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The Africa Center Newsletter

Happy Wednesday! We're happy to send out the first newsletter of the new school year. 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!

Call for Applications **Graduate Student Research Scholarships**

The Africa Center is accepting applications for student research scholarships for research focused on Africa. The \$2500 awards will recognize student commitment to African research excellence and impact on the world. The scholarships are open to graduate students of any college or degree program. A successful proposal will clearly demonstrate how the research is linked to African social or environmental sustainability and student goals. Visit our [Resources & Opportunities](#) page to apply or learn more!

ATTEND

Kibera Girls Soccer Academy (KGSA) Denver Event

The Kibera Girls Soccer Academy (KGSA) provides a free, holistic secondary school education to 130 girls annually in Kibera, Nairobi – the largest informal settlement in Africa. KGSA's model cares for the whole girl - academics, extra-curricular activities, nutrition, healthcare, mentorship programs, college scholarships and more. KGSA unlocks potential, expands opportunities, and enables each girl with the ability to shape her future.

On **Wednesday, October 5 from 5:30 to 8:00pm at the Posner Center**, come

Africa Development Promise: African Women Agripreneurs for a Sustainable Future

Africa Development Promise is an international non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the lives and livelihoods of rural women in East Africa through training and resources that support their collective efforts to operate competitively in the marketplace. This month, they will be holding their 2022 Gala as an evening of dinner, auctions, and live performances by the Kofi Togo dance group.

Join outstanding philanthropists

meet KSGA leaders Dalifa and Teko to hear the latest updates about the Kibera Girls Soccer Academy. It will be a fun night with a food truck, trivia and short program. This is a free event, but please register ahead of time. Their goal is to raise \$15,000 to educate, inspire and empower 15 girls in Kibera.

RSVP [HERE](#)

on **October 15th from 4-8pm at the [Arvada Center](#)** for a vibrant evening to "Witness, Celebrate, and Support African Women Agripreneurs for a Sustainable Future" with a keynote from Manjira Maathai of the World Resources Institute and a leading voice for women and the environment in Africa.

Buy tickets [HERE](#)

LEARN

Fear of humans drives complex changes in predators and prey in South Africa

Last October, we featured graduate student Monica Lasky on our Field Notes segment, where she talked about her interest in how wildlife respond to anthropogenic disturbance. This month, we're pleased to share Monica's masters thesis, "Fear of humans drives complex changes in predators and prey in South Africa." Monica investigated how South African wildlife altered species-specific behavior and predator-prey co-occurrence in response to simulated and actual human presence. She used camera traps to capture wildlife responses to human voice playbacks in areas with and without tourists, and found that wildlife variably altered space use, temporal activity, and fleeing behavior.

Read more [HERE](#)

Nelson Mwangi awarded prestigious international scholarship for elephant research

Graduate student Nelson Mwangi, who was born in Kenya, was recently awarded support from the Wildlife Conservation Network Scholarship program. The WCN is an international organization that protects endangered wildlife by supporting community-based conservationists. Leadership from the nonprofit organization Save the Elephants nominated Mwangi for the WCN Scholarship program after he worked in their GIS Department before he came to CSU for graduate school in 2021. Through his efforts at Save the Elephants, Mwangi coauthored a 2022 publication on [Landscape Dynamics \(landDX\) an open-access spatial-temporal database for the Kenya-Tanzania borderlands](#).

Read more [HERE](#)

LISTEN

Field Notes - Joy Enyinnaya

Why Natural Gas must power Africa Energy transition

The Africa Climate Podcast is a bi-monthly podcast reporting on climate change issues in Africa. In this episode, Linus Mofor - the Senior Environmental Affairs officer in charge of Energy, Infrastructure, and Climate Change in the



In this month's segment of Field Notes, we spoke with PhD candidate Joy Enyinnaya. Originally from Abia State, Nigeria, Joy's research focuses on the ways women entrepreneurs create business identities in online spaces as well as how they use the different affordances of technological platforms to negotiate and subvert patriarchal structures.

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Africa Climate Policy Centre at the UN Economic Commission for Africa - explains why is Africa choosing to mix its energy portfolio with natural gas and nuclear energy. He discusses how natural gas, green and low carbon hydrogen and nuclear energy will play a crucial role in expanding modern energy access in the short to medium term while enhancing the uptake of renewables in the long term for low carbon and climate-resilient trajectory.

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WATCH

Theory Building: African Technocultural Feminist Theory | TEDxCSU

Over the summer, our featured **Field Notes guest** Joy Enyinnaya presented at TEDxCSU. Joy presents a theory that considers the ways African culture intersects with technological platforms to influence African user's sociocultural narrative making. This theory considers three pillars in the ways it explicates African people's technology use: interface analysis, African culture and Africa feminism.



Watch the video [HERE](#)

Doing Your Bit: Togo's environmental education park

At Magic Parque Ecologique, an environmental education center near Lome, school children learn that waste can often be used to make something new like pencil holders or even construction materials.



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