



**NAIROBI**  
**SUMMER SCHOOL**  
**ON CLIMATE JUSTICE**  
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# **COHORT-V** *Launch*

**THEME:**

**Aspiring a Liveable Future: Youth-Led  
Transformation in the Polycrisis Era**



**APRIL 6, 2025  
4PM**



**MAKERERE UNIVERSITY,  
KAMPALA, UGANDA**

## **Concept Note**



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## INTRODUCTION

The Nairobi Summer School on Climate Justice (NSSCJ) continues to be a beacon for climate leadership and activism across Africa and beyond. As we embark on the next chapter, we are pleased to announce the launch of the call for applications for **Cohort V** of the program. This launch event marks a pivotal step in mobilizing young climate leaders to participate in a transformative learning experience that equips them with the knowledge, skills, and networks to drive climate justice actions at the grassroots, national, and international levels.

## ABOUT THE NAIROBI SUMMER SCHOOL ON CLIMATE JUSTICE (NSSCJ)

The Nairobi Summer School on Climate Justice (NSSCJ) is a pioneering initiative of the Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) and its partners, designed to awaken, equip, and inspire a new generation of actors in Africa and beyond to tackle the urgent issue of climate justice. At its core, NSSCJ advances intra- and inter-generational equity, ensuring that climate justice perspectives are strengthened across local, national, sub-national, regional, and global interventions. NSSCJ serves as a dynamic platform for interaction, learning, mentorship, and networking, fostering disruptive ideas essential for transformative change in a world facing climate catastrophe. It brings together scholar-activists, community scholars, young climate justice advocates, and practitioners, creating a space where innovative solutions are forged, and emerging advocates are empowered.

Over the years, NSSCJ has evolved into a key gathering for shaping climate justice discourse and action. Participants engage in critical discussions and practical, solution-oriented modules that promote fair and inclusive pathways toward low-carbon, climate-resilient development. Beyond the classroom, graduates extend their impact within their communities, launching grassroots initiatives that address local climate justice challenges. Since its inception in 2020, amid the COVID-19 pandemic, NSSCJ has successfully conducted four editions, equipping approximately 1,500 individuals from 87 countries worldwide with the tools and knowledge to drive meaningful climate action.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE LAUNCH EVENT

- The launch of the call for applications aims to:
- Officially announce the commencement of the application period for Cohort V.
- Provide insights to wider public on the strategic contribution of the Nairobi Summer School on Climate Justice in developing the next crop of youth leaders from Africa and beyond shaping climate action and diplomacy.
- Engage potential applicants, partners, and stakeholders in discussions on climate justice and the NSSCJ as a premier climate justice training program.

## ABOUT COHORT V

Cohort V of the Nairobi Summer School on Climate Justice will be hosted at **Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia, from 17th – 30th August 2025**, as a **pre-event of the Africa Climate Summit and the Africa Youth Climate Assembly**. This strategic alignment underscores the school's commitment to amplifying the voices of young people in critical climate discussions at the continental level.

The theme for Cohort V is ***"Aspiring a Liveable Future: Youth-Led Transformation in the Polycrisis Era"***

## TARGET PARTICIPANTS

The launch event will bring together:

- NSSCJ alumni and potential applicants
- Climate activists and youth leaders
- Academics and researchers
- Government representatives and policymakers
- Representatives from Africa Union, UNECA and other Pan African Institutions
- Development partners and funding agencies
- Media representatives

## DRAFT PROGRAMME

### NAIROBI SUMMER SCHOOL ON CLIMATE JUSTICE

#### Launch of the Cohort V “Call for Applications”

Theme: Aspiring a Liveable Future: Youth-Led Transformation in the Polycrisis Era

**DATE:** Sunday, April 6th, 2025

**TIME:** 16:00pm – 17:00 EAT

**VENUE:** Makere, University

TIME	PROGRAMME EVENT	MODERATOR
16:00–16:25	<b>Panel Session NSSCJ – The Impact Oriented School:</b> Testimonials from the alumni of NSSCJ (25 minutes Max) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Elizabeth Nandera</b> – Uganda Alumni</li><li>• <b>Irene Nagudi</b>– Uganda Alumni</li><li>• <b>Walter Osigai</b> – Uganda Alumni</li><li>• <b>Byaruhanga Crispus</b>– Uganda Alumni</li><li>• <b>Brian Kithinji</b> – Kenya Alumni</li></ul>	<b>Eugene Nforngwa</b> , Thematic Lead, Just Transition & Energy Access
16:25– 16:30	NSSCJ Video	
16:30– 16:45	<b>An Overview on the NSSCJ:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Charles Mwangi</b>, Head of Programs and Research, PACJA (6 minutes)</li></ul> <b>CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR NAIROBI SUMMER SCHOOL COHORT V</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Sylvia Wachira</b>; Coordinator Nairobi Summer School (5 minutes)</li></ul> <b>Video with count-down (3minutes)</b>	

16:45: 17:15

**Remarks from Addis Ababa University:**

- **Bikila Warkineh Dullo** (PhD), Associate Professor of Ecosystems & Ecology, Executive Dean, College of Natural and Computational Sciences, Addis Ababa University

**Solidarity Statements (10 minutes)**

- **Prof. Barnabas Nawangewe**, Vice Chancellor, Makerere University
- **Hon. Jackline Amongin**, MP, EALA
- **UNECA** Representative
- **AUC** Representative
- Closing Remarks: **Dr. Mithika Mwenda**, Executive Director, PACJA

**CLOSURE AND PHOTO SESSION**





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