

Q1 2026 NEWSLETTER

January – March 2026

Delivering Impact Through Climate Action, Systems & Youth Leadership



Kenya Climate Change Working Group (KCCWG)

Driving inclusive, community-led climate solutions across Kenya through policy influence, partnerships and youth leadership.

01 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The first quarter of 2026 marked a defining period of strategic growth, strengthened partnerships, and deepened community impact for the Kenya Climate Change Working Group (KCCWG). Operating at the intersection of policy, community resilience and youth leadership, KCCWG continued to advance its mandate of inclusive, locally led climate action across Kenya.

This quarter, KCCWG successfully transitioned from broad participatory engagement to structured, systems-driven programming that delivers measurable impact. Key focus areas included climate information services, digital advocacy, post-COP30 reflections, multi-thematic knowledge exchange, youth leadership, creative climate storytelling and strategic resource mobilization.

Quick Fact

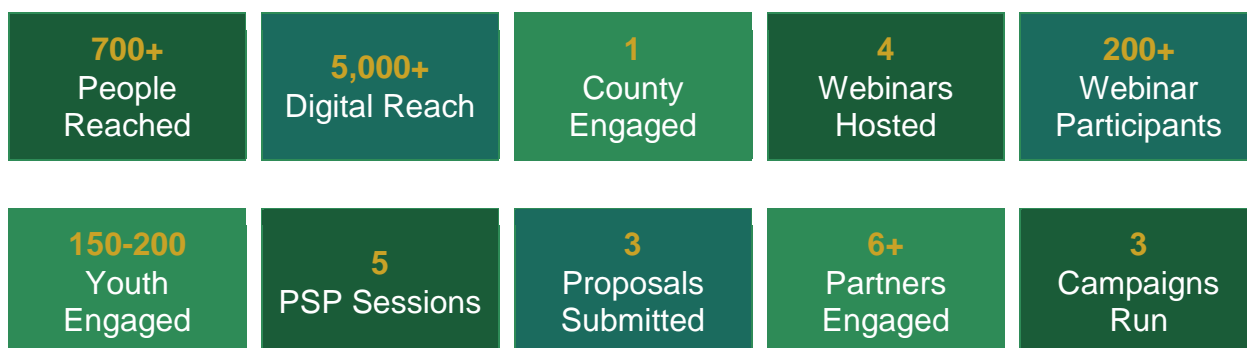
Over 80% of Kenya's rural population derives their livelihoods from climate-sensitive sectors— Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Strategy, Government of Kenya / UNDP NAP-Ag Programme

Across Kajiado county and multiple digital platforms, KCCWG reached over 700 people directly and more than 5,000 through digital channels — reinforcing its position as a key convener and thought leader in Kenya’s climate governance landscape.

“Inclusive, community-driven climate action remains our priority. Local voices — especially youth and vulnerable communities — must shape climate solutions at all levels.”

— KCCWG Secretariat.

02 QUARTER AT A GLANCE: Q1 2026 IMPACT SNAPSHOT



03 FEATURE STORY: FROM PARTICIPATION TO SYSTEMS TO IMPACT

Kajiado County CCASE Project – Climate Change & Sustainable Energy

KCCWG’s Climate Change and Sustainable Energy (CCASE) programme continued to demonstrate the transformative power of localized climate information services in Kajiado County. Through structured Participatory Scenario Planning (PSP), communities are now better equipped to navigate climate variability marking a critical shift from reactive coping to anticipatory, proactive climate management.



Above: CCASE project : Brainstorming session with the administrative ahead of the community dissemination session, Kajiado County.

The March, April and May (MAM) PSP sessions brought together farmers, pastoralists, Kajiado county government sector leads and indigenous weather forecasters to jointly interpret seasonal weather forecasts and translate them into concrete livelihood decisions. The result: communities are planting better, managing livestock more effectively and engaging in informed dialogue with county governments about climate risk.

“Before PSP, I guessed when to plant. Now I plan with the rains, not against them.” John Wambui
Smallholder farmer, Kajiado County.



Left: Community PSP field session. Right: Farmers’ training on climate-smart practices. Right : courtesy call to the Governor’s office to update on the Climate Services in the county.

