## A REPORT ON THE CLIMATE CHANGE AND MITIGATION WORKSHOP

**1. Introduction**

On July 12, 2025, Importance Leadership successfully convened a transformative workshop on Climate Change and Mitigation in Nairobi Kenya. This pivotal event brought together dedicated trainees and esteemed experts, Nsengiyumva Francois, CEO of Rwanda Eco Conservation Alliance (RECA), and Cosmas Msoka, a renowned digital Analyst, Fin-tech enthusiast, Food Security and Climate Change Activist. Far beyond a mere gathering, the workshop served as an intensive learning experience, equipping participants with profound insights into climate change's multifaceted dimensions that is; its causes, pervasive effects, devastating impacts, existing policy landscapes, and critical areas for improvement. A significant focus was placed on galvanizing the youth, empowering them with actionable roles in mitigating this global crisis. As inhabitants of some of the world's most vulnerable regions, the urgency for accelerated action, innovation, and impactful solutions was underscored. Importance Leadership extends its profound gratitude to all who contributed to this success and issues an urgent call for expanded partnerships to amplify our reach and collective impact.

### 2. Workshop objectives and key learning outcomes

The workshop was meticulously designed to provide a holistic understanding of climate change and to inspire proactive mitigation efforts. Trainees gained comprehensive knowledge across several critical areas:

#### 2.1. Understanding climate change:

* **Causes:** Participants delved into both anthropogenic (human-induced) and natural causes.
  + **Human causes:** Burning of fossil fuels, rampant deforestation, unchecked industrialization, and poor waste management practices were highlighted as primary drivers.
  + **Natural causes:** Solar variation and volcanic eruptions were also discussed to provide a complete picture.
* **Effects:** The pervasive nature of climate change was emphasized, revealing its detrimental effects across all sectors of life, with particular focus on:
  + Agricultural Sector
  + Economic Sector
  + Health Sector
  + Tourism Sector
* **Impacts:** The long-term and devastating consequences were thoroughly explored, including:
  + Species extinction
  + Changing ecosystems
  + Increased poverty
  + Heightened health risks
  + Forced migration
  + Acute water and food shortages
  + Increased disaster costs
  + Damage to critical infrastructure
  + Rising insurance and healthcare expenses
  + Reduced agricultural productivity
  + Disputes over responsibility
  + Need for global cooperation
  + Political strain
  + Resource-based conflicts

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#### 2.2. Policy landscape and improvement

The workshop critically examined current policies aimed at addressing climate change. Participants identified significant gaps within these policies. They realized that there was a lack of enforcement of these policies, inadequate funding to implement them, and lack of global cooperation. It was clearly stated that the public is unaware of these policies due hence need to be educated. The participant therefore engaged in discussions on innovative strategies to improve their efficacy and implementation.

### 3. The indispensable role of youth in climate mitigation

A cornerstone of the workshop was the exploration of the vital role young people must play in confronting the climate crisis. Trainees were inspired by a range of actionable roles:

* **Community engagement:** Establish climate-focused clubs to foster local action and awareness.
* **Environmental restoration:** Participate actively in tree-planting initiatives.
* **Technological innovation:** Develop and promote environmentally friendly technologies.
* **Capacity building:** Acquire and disseminate climate change knowledge and skills to a wider audience.
* **Volunteerism:** Contribute time and effort to projects dedicated to climate change solutions.
* **Government support:** Actively support and advocate for government initiatives related to climate action.
* **Advocacy and awareness:** Utilize various media platforms to campaign for climate change awareness and environmental conservation.
* **Sustainable agriculture:** Adopt and promote eco-friendly agricultural practices, such as:
  + Using sustainable fertilizers.
  + Developing drought-resistant crops.
  + Implementing improved irrigation systems.
* **Circular economy:** Embrace waste recycling to generate new materials and energy, citing the inspirational example of youth in Arusha, Tanzania, who are generating solar energy from waste.

### 4. A resounding call to action

The workshop culminated in a powerful call to action. It was a stark reminder that we, particularly those in the most vulnerable parts of the world, stand to lose the most from the escalating climate change crisis. Therefore, as climate activists and champions, we must accelerate our efforts with unwavering resolve. The imperative is clear: we must **ACT** decisively, **INNOVATE** relentlessly, and create tangible **IMPACT**. Our trainees departed with a renewed sense of purpose and a profound commitment to becoming agents of change.

### 5. Acknowledgements and partnership appeal

Importance Leadership extends its deepest gratitude to Nsengiyumva Francois and Cosmas Msoka for their invaluable expertise and inspiring contributions, which were instrumental in the workshop's success. We also commend the dedication and enthusiasm of all our trainees.

To truly expand our reach and amplify our impact in the fight against climate change, we urgently call upon philanthropists, investors, donors, and the private sector to partner with Importance Leadership. Your collaboration is crucial in empowering more communities, fostering further innovation, and building a resilient future for all. Together, we can turn the tide against climate change.

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