nature and People Coalition found it necessary to elaborate a road map to increase African youth and civil Society engagement and voice in Africa’s commitment in the building of a Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. This roadmap identifies key areas of focus as part of the advocacy towards a strong post 2020 biodiversity Framework regarding recommendations drawn from African youth and civil society Position Paper. It aims at stepping up the actions of youth and civil society organization to strengthen the ambition and urgency contained in the draft framework which are below what is necessary to secure a nature-positive world this decade. It presents proposals of advocacy action on how the framework can be strengthened. The table below this section translates these, and additional suggestions, into specific text proposals for the framework. The framework must clarify how the various sectors of the economy, particularly those with high impacts on biodiversity, can engage and take collective and coordinated action to achieve a nature-positive world by 2030.

Articulations of the of the roadmap of the African youth and civil Society commitment in building a Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

Advocacies activities	Period	Responsible
Title and mission statement of the framework		
In lieu of “post-2020 global biodiversity framework”, advocate for a title for the framework that clearly communicates the overall objective of the plan: achieving a nature-positive world by 2030 and the incorporation of this same overarching goal within the 2030	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition
Advocate for a mission statement that includes a clear and measurable global goal or mission for nature, similar to the one we have for climate. The current mission is insufficiently ambitious and not measurable	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition

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<p>That mission must be able to address the current crisis of nature loss and be on course to achieve the 2050 Vision and the SDGs. So, the aim of the advocacy is to have a biodiversity framework which includes the aim to reverse the loss of biodiversity to achieve a nature-positive world by 2030. This goal would commit governments to be Nature Positive by 2030.</p>		
<p>Advocate for a reformulation of the 2030 mission for the framework that take into account many international efforts and initiatives highlighting the need to reverse nature loss by 2030 for sustainable development, such as the Leaders’ Pledge for Nature, the G7 2030 Nature Compact and the CBD documents which recognize the importance to bend the curve of nature loss by 2030.</p>	<p>July – October 2021</p>	<p>ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition</p>
<p>Goals and Milestones</p>		
<p>Advocate for speedy and deepened negotiation (including women, young people and indigenous people) focusing on defining all elements of the framework for at least 2030 (or both 2030 and 2050), namely (1) the importance to increase the milestone A.2 on species extinction which is not yet proper to halt species extinction by 2030; (2) the importance to precise in regards of Goal B on nature’s contributions to people, that a necessary condition to live in harmony with nature is to ensure that (a) all production and consumption stays within planetary boundaries and that (b) rights related with nature are respected and protected.</p>	<p>July – October 2021</p>	<p>ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition</p>
<p>Advocate for (1) a more comprehensive approach to sustainable use in goal B that must include an additional 2030 Milestone to halve the footprint of production and consumption (2) a rephrasing of Milestone B.1 on accounting for nature’s contributions to clarify that all decisions, public and private, should contribute to a nature-positive world and to adhering to the Right to a Healthy Environment.</p>	<p>July – October 2021</p>	<p>ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition</p>
<p>Advocate for more clarifications and precision at the level of Goal D on means of implementation, and its milestones, that they July be articulated in a fashion enabling them to present a holistic approach to resource mobilisation, addressing both an increase of nature positive resources and decrease of negative resources. The financial gap of USD 700 billion cannot be closed without reducing public and private financial flows that are harmful to biodiversity.</p>	<p>July – October 2021</p>	<p>ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition</p>
<p>Targets</p>		
<p><i>Reducing threats to biodiversity</i></p>		

Advocate for (1) strengthened application of spatial planning as well as sea- and land-scapes approaches and equitable governance to ensure that both existing intact and wilderness areas and lands and territories are retained; (2) the strengthening of target 1 on spatial planning by asking that Sustainable infrastructure and urban, marine and coastal development be explicitly mentioned in the framework, regarding their significant impacts and the massive amounts of investment which will go into these sectors over the next decade. Doing that will help ensure that infrastructure, marine and coastal and urban development minimizes impact on areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services, notably by applying strategic environmental impact assessment.	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition
Advocate for an increased level of advocacy of Target 2 on restoration: The level of ambition should be increased to ‘at least 50% degraded ecosystems under restoration’ to ensure that we will halt and reverse biodiversity loss and achieve the proposed milestones, including milestone A.1.	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition
Advocate for a Target 3 on protected and conserved areas, which (1) integrates freshwater and other inland water ecosystems; and the element of “equitably managed”; (2) ensures that areas governed by IPLCs are appropriately recognized and secured by respecting their Free, Prior and Informed Consent; (3) recognizes IPLCs lands and waters as a separate and additional category (as also being advocated by other civil society groups) - since IPLC lands and waters are not necessarily included in OECMs. It is important to secure the rights of IPLCs to their lands and waters but not make it conditional to a system of PA and OECMs.	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition
Advocate for more comprehensiveness of the framework with adequate level of ambition in target 4 on species extinction and insufficient coverage of marine and coastal biodiversity, including fisheries, which is a key driver of biodiversity loss.	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition
Advocate for (1) an increased and adequate ambition at Target 4 on species extinction by highlighting that species extinction is irreversible and human induced extinction should be halted immediately and therefore promote action towards the species that will need it most; (2) the improvement of the language on Human Wildlife Conflict (HWC) to avoid potential unintended consequences.	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition

Advocate for a Target 5 on legal and sustainable use which take into account the need to apply ecosystems approaches to fisheries and address demand and supply of illegally and/or unsustainably sourced wildlife products.	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition
Advocate for a Target 8 on climate change that beyond acknowledging the significant contribution that ecosystem-based approaches can make to climate change mitigation, mention expressly nature-based solutions (NbS) together with ecosystem-based approaches, while ensuring alignment with a rights-based approach as well as global standards ³ for NbS, so that they do not cause harm to biodiversity or people. This will provide an important mechanism to improve integration between solutions for climate change and biodiversity and build synergies between the CBD, UNFCCC and UNCCD.	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition
<i>Meeting people’s needs through sustainable use and benefit-sharing</i>		
Advocate for a strengthened Target 10 on food and agriculture by including 1) food systems transformation in a comprehensive manner through a specific target on food systems transformation ranging from agroecology to sustainable and healthy diets, to bring together all elements required to make food systems nature-positive by 2030. There is a need to: transform our food systems for the benefits of nature and people; apply agroecology to agriculture, and the ecosystems approach to fisheries; address post-harvest loss; ensure pollinators and soils biodiversity recover.	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition
Regarding Target 12 on health and biodiversity focus must be increased on different dimensions critical for the health and biodiversity interlinkages. Given the current situation, advocate for a strong framework that put forward the need to take action to prevent future pandemics that originate from zoonoses. This would require addressing the direct and indirect drivers of zoonoses spillover (clearly identified by science) and apply the One Health approach.	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition
<i>Tools and solutions for implementation and mainstreaming</i>		
Advocate that the Target 13 on access and benefit sharing, clarify that the right to Free, Prior and Informed Consent refers to traditional knowledge holders.	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition

Advocate for increased ambition regarding Target 15 on businesses reporting and reducing impact (if we want to reverse biodiversity loss by 2030) by avoiding all negative impacts, 2) halving the footprint of all businesses; iii) supporting nature-positive businesses by 2030; iv) ensuring that all supply chains are deforestation and conversion free, starting immediately.	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition
Advocate for a strengthened Target 16 on sustainable consumption 1) highlighting the imperative to halve the footprint of diets and that planetary and human health are aligned; 2) providing specific guidance on the overall aim of the reduction of consumption of all materials and biomass; and 3) clarifying the important role of governments to support the nature positive transition of key economic sectors and to encourage the circular economy and demand for green products.	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition
Advocate for a Target 21 on participation in decision-making that recognize the right to environmental information, public participation and justice in environmental matters and include an explicit reference to the protection of environmental human rights defenders.	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition
<i>Coastal and marine issues throughout the targets</i>		
Advocate for increased focus on marine and coastal biodiversity, including the importance of addressing critical and vulnerable marine and coastal ecosystems and habitats and appropriately addressing fisheries, which is one of the main drivers adversely impacting marine and coastal biodiversity and therefore in need of special attention.	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition
Enabling Conditions		
Advocate for the inclusion in the enabling conditions, of a clear commitment to develop and then implement inclusive national, regional and global sectoral plans of action for food and agriculture, forestry, fisheries, infrastructure, tourism, energy and mining, manufacturing and processing, health and other relevant sectors.	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition
Advocate for the settlement of a high-level leadership and whole-of-government approaches (mobilizing all the layers of the society including private sector, civil society, local governments and authorities and community leaders) to implement through and not	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition

