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PREAMBLE

We, the participants of the National People's Summit on Climate Justice, comprising representatives of Government Ministries and Agencies, Legislature, Civil Society Organizations, rural women farmers, youth movements, private sector actors, academia, media, regional institutions, and development partners, convened from December 15–16, 2025, under the theme *“Just Transition; Scaling Agroecology, Clean Energy, People-Driven Climate Finance and Sustainable Solutions for Liberia.”*

Recalling the outcomes and commitments of the 2024 National Stakeholder Summit on Climate Justice, and acknowledging the progress made since then particularly increased government engagement on agroecology, climate finance, domestic resource mobilization, and inclusive NDC processes we reaffirm the urgency of advancing climate justice, equity, and people-centered development in Liberia.

Recognizing that Liberia contributes minimally to global greenhouse gas emissions yet bears disproportionate climate impacts, including flooding, coastal erosion, food insecurity, land degradation, and climate-induced displacement, we emphasize that climate action must be grounded in justice, inclusion, and accountability.

Acknowledging the outcomes of COP30, and Liberia's commitments under NDC 3.0, the CAADP framework, and regional ECOWAS processes, we stress the imperative of translating global and national commitments into tangible benefits for communities, particularly women, youth, smallholder farmers, and marginalized groups.

Whereas, agriculture contributes approximately 36% of Liberia's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and employs over 60% of the population, yet the sector remains highly vulnerable to climate shocks, including erratic rainfall, flooding, rising temperatures, and land degradation. Despite strong evidence that agroecology can increase yields by 20–60% in smallholder systems, improve soil fertility, enhance biodiversity, and strengthen food sovereignty, it continues to be under-prioritized in national investment and policy frameworks. Instead, industrial agriculture, extractive-led development models, and large-scale concessions persist, often resulting in land

dispossession, deforestation, environmental degradation, and loss of livelihoods for rural communities, particularly women and smallholder farmers.

Whereas, the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Biennial Review Process, while intended as a continental accountability mechanism, lacks adequate gender- and youth-responsive indicators, thereby limiting meaningful participation of women and young people in agricultural policy formulation, financing decisions, and implementation oversight. Liberia has not consistently met the AU commitment to allocate at least 10% of the national budget to agriculture, constraining the scale-up of climate-resilient and inclusive agricultural transformation and undermining progress toward food security and rural economic empowerment.

Whereas, climate finance remains grossly insufficient, inaccessible, and poorly localized, with Africa receiving less than 5% of global climate finance, and only a fraction reaching community-based, women-led, and youth-driven initiatives. In Liberia, most climate finance is channeled through centralized or international mechanisms, with limited direct access for local actors, despite evidence that locally led adaptation can be up to 50% more effective and cost-efficient. This financing gap continues to hinder investments in agroecology, renewable energy, disaster preparedness, and green livelihoods.

Whereas, renewable energy and green jobs remain significantly underdeveloped in Liberia, despite the country's vast renewable energy potential and urgent need to address energy poverty, with less than 30% national electricity access and far lower access in rural areas. Youth unemployment and underemployment remain high, yet green jobs in climate-smart agriculture, renewable energy, ecosystem restoration, and sustainable enterprises are not being systematically prioritized through policy, financing, or skills development. Decentralized and community-based renewable energy models, which have proven effective in expanding access and creating local employment, remain inadequately supported.

Whereas, climate-induced disasters—including flooding, coastal erosion, storms, and displacement—are increasing in frequency and intensity, disproportionately affecting coastal and rural communities. These shocks continue to expose critical gaps in national preparedness, early warning systems, disaster financing, institutional coordination, and implementation of the humanitarian–development–climate nexus. Women, children, youth, persons with disabilities, and informal workers remain the most affected, with limited access to timely response, recovery support, and long-term resilience-building interventions.

Whereas, women and youth who constitute the majority of smallholder farmers and climate-affected populations continue to face systemic barriers to land ownership and control, access to finance, decision-making spaces, and policy influence. Women globally account for approximately

70% of people living in poverty and perform over 75% of unpaid care and subsistence agricultural work, yet own less than 15% of agricultural land. In Liberia, these inequalities undermine inclusive climate action, weaken just transition pathways, and limit the country's ability to achieve equitable, sustainable, and people-centered development.

CALL TO ACTION & COMMITMENTS

We therefore collectively commit and call upon the Government of Liberia, the Legislature, Development Partners, Civil Society Organizations, the Private Sector, and Regional Bodies to take the following concrete, time-bound, and people-centered actions to advance climate justice, just transition, and sustainable development in Liberia:

1. Scaling Agroecology & Transforming Agriculture

We call for a decisive shift toward agroecology as a cornerstone of Liberia's agricultural transformation, climate adaptation, and food sovereignty agenda. To this end, we commit to:

- Recognizing agroecology as a national development priority, embedded within agricultural, climate, nutrition, land, and food systems policies as a proven pathway to resilience, biodiversity protection, and inclusive rural livelihoods.
- Increasing public investment and budgetary allocations for agroecological practices, including farmer-led research, extension and advisory services, soil regeneration, water conservation, diversified cropping systems, and locally adapted seed systems, with targeted support to women and youth smallholder farmers.
- Protecting and securing land rights, particularly for women, youth, and customary landholders, by strengthening land governance, enforcing existing land laws, and preventing land grabbing and displacement linked to large-scale agricultural, extractive, and infrastructure investments.
- Aligning agroecology programming with CAADP commitments, ensuring that agricultural investments contribute to climate resilience, social inclusion, and long-term sustainability rather than short-term productivity gains alone.

