

THE NAIROBI SUMMER SCHOOL ON CLIMATE JUSTICE (NSSCJ) 2023



THEME: CONNECTING IDEAS AND SHAPING NARRATIVES FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS



The call for applications for the Nairobi Summer School on Climate Justice (NSSCJ) Cohort 3, 2023 is now open. [Application form.](#)

The Nairobi Summer School on Climate Justice invites eligible applicants from diverse fields to apply for a two (2)-week long NSSCJ that will take place from July 3 to 14 July 2023 at Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya. Target applicants include climate advocates, activists, and campaigners, policy makers, grassroots community leaders, academia, climate scientists, researchers, smallholder producers' organisations and trade union members, and leaders of Civil Society Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, Faith-Based Organizations, Community Based Organizations, Self Help Groups, youth groups, women's groups and all others with a passion to address the most profound challenge society has ever faced.

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SCHOOL COHORT 3

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About Us

NSSCJ is an initiative pioneered by the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA), and is currently co-coordinated with Kenyatta University based in Nairobi, Kenya. The School is designed to provide a timely opportunity for long-standing scholar-activists, community-based scholars and the younger generation of climate justice advocates as well as practitioners from the Global South and North. Summer school participants share experiences, exchange perspectives and collectively reflect on just, equitable and inclusive pathways to a low-carbon, climate-resilient development trajectory using modules that are designed in practical and uncomplicated ways. NSSCJ is conceptualized as an intergenerational platform to share, learn and network on disruptive ideas that are needed to catalyze economy-wide transformation in a climate-catastrophic world. The school adopts a society-wide focus, targeting sectoral and thematic experts and frontline activists irrespective of formal education and cultural backgrounds.

Climate Justice (CJ) is a central concept in the training programme of the NSSCJ. CJ is a concept that addresses the ethical dimensions of global warming and poses tough questions to the dominant mode of policy making and practice. CJ incorporates equality, human rights, collective rights, the rights of nature, and the historical responsibilities for the climate crisis. It is a philosophy designed not only to ensure emissions cuts (including leaving fossil fuels underground), but to ask who bears the burden and how Just Transitions can be achieved. CJ questions the current power relations associated with race, gender, class, generational and North South biases. The NSSCJ is designed as a continuous learning process since graduates undertake to extend outreach into their respective localities by initiating creative communal action to solve immediate local-level challenges that they consider detrimental to climate justice. This "bottom-up", "from-below" approach is vital for effective grassroots organizing, and in turn has awakened consciousness about humans living interdependently with nature. The role of young people and community scholars is the most vital for thorough-going socio-economic transformation.

Climate Justice Education, thus, becomes ever more urgent, and the NSSCJ is ever more relevant for popular movements that are climate literate and capable of interpreting the changes they observe as climate challenges become overwhelming. Since the school's inception in the midst of Covid-19 in 2020, the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance has successfully delivered two NSSCJ cohorts, with more than 900 alumni. The school offers tailor-made course modules developed by outstanding scholars, experts, researchers and community scholars and activists from both the South and North. The School has secured its leading role in setting Africa's climate policy discourse and intervention strategy courtesy of its growing and influential Alumni network of vibrant climate specialists.

The NSSCJ Alumni network, constituting young people drawn from all over Africa, illustrates a successful mobilization that in turn feeds into country-based advocacy platforms, Africa-wide advocacy and into the UNFCCC and related processes. The ever-expanding reach through this network has motivated an energized growing climate justice movement, broadened engagement in overall climate discourse processes and increased awareness of the climate crisis.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the NSSCJ is to awaken, equip, and inspire a new generation of actors in Africa and globally to address the question of climate justice, including intra and intergenerational equity.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To enhance the capacity of Africans and our allies to advance climate justice perspectives through local, national, sub-national, regional and global interventions.

LANGUAGES

The course will be conducted in English and French



MODE OF DELIVERY AND SCHOOL STRUCTURE

The Nairobi Summer School on Climate Justice will be delivered in various blended learning approaches including lectures, presentation, case studies, audio-visual media, facilitated discussions, group exercises and field visits. There will be online transmission via zoom for shortlisted virtual applicants.

NSSCJ is structured to have:

i) An online pre-training session: All successful applicants will be invited to sessions where a pre-training survey on participants expectations will be conducted. In this session an introduction on the summer school content and programme as well as the logistical arrangement for the in-person training will be done. The session will further prepare the applicants to explore the climatic situations and experiences in their local areas for better application of these insights during the in-person training and to help them develop realistic locally led climate actions and solutions to identified situations;

ii) In person training session: The shortlisted participants that will successfully have completed the online pre-training session, will qualify to attend the intense 12 days physical in-person training from July 3rd to 14th, 2023 at Kenyatta University Nairobi, Kenya.

iii) Post training sessions: NSSCJ will organize networking sessions to bring together the NSSCJ alumni to continue connecting and growing the climate justice movement. The sessions will provide an opportunity for cross-sharing of the different locally-led initiatives by the alumni in their various countries. Further skills-based training such as how to develop and write climate action plans, reports, stories of change and articles.

