



The Africa Center Newsletter

Hi everyone! We hope you all had a restful break over the Thanksgiving holiday. Read on to learn about some of the things we're reading, watching, and attending to stay up to date on social, environmental, and sustainability issues in Africa!

ATTEND

Eye on Africa Guest Lecture Series: Bruce Hewitson

THE AFRICA CENTER'S EYE ON AFRICA LECTURE SERIES

BRINGING SOCIETY INTO CLIMATE SCIENCE AND THE SHIFTING POWER RELATIONSHIPS
with Dr. Bruce Hewitson

South African National Research Chair on Climate Change & Director of the Climate System Analysis Group (CSAG), University of Cape Town

NOVEMBER 30, 4PM
LSC ROOM 300
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

With "dangerous climate change" looking increasingly unavoidable, coupled with the high vulnerability of Africa to climate impacts, there is a new urgency to develop policy and action to manage climate risk at the decision scale. This places a spotlight on the modalities of research such as the necessity for trans-disciplinary collaboration and the role of ethics and values in a heterogeneous landscape. Dr. Hewitson addresses three changes that are emerging in the nature of science-society interactions acknowledging that new approaches are needed which incorporate the value of experiential learning and bottom-up transdisciplinary collaboration.



African ceramics installed on CSU campus

Executive Committee member Dr. Dave Riep recently oversaw the development and installation of two on-campus displays featuring vessels from the Gregory Allicar Museum of Art's collections of African ceramics. The displays were curated by art students Ella Rupp and Claire Paquette, and are **located outside of the Main Office in the Visual Arts building, and in the CLA Main Office in Clark**. The Allicar Museum is currently planning additional displays across campus. The Gregory Allicar Museum of Art at Colorado State University has one of the largest and most significant collections of African ceramics outside of the African continent.

This Wednesday (11/30) at 4pm in Lory Student Center Room 300, join the Africa Center in welcoming Bruce Hewitson. His lecture, titled "Bringing Society into Climate Science and the Shifting Power Relationships," will discuss the new urgency to develop policy and action to manage climate risk at the decision scale.

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LEARN

Africa's Conservation Leaders Forge a Path for the Future of Grassroots Conservation at Tusk Roundtable, Attended by the Prince of Wales

Following the 2022 Tusk Conservation Awards held on November 1, pan-African leaders gathered at St. James Palace to collaborate, develop knowledge and devise plans to tackle the most pressing issues facing grassroots conservation projects today. The delegates discussed innovative strategies to catalyze the growth of community-led conservation projects across Africa, with a focus on three core initiatives: a new Tusk Conservation Award to recognize groups making significant conservation impact; a pan-African wildlife ranger mentorship program to promote the development of the profession; and a collaborative for change consisting of Tusk Conservation Awards alumni to pool their knowledge and influence change.

Read more [HERE](#)

COP27: Sustainable Business Can Drive Economic Prosperity In Southern Africa

The 27th UN Climate Change Conference of Parties (COP27) was held in Egypt this year, raising some interesting questions about the relevancy of sustainable business to African organizations and communities. Many people in this region view sustainability as an exported Western and European problem, created elsewhere but unfairly burdening Africa, which has contributed far less to climate change. While aware of ESG mandates, people often see their daily survival as a more immediate concern – and rightly so. However, according to Cyril Rathogwa, senior solution advisor for procurement at SAP Africa, "organizations don't have to prioritize sustainability against organizational growth and profitability. Sustainable business will drive economic prosperity."

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LISTEN

Field Notes - Monica O'Reilly

Africa Climate Conversations: Lack of conservation values killing



In this month's installment of Field Notes, we talk to Monica O'Reilly, a Masters student in the Public Policy and Administration program concentrating in International Policy and Management. After receiving her Bachelors in zoology, Monica quickly realized that public policy and administration is at the forefront of social and environmental change, leading her to CSU. We chat about her internship with the [Global Livingston Institute \(GLI\)](#), her interest in decolonizing development, and her hopes to travel to Uganda this January for an immersion trip with GLI focused on best practices in community development.

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Kenya's Oloolua forest

Forests and savannas provide a wide variety of ecosystem services. They provide food and fuel. Additionally, they clean the air, filter water, and control floods, and erosion, while sustaining biodiversity. However, over the years human beings have plundered the earth, prioritizing development needs over the environment. Kenya's Oloolua forest an urban forest located about half an hour's drive from Kenya's international airport has seen years of plunder as Nairobi residents quarried stones in the quest to develop the city. As climate change bites, how has Oloolua forest's biodiversity changed? How has the once cooler neighborhood changed? What are the communities doing to protect the remaining forest? The Africa Climate Conversations podcast welcomes Christopher Muriithi, chairman of the Oloolua Community Forest Association, to discuss.

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WATCH

Climate-Smart Senegal | Live from Dakar | 1 December

On **December 1 at 9:00 GMT**, join Accelerating Impacts of CGIAR Climate Research for Africa (AICCRA) for "Climate-Smart Senegal: How to scale innovation in crop-livestock systems for resilient farmers." This public forum in Senegal will showcase AICCRA projects in Senegal, led by the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI).



Watch the video [HERE](#)

Securing land rights for women in Africa supports reforestation efforts

Honored as a 2022 Champion of the Earth, Cécile Bibiane Ndjebet is a tireless advocate for the rights of women in

Africa to secure land tenure, which is essential if they are to play a role in restoring ecosystems, fighting poverty and mitigating climate change. She is also leading efforts to influence policy on gender equality in forest management across 20 African countries.



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