2. Strengthening CAADP Accountability & Inclusion

To ensure inclusive and accountable agricultural transformation, we call for reforms that place people at the center of CAADP implementation, including:

- Reforming the CAADP Biennial Review Process to incorporate gender-responsive, youth-specific, and climate-sensitive indicators at national and sub-regional levels, reflecting the realities of smallholder farmers and marginalized groups.

- Institutionalizing meaningful participation of civil society organizations, women's movements, youth networks, and farmer associations in CAADP planning, monitoring, validation, and reporting processes.
- Adopting and piloting a complementary, people-centered CAADP scorecard, developed collaboratively with non-state actors, to enhance transparency, community accountability, and evidence-based advocacy at national and regional levels.

3. People-Driven Climate Finance

Recognizing that climate justice cannot be achieved without equitable financing, we commit to advancing accessible, transparent, and locally led climate finance, by:

- Establishing inclusive climate finance mechanisms that channel resources directly to frontline communities, women-led organizations, youth-driven enterprises, and grassroots adaptation initiatives.
- Improving transparency, coordination, and accountability in climate finance governance, including domestic resource mobilization, public budget tracking, and the effective utilization of international climate funds.
- Aligning climate finance priorities with agroecology, renewable energy, disaster risk reduction, climate-resilient livelihoods, and green job creation, ensuring investments respond to community-identified needs.

4. Just Energy Transition & Green Jobs

To address energy poverty, unemployment, and climate mitigation, we commit to accelerating a just, inclusive, and people-centered energy transition, including:

- Scaling up renewable energy deployment, particularly decentralized, off-grid, and community-based solutions that expand access for rural and underserved communities.
- Investing in green jobs and skills development for women and youth across climate-resilient agriculture, renewable energy, waste management, sustainable value chains, and ecosystem restoration.
- Ensuring Liberia's Just Energy Transition policies are rights-based, gender-responsive, and aligned with national development priorities, climate commitments, and social protection frameworks.

5. Climate-Induced Disaster Preparedness & Response

In response to escalating climate shocks, we call for strengthened resilience and protection systems by:

- Enhancing national and community-level disaster preparedness, including early warning systems, climate risk mapping, contingency planning, and pre-positioned response financing.
- Adopting a quadruple humanitarian approach that integrates prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery within broader climate adaptation and development strategies.
- Ensuring disaster risk management systems are gender-responsive, youth-inclusive, disability-inclusive, and community-led, recognizing local knowledge as a critical asset for resilience.

6. Implementing COP30 Outcomes

To ensure global commitments translate into local impact, we commit to:

- Domesticating and operationalizing COP30 outcomes through concrete national actions aligned with Liberia's NDC 3.0, prioritizing adaptation, loss and damage, and climate justice.
- Guaranteeing the participation of women, youth, and frontline communities in post-COP planning, financing, and implementation processes.
- Strengthening regional and Pan-African solidarity, including engagement with ECOWAS, MRU, and African civil society platforms, to amplify Liberia's voice and negotiating power in future climate processes.

WAY FORWARD

We collectively commit to:

- Sustaining multi-stakeholder dialogue, movement-building, and coalition strengthening beyond the Summit.
- Monitoring, tracking, and publicly reporting progress on the commitments outlined in this Communiqué.
- Using this Communiqué as a shared advocacy tool at national, regional, and international levels to advance climate justice, just transition, and people-centered development for Liberia.

ADOPTION

This Communiqué was read, validated, and adopted by participants of the National People's Summit on Climate Justice on December 16, 2025, in Liberia.

Signed on behalf of State and Non-State Actors, Women, Youth, Farmers, and Communities of Liberia.

- ActionAid Liberia
- National Civil Society Council of Liberia
- CAADP NSA Platform,
- ROPPA
- Multi Actors Platform (MAP Liberia)
- Federation of Liberian Youth
- Rural Women Structure of
- Rural Women Farmers Forum
- Rights and Rice Foundation
- ECOWAS & Mano River Youth Institutions
- ACTIVISTA
- Women NGO Secretariat of Liberia
- NGO Coalition
- Liberian Student Union of Liberia
- Mano River Youth Parliament
- Renewable Energy Networks
- Forest Management Collations
- Women and Youth Social Enterprises
- Young Farmers Associations
- National Alliance of Climate and Climate and Environmental NGOs
- Sustainable Development Institute
- Agroecology and Climate Justice Coalitions, Networks and Alliances.
- Liberian Youth Biodiversity Network
- Center for Youth Civic Leadership and Environmental Studies
- Youth Go Green Network
- Women Agriculture for Sustainable Development
- Liberian Youth for Climate Action
- Liberia Feminist Forum
- Youth Bridge Inc.
- Female Journalist of Liberia
- Her Voice Liberia
- Eco Climate Initiative (ECI)
- Foundation for Community Initiatives
- Women Famers Alliance
- Organization for Women and Children
- Natural Resource Women Platform (NRWP)
- Liberian Youth Biodiversity Network
- Liberian Youth and Civil Society Environmental Secretariat
- Alliance for Rural Democracy (ARD)

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- Community Empowerment and Innovation in Agriculture Cooperative Society.
- Consortium of indigenous people and local community
- Liberia Rural Women Organization for Climate Action
- Rural Integrated Center for Community Empowerment
- National Coalition Against Harmful Practices
- Shana foods Production
- Fefe's Coco-Fresh
- Climate and Environmental Protection Initiative of Liberia (CEPIL)
- Youth Humanitarian Movement-YHM
- Organization for Women Empowerment (OWE)
- Liberian Women Empowerment Network
- Society of Women Engineers of Liberia
- Women Care Initiative (WOCI)
- Foundation for Community Initiatives