CERTIFICATION

Certificates will be issued to participants that will successfully complete the training.

COSTS AND SCHOLARSHIP

There are limited scholarships which will be awarded competitively.

Costs for 2 Weeks In-Person Training

- International applicants training (return economy ticket, visa fee, accommodation, conference package, meals and certificate)- USD 3500,
- Local Kenyan applicants: (accommodation, conference package, meal and certificate) - USD 2500

Costs for 2 Weeks Virtual Training
Virtual applicants: (tuition fee and certificates) – USD 300

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Have an O level certificate or the equivalent high school matriculation
- Be between 18-35 years at the time of application
- Have fluency in English and/or French languages; and
- Have a valid passport (for non-Kenyan applicants).



WHO CAN ATTEND

- Climate advocates activists, and campaigners
- Policy makers
- Grassroots community leaders Academia
- Climate scientists
- Researchers
- Smallholder producers' organisations and trade union members
- Leaders of Civil Society Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, Faith-Based Organizations, Community Based Organizations
- Self Help Groups
- Youth groups
- Women's groups.

DEADLINES

Registration for the summer school is now open. The deadline for the application is 11:00 (PM) EAT on Friday, April 21, 2023. Successful applicants will be notified by Friday May 19, 2023.

MODULES

01

Module 1: Introduction to Climate Change and Climate Crisis

This module will introduce learners to the concepts of climate change, its causes, impacts and appropriate adaptation and mitigation strategies. It will cover the core debates that address myths peddled by climate change denialists and anti-environmentalism, as well as evolutions and distinctions between climate action and climate justice.

03

Module 3: Critical Climate Justice Issues for the Global South:

This module will equip learners with knowledge of justice issues associated with the climate crisis, especially among communities at the frontline of climate change, and explore what climate justice might mean from an African perspective and how it might be achieved at different scales.

02

Module 2: International Efforts to Address the Climate Crisis:

This module will introduce the learners to the main international efforts underway to address the climate crisis covering. It will assess the history of international climate policy and multilateral processes; the specific evolution of the UNFCCC; international climate change interventions within the broader environmental movement, including activists' most important international solidarity campaigns.

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Module 4: Emerging and Contested Issues in Climate Justice:

This module will enhance the understanding of learners about emerging issues relating to climate justice.

MODULES

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Module 5: Climate Justice Advocacy and Communication:

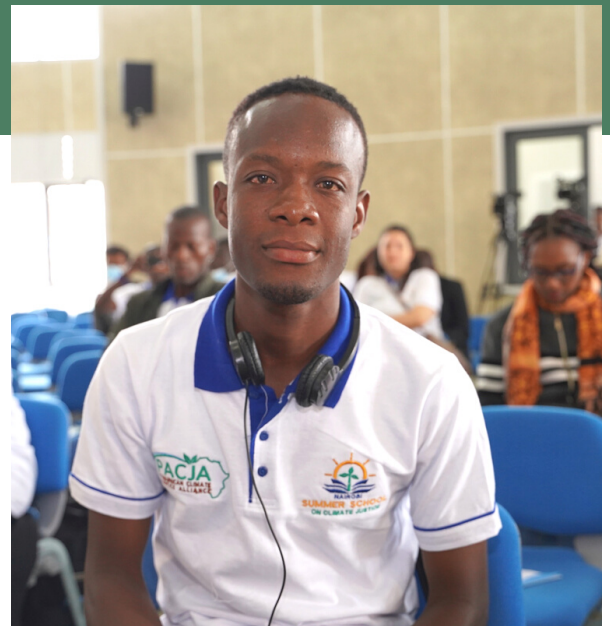
This module aims to strengthen the learners' capacities for building the climate justice movement, especially from the Global South, and especially to implement successful advocacy strategies.



06

Module 6: Thematic Parallel Streams:

This module will take a deep dive on key thematic climate Justice Issues including Just transition and energy access; Climate justice, adaptation and resilience building, with a focus on agriculture and water; Climate Justice and gender; Climate Justice and faith; Climate Justice and Health; Climate Justice issues within cities and local authorities; Climate security (migration/conflict/over resources, natural disasters); and Human and environmental rights.



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