

# Alice Moraa Ontita

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## Professional Summary

Innovative and impact-driven Livelihood, Climate Change, and Community Development Specialist with over seven years of diverse experience in climate change adaptation, environmental management, and sustainable livelihoods. Proven expertise in leading community-driven climate mobility and resilience programmes, promoting circular economy solutions, and advocating for climate justice. Strong track record in organizational leadership, stakeholder engagement, and capacity building to support vulnerable populations affected by climate change, displacement, and environmental degradation.

## Core Competencies & Skills

- Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience Building
- Community Mobilization & Capacity Development
- Circular Economy & Waste Management
- Project & Program Management
- Gender & Social Inclusion in Climate Solutions
- Partnership Development & Advocacy
- Environmental Compliance & Policy Engagement
- Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning (MEL)
- Financial & Strategic Planning

## Professional Experience

### Executive Director

#### Initiative for Sustainable Community Development (ISCoD) | Jan 2021 – Present

- Leading community resilience and climate action programs addressing water scarcity, sustainable agriculture, waste management, and youth empowerment.
- Spearheaded the rehabilitation of a 1-acre catchment area in Mosoch, Kisii, increasing water flow from 100 litres to over 50,000 litres per day, directly benefiting 52 households and two schools.
- Coordinating multi-sectoral partnerships with governmental and non-governmental actors fostering climate-smart solutions for rural and urban communities.
- Managed donor-funded projects, including community-based climate education, water reticulation and tree-planting initiatives.
- Designed and implemented community sensitization workshops on climate-induced migration, gender-based vulnerabilities, and sustainable livelihoods.
- Advocated for youth and women-led climate innovations, supporting over 100 marginalized individuals with skills and entrepreneurship opportunities.

### Executive Director

#### Precious Plastic Manyatta/Kisii | May 2020 – Present

- Founded and managed a community-based recycling organization, focusing on sustainable plastic waste management and circular economy initiatives.
- Implemented community workshops on recycling, waste management, and environmental conservation, reaching over 300 community members.
- Developed and enforced an environmental compliance plan, ensuring alignment with national environmental standards.
- Strengthened partnerships with government institutions and development partners to scale environmental impact.
- Led innovations in recycling technology, reducing community plastic waste and generating eco-friendly products for local markets.

## **Climate Resilience & Renewable Energy Coordinator**

### **Powerhive East Africa Limited | Oct 2020 – Oct 2021**

- Focused on supporting the inclusion and adoption of renewable energy solutions to strengthen community resilience to climate change impacts.
- Championed community-based marketing and outreach campaigns to raise awareness on renewable energy as a climate action tool.
- Promoted climate-smart energy access solutions, reducing reliance on fossil fuels and enhancing community adaptation capacities.
- Collaborated with internal and external stakeholders to foster inclusive clean energy programs targeting marginalized communities.
- Managed marketing budgets and conducted energy assessments to identify opportunities for sustainable energy adoption and behavioral change.
- Led engagement forums on renewable energy's role in promoting environmental sustainability and reducing carbon footprints.

## **Plastic Waste & Climate Change Champion (Volunteer)**

### **UN Environment Programme (UNEP) | Feb 2019 – Present**

- Facilitated community education campaigns on plastic waste reduction and climate resilience.
- Advocated for inclusive climate action policies, engaging local leaders and stakeholders.
- Participated in environmental awareness initiatives, promoting sustainable waste management and climate action.
- Coordinated volunteer and youth engagement programs to increase participation in environmental conservation.

## **Technical Consultant**

### **Somali Lifeline Organization | Jan 2019 – Dec 2020**

- Trained and empowered 20+ women as machine operators in the plastic waste recycling value chain, promoting gender inclusion and economic empowerment.
- Managed recycling of over 15 tonnes of plastic and fabric waste, reducing environmental pollution and creating livelihoods.
- Developed training kits and curricula for recycling and waste management best practices.
- Conducted virtual and in-person training workshops, ensuring continued skills development during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Education

- Bachelor of Arts, University of Nairobi, 2013 – 2017
- Certificate in Entrepreneurship and Leadership, Kenyatta University, Sep 2015 – Oct 2015
- Certified Public Accountant (CPA) - Ongoing, Kisii College of Accountancy, 2015 – Present