Key PSP Achievements – Q1 2026

- Five PSP sector based advisories dissemination forums facilitated across the county, including Enkusero, Maparasha, Olodokilani, Matasia Social Hall, Ewaso Town Church.
- Localized climate advisories developed and disseminated at community level
- Community-informed reports produced and shared with county stakeholders
- Over 700 community members (farmers, pastoralists, youths, Persons with Disabilities and women’s groups) reached
- Increased uptake of climate-smart agricultural and pastoral practices
- County governments expressed interest in embedding PSP into formal planning processes

04 Q1 2026 THEMATIC ACTIVITIES SUMMARY

Thematic Area	Key Activity	Outcome	Scale
Climate Information	Participatory Scenario Planning (PSP)	Informed livelihood decisions by farmers & pastoralists	1 county / 700+ people
Digital & Comms	Multi-platform content campaigns	Expanded public climate narrative & KCCWG visibility	5,000+ reach / 500+ engagements
Global Policy Linkages	Post-COP30 Reflection Meeting	Strengthened civil society alignment with global commitments	National civil society network
Knowledge Exchange	Climate Nexus Webinar Series	Multi-stakeholder dialogue across 6 thematic areas	4 webinars / 200+ participants
Youth Leadership	National Youth Climate Dialogue	Youth voices documented for policy; synthesis report produced	150+ youth / 1 synthesis report
Creative Advocacy	TheClimateStage – 4th Edition	Public engagement on climate via arts & performance	Youth-led national platform
Resource Mobilization	Proposal development & partner engagement	Strengthened funding pipeline & strategic partnerships	3 proposals / 6+ partners

05 COMMUNICATION & DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT

KCCWG significantly expanded its digital footprint during Q1 2026, harnessing online platforms to amplify climate narratives, advocate for policy change and connect with a growing audience of civil society actors, government stakeholders, youth and the general public. KCCWG also has a revamped website to increase the organization’s visibility, enhance interaction and better amplify the climate change [discourse](#).



Social media content creation and digital campaign materials from Q1 2026.



KCCWG developed targeted climate education content tailored to diverse audiences and distributed it across X (Twitter), LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. This multi-platform strategy enhanced KCCWG’s positioning as a leading voice in climate advocacy and broadened the reach of critical climate narratives well beyond the organization’s traditional networks.

06 POST-COP30 ENGAGEMENT & REFLECTIONS

Following the conclusion of COP30, KCCWG took part in the planning and participation of members on the convened Post-COP30 Reflection Meeting jointly hosted by CSOs. The forum brought together civil society actors across Kenya and other African countries to unpack the outcomes of global climate negotiations and assess their implications for national and sub-national advocacy efforts.



Post-COP30 Reflection Meeting participants, Nairobi.

Key Outcomes of the Post-COP30 Reflection Meeting

- Deepened understanding of international climate negotiation outcomes among Kenya’s civil society
- Enhanced alignment between global climate commitments and Kenya’s national advocacy priorities
- Reinforced Kenya’s civil society positioning in the global climate discourse
- Identified key advocacy gaps requiring follow-up ahead of COP 31
- Strengthened coordination among KCCWG member organizations on climate policy response

07 CLIMATE NEXUS WEBINAR SERIES

KCCWG successfully delivered its Climate Nexus Webinar Series in Q1 2026, exploring critical intersections between climate change and other development sectors. The series served as a multi-stakeholder knowledge platform, bringing together experts, practitioners and community voices to advance integrated thinking on climate solutions.



THematic GROUP: YOUTH AND MARGINALIZED
DATE: 5TH FEBRUARY 2025
TIME: 10AM - 11:30AM
TITLE: FROM THE MARGINS TO THE CENTRE: YOUTH AND MARGINALISED VOICES IN KENYA'S CLIMATE ACTION

MODERATORS:
 FARDAH CHEMUTAI, YOUTH CHAIRPERSON FOR PEACE
 DENNIS KIPLAGAT, PROJECT OFFICER, KCCWG

SPEAKERS:
 SHENA BOOHARA, PROGRAMME MANAGER, YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP NETWORK
 BRICKEN BOLTON, PROGRAMME MANAGER, OF YOUTH AND ONE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
 PASKANIA EYUNGA, PROGRAMME MANAGER, COMMUNITY BASED DEVELOPMENT

MONTHLY KCCWG WEBINAR - FEBRUARY SERIES
CLIMATE CHANGE AS A THREAT MULTIPLIER: THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN STRENGTHENING CONFLICT PREVENTION AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION
25TH FEB 2025
10:00 - 11:30AM

GUEST SPEAKER:
 JOHN KIOU, COORDINATOR, NATIONAL DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENT

SPEAKERS:
 MARGARET OCHIENG, DIRECTOR GENERAL, NATIONAL DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENT
 ALVINNA KAMAU, CLIMATE JUSTICE COORDINATOR, YOUTH CLIMATE MOVEMENT KENYA

MODERATOR:
 DENNIS KIPLAGAT, PROJECT OFFICER, KCCWG

COMMUNITY FIRST! DRIVING CLIMATE RESILIENCE FROM THE GROUND UP
MONTHLY KCCWG WEBINAR SERIES
THEMATIC AREA: ADAPTATION
DATE: 5TH MARCH 2026
URATION: 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES
TIME: 10AM - 11:30AM
PLATFORM: ZOOM