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limited to the establishment or strengthening of multi-stakeholder and multisectoral processes .		
Advocate for (1) further guidance about how will the whole of society approach (already existing as enabling condition with the document) will be implemented, monitored and reported (2) inclusion and set up of multi-stakeholder processes and sectoral plans of action under the enabling conditions section and in the monitoring and reporting framework.	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition
Advocate for the incorporation in the framework for parties to have inclusive, participatory elaborated, implemented NBSAPs (National Biodiversity Action Plan Strategy) and approaches in data collection and access to information.	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition
Responsibility and transparency		
<i>Incorporation of an effective implementation mechanism</i>		
Advocate for enough negotiation time dedicated for (1) the full incorporation of a strong implementation mechanism within the Post 2020 Biodiversity Framework (to be adopted together with the framework) to avoid a repetition of the failure to meet the Aichi targets (2) strengthening of the draft text on responsibility and transparency needs to ensure the inclusion of an effective implementation mechanism that holds countries to account and that allows for a ratcheting of actions over time.	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition
Advocate (in the paragraph 18 precisely) for detailed implementation mechanism (taking into account the various discussions, documents and analyses released on Aichi in terms implementation) and inseparable component of the framework.	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition
Advocate for the inclusion in section J. of the document of details of the main components of a strengthened implementation mechanism, including the different steps of the implementation cycle: planning, reporting, monitoring, reviewing and ratcheting.	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition
Advocate for a strengthened implementation framework with obligations for the Parties under the Convention.	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition
Advocate that all elements necessary for the implementation of the framework should be agreed at COP15 as part of a package with the rest of the framework.	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition

Advocate for concrete connections and synergies, between the implementation of the framework, other conventions and international processes, including multilateral environmental agreements, the other Rio conventions and UNGA, ECOSOC and the SDGs processes, which are all essential to address the biodiversity and climate crises in a coherent fashion and in support of the SDGs.	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition
Advocate for alignment in planning, implementation and review between the framework and the SDGs to further ensure nature is mainstreamed in development policy-making. This will also promote policy coherence between sectors in areas such as the rights-based approach, finance sector reform, food systems transformation and the One Health approach for nature positive, and equitable outcomes.	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition
Advocate for the strengthening of synergies among conventions and other international processes	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition
<i>Addressing the drivers of nature loss and climate change</i>		
Advocate for sustainable production and consumption at global level by asking a milestone to halve the footprint of production and consumption by 2030 and targets covering all drivers, including food systems, diets and infrastructure, absent from the current draft, are needed to guide actions.	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition
<i>Addressing Societal challenges</i>		
Advocate for a post 2020 biodiversity framework that address both biodiversity and climate crisis through the inclusion of (1) the One-health approach and actions to lower the risk of future pandemics (2) equitable and rights-based Nature-based Solutions (NbS) to complement the significant contribution of ecosystem-based approaches to climate change mitigation. The framework is largely inadequate in the area of health and pandemics , despite several mentions of human health. The framework should articulate clearly that it aims to address drivers of zoonotic spillovers (that are also significant drivers of biodiversity loss) and apply the One Health approach, to reduce the risk of future pandemics.	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition
<i>Resource mobilisation for the implementation of the Post 2020 biodiversity framework</i>		
Advocate for (1) a holistic approach regarding resource mobilisation for the implementation of the biodiversity framework by asking additionally to private sources (which are included in the draft text, for the generation of additional resources), public and private financial flows in the finance sector that are harmful to	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition

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biodiversity; (2) more clarity and transparency in the estimation of harmful subsidies. The numbers yet presented in the draft text for a decrease in harmful subsidies and increase in resources are conservative estimates based on data that, although the most reliable that exists, is still fragmentary. Thus, the numbers for harmful subsidies are likely underestimated and do not represent all harmful subsidies.		
<i>A framework for all</i>		
Advocate for a deepened and consistent integration of a rights-based approach (RBA) across the document, since this is cross-cutting and consists of several elements. Each one of these elements needs to be integrated at the appropriate place at the goals, milestones and targets levels to ensure an effective RBA in the implementation of the framework.	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition
Advocate for the greening of the financial sector (economics of biodiversity) - integrating environmental issues to support the post 2020 implementation framework and enabling conditions for resilience and transformative change	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition
Advocate for the mainstreaming of dispositions pertaining to children and youth (males and females) including indigenous people and marginalized in terms of Intergenerational equity, human rights and the rights of nature, transformative education and supporting Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament.	July – October 2021	ANYL4PSD and New Deal for Nature and People Coalition

Implementation approaches

Implementation approaches at national, regional and worldwide level of this roadmap includes and are not limited to online and offline campaigns and meetings as well as creation, design and dissemination of articles, videos, memes, spots and murals on online platforms as part of the advocacy momentum towards CBD, UNCCD and the global post 2020 biodiversity framework.

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