## Skills and Courses

- **Power Learn Project (PLP)**
  - Diploma
  - Software Engineering (for Climate Sustainability)
  - March 2025 – Date
- **Application of Artificial Intelligence in daily life (Part 1& 2)**
  - Certificate of Completion
  - 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 - 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024
  - Atingi eLearning platform
- **Solid Waste Management, Plastic waste**
  - Skills development
  - August 2018- December 2018
  - Precious Plastic, Eindhoven, Netherlands
- **Servant Leadership**
  - Certificate
  - 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016
  - Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI Network)
- **Fundraising Concepts**
  - Certificate
  - 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016
  - Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI Network)
- **Design Driven Entrepreneurship**
  - Certificate
  - 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016
  - Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI Network)
- **Understanding Climate Change**
  - Certificate
  - 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016
  - Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI Network)
- **Understanding the Rights of Women and Girls**
  - Certificate
  - 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016
  - Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI Network)

## Workshops and Capacity Building

- **Climate Change Finance Financing (NCCAP2023-2027 UNPACKING) and NDC 2.0 Engagement Workshop**
  - Skills Development
  - 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024
  - GoK, UNICEF & UNDP
- **Sustainability Research and Innovation Congress (SRI Congress)**
  - Helsinki, Finland
  - June 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- **SRI 2024 Africa satellite**
  - Navigating the Nexus
  - 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2024
- **Navigating the Nexus: Blue and Green Economies**
  - Moderated the Skills Development and Capacity Building workshop
  - 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024
  - University of Limpopo & Makgwadiba Primary School, South Africa
- **Inaugural National Green Jobs and Skills Development**
  - Certificate of Participation
  - 3rd May 2024
  - Jacob's Ladder Africa in Collaboration with the Government of Kenya, the Green Jobs for Youth Pact, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- **Pledge to make an effort to take care of the Environment for animals and people worldwide. Trained the USA team**
  - Certificate
  - March 2021
  - The Parallel Projects, USA
- **Solid Waste Management, Plastic waste**
  - Skills development
  - August 2018- December 2018
  - Precious Plastic, Eindhoven, Netherlands

## Webinars and Seminars

- **Ending the Epidemic of Plastic Pollution through Innovation and Entrepreneurship**
  - Plastic Tide Turners Challenge webinar
  - 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024
  - Kenya Girl Guides Association
- **Beyond the Bin: Community Recycling Initiatives-Successes, Challenges, and Beyond**
  - Held a Webinar discussion for students
  - 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024
  - University of Limpopo
- **Youth Innovations in Addressing Social Challenges**
  - Panel Discussion (physical)
  - International Solidarity Foundation's Muungano Gender Forum
- **Earth Week's Turning the Tide on Youth Washing Virtual Roundtable**
  - Panel Discussion
  - 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023
  - UNEP X Lonely Whale, OH-Wake Media
- **Global Launch of the Tide Turners Plastic Challenge**
  - Virtual Discussion
  - 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023
  - UNEP
- **Our Oceans our Future- A youth dialogue on plastics with UNEP ED Inger Andersen**
  - Virtual Youth Dialogue
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2022
  - UNEP

## Summits, Congresses and Conferences

- **Sustainability Research+ Innovation Congress in collaboration with Sustainability Science Days 2024 (SRI/SSD2024)**
  - Badge of Attendance (Participation in Panel discussions and workshops, Physical)
  - 10<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024
  - Invited by Future Earth
  - For Sustainability Research+ Innovation/ Sustainability Science Days
- **Plastic Tide Turner Challenge National Summit Moderated Discussion**
  - Virtually Moderated Discussion
  - 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019

## Media and Magazines Advocacy

- **Design and Creativity can address Complex Problems**
  - Mention
  - bUneke magazine (<https://bUneke.org> )
- **Keeping Kisii Rivers clean**
  - Clean-up and sensitization
  - May 2023
  - Citizen TV, Kenya
- **Vijana na Mazingira/Beat Plastic Poll**
  - Beat Plastic Pollution
  - 4th May 2019
  - Citizen TV, Kenya
- **Mazingira Talks**
  - Pod Premieres host
  - Podcasts

## Hackathons

- **IGAD Climate Challenge Hackathon (#HACK4CLIMATE2016)**
  - 28<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> November 2016
  - IGAD, ICPAC, Resilient Africa Network, Safaricom, Kenya Airways, UNDP

## Languages

- English – Proficient
- Swahili – Proficient
- Ekegusii – Proficient

## References

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