GUEST SPEAKERS:
 JOHN KIOU, COORDINATOR, NATIONAL DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENT
 AMEN KHAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT PANEL, NATIONAL GOV. AND DIRECTOR OF THE IMPROVED LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMME FOR RURAL KENYA
 FARDAH CHEMUTAI, HEAD OF COMMUNITY NETWORKS
 DENNIS KIPLAGAT, PROJECT OFFICER, KCCWG

MODERATORS:
 MARY MUTINE, PROGRAMME MANAGER, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION
 MORGAN OLSAIC, REGIONAL COORDINATOR, KCCWG
 JOHANN MAURITZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

MDB PROJECT
TITLE: FROM POLICY TO POWER: KENYA'S ENERGY COMPACT AND THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN RENEWABLE ENERGY
DATE: 5TH MARCH 2026
TIME: 10:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. E.A.T

MODERATOR:
 DENNIS KIPLAGAT, PROJECT OFFICER, KCCWG

SPEAKERS:
 ELIZABETH MARIKA, LEGAL COUNSEL, KACCWG
 JACQUELINE KIMANI, DIRECTOR, KENYA NATIONAL COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL GOVERNANCE
 PATRICIA AMBROSE, KACCWG
 BENSON WANI, DIRECTOR, KENYA NATIONAL COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL GOVERNANCE

Climate Nexus Webinar Series – screenshots from webinar sessions Q1 2026.

#	Theme	Key Discussion Points	Outcome
1	Climate & Energy Access	Linkages between renewable energy transition and community resilience; addressing energy poverty in climate-vulnerable areas	Strengthened cross-sector policy dialogue
2	Climate & Gender	Gender-differentiated climate impacts; women's leadership in adaptation; equity in climate finance access	Amplified gender-climate nexus advocacy
3	Climate & Food Security	Impacts on agricultural systems; climate-smart agriculture pathways; regional food system resilience strategies	Improved stakeholder knowledge on adaptation options
4	Climate & Security	Climate-conflict linkages; resource tensions in ASALs; peacebuilding and climate adaptation convergence	Enhanced multi-sector coordination on climate security

Across four webinars, KCCWG engaged over 200 participants spanning civil society, government, academia and the private sector. Thematic coverage extended across six intersecting domains, fostering new connections and contributing to a more integrated approach to climate advocacy in Kenya.

Roundtables & Multi-Stakeholder Meetings







Stakeholder roundtables, community meetings, and convening sessions – Q1 2026.

08 YOUTH ENGAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP

Youth leadership remains central to KCCWG’s climate agenda. In Q1 2026, KCCWG advanced the National Youth Climate Dialogue as a structured platform for amplifying youth voices in Kenya’s climate policy processes. Recognizing youth not merely as beneficiaries but as active agents of climate change solutions, KCCWG invested in both capacity strengthening and advocacy infrastructure for young climate champions. KIUESA team playing an awesome role when it comes to connecting with the institutions and climate works.

Youth Programme Highlights – Q1 2026

- Advanced the National Youth Climate Dialogue with structured engagement sessions
- Documented youth perspectives and experiences on climate vulnerability for policy engagement
- Strengthened youth-led advocacy platforms and peer networks
- Engaged 150+ youth across programme counties
- Contributed to one synthesis report consolidating youth voices for policy audiences (YOUTH MANIFESTO)
- Amplified youth-led climate solutions and storytelling through #TheClimateStage
- Created linkages between youth advocates and national climate governance structures



The synthesis report produced from the Youth Climate Dialogues has been positioned for uptake by national policy forums, ensuring that youth insights inform Kenya's evolving climate policy framework. KCCWG's youth programme is increasingly recognized as a model for meaningful, structured youth engagement in climate governance.

09 THECLIMATESTAGE — EDITION

TheClimateStage, KCCWG's flagship creative climate advocacy platform, continued its Edition in Q1 2026. The platform uses performance arts including theatre, spoken word, music and visual art as powerful tools for communicating climate realities and inspiring community action.

Edition – Key Impact

- Increased public engagement on climate change through accessible, culturally resonant arts
- Amplified youth-led creative expression on climate vulnerability and adaptation
- Strengthened the intersection of art, culture and climate advocacy in Kenya
- Served as an inclusive platform for communities often excluded from formal climate spaces
- Generated compelling climate narratives shared across KCCWG's digital channels

#TheClimateStage has emerged as a powerful complement to KCCWG's technical and policy work humanizing climate data, reaching audiences beyond traditional advocacy spaces and creating community ownership of climate narratives. Planning for the 4th Edition is underway for H2 2026.

10 PARTNERSHIPS & RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

Q1 2026 saw significant progress in KCCWG's efforts to diversify its funding base and deepen strategic partnerships. Through proactive proposal development and targeted partner engagement, KCCWG has laid the groundwork for a stronger, more resilient programming pipeline.



Partnership engagement and stakeholder collaboration session – Q1 2026.

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Proposals Submitted

6+

Partners Actively Engaged

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Partnership Highlights

- Three strategic proposals submitted to key development partners
- Expression of Interest submitted to AMREF for community health-climate programming
- Six or more partners actively engaged across thematic programme areas
- Strategic engagements initiated with new civil society and government partners
- Strengthened funding pipeline expected to yield commitments in Q2 2026

11 MARK YOUR CALENDAR: UPCOMING EVENTS Q2 2026

KCCWG is scaling climate resilience, strengthening youth policy influence, expanding partnerships and growing digital advocacy in Q2 2026. The following events are open to partners, stakeholders and community members.

Date	Event	Focus	Contact / Partners
30th Apr 2026	Webinar: Technology for Climate Justice	Equity, access & inclusion in climate technologies	info@kccwg.org /
May 2026 (TBD)	Youth & Climate Policy Engagement	Empowering youth voices in policy spaces (Digital knowledge sharing)	SPAC, KIUESA, KCCWG
Jun 2026 (TBD)	PICSA Training (Virtual)	Practical tools for community-level climate decision-making	info@kccwg.org /
Jul 2026 (TBD)	Multi-Stakeholder Partnership Forum	Strengthening cross-sector collaboration and resource alignment	Multiple Partners
MAY-JULY (TBD)	#THECLIMATE STAGE EDITION	Strengthened the intersection of art, culture and climate advocacy in Kenya	Multiple Partners

For registration and programme details, contact the Secretariat at info@kccwg.org , or visit www.kccwg.org.

12 ABOUT KCCWG

The Kenya Climate Change Working Group (KCCWG) Secretariat is a national platform established to advance climate justice, locally led adaptation and community resilience across Kenya. KCCWG brings together civil society organizations, government agencies, research institutions and communities to strengthen coordination, amplify local voices, influence climate policy and practice at sub-national, national and global levels.

Our Core Functions

- Coordination: Convening civil society and partners around shared climate priorities
- Advocacy: Influencing climate policy at county, national and international levels
- Community Resilience: Supporting locally led adaptation and climate-smart livelihoods
- Knowledge Management: Generating and sharing evidence on Kenya's climate challenges
- Youth Leadership: Nurturing the next generation of climate champions



KCCWG organizational structure.

13 MEET THE TEAM

Comm. John Kioli
Chairperson

Ms. Elizabeth Wanja
Coordinator

Mr. Denis Kiplagat
Project Officer

Ms. Faridah Chemutai
Youth Coordinator & Communications

Ms. Mercy Nduva
Accountant

Ms. Rose Wawira
Administrator

14 CLOSING REMARKS

Q1 2026 demonstrated KCCWG's continued capacity to deliver structured, impactful and inclusive climate programming across Kenya. From the grassroots PSP sessions in Kajiado to the national-level Climate Nexus Webinar Series, KCCWG is bridging the gap between community experience and policy decision-making.

As we look ahead to Q2 2026, KCCWG remains committed to deepening its community reach, strengthening its youth programmes and advancing Kenya's standing in global climate governance. The upcoming Technology for Climate Justice Webinar, Youth & Climate Policy Engagement and Multi-Stakeholder Partnership Forum represent exciting opportunities to build on the strong momentum of Q1.

"We believe that genuine climate action must be led by the communities who feel its impacts most. Our work is a testament to what is possible when local voices are placed at the center of global agendas."

— KCCWG Secretariat

We extend our sincere gratitude to all partners, members, youth advocates, community participants and donors who contributed to KCCWG's work in Q1 2026. Together, we are building a more climate-resilient Kenya.



15 STAY CONNECTED & GET INVOLVED

How to Engage with KCCWG

- **Subscribe:** Sign up to receive our newsletter and updates directly in your inbox at www.kccwg.org
- **Share:** Forward this newsletter to colleagues and networks to amplify climate advocacy
- **Engage:** Join the conversation online and contribute your perspectives on climate action
- **Partner:** Reach out to explore collaboration, co-programming, or resource mobilization opportunities
- **Attend:** Participate in our Q2 2026 events — webinars, dialogues, and forums open to all

Feedback & Suggestions

We value your insights! Share your feedback, ideas, and suggestions to help strengthen our collective climate action. Your voice matters in shaping inclusive, community-driven solutions.

Get in touch: info@kccwg.org

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