

EMPOWERMENT FOR CLIMATE LEADERSHIP

THE NEWSLETTER (06)

Dear all,

We hope that you are all well and keep on applying your ECL-knowledge in your daily lives!

It has been half a year since you last met in Germany/ Tanzania for your evaluation seminar. It is more than two years of learning and working together under ECL. It is therefore time that we look back for a long-term evaluation. – Would be very helpful if you can fill out the short online questionnaire until June 10th. Thanks!

In ECL-Newsletter No. 6 we give you an update on interesting news and CAN Tanzania & Germanwatch work.

Best wishes! Sixbert & Stefan

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Long-term Evaluation**
Deadline: June 10th
- UNFCCC SBI in Bonn from June 17-27th. Day passes for ACE-Days in Bonn possible.
- AGYI meeting in Bonn May 6-8th
- Fridays for Future
- News from CAN Tz and Germanwatch offices

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ECL - long-term evaluation

There are several options for follow up programmes. Please take part in the short online questionnaire until June 10th:

<https://www.umfrageonline.com/s/9c5eda6>

The ECL-long term evaluation gives us valuable input for further planning. In case you have questions feel free to contact Verena dialog@germanwatch.org or call +49 228 90492-43 until June 10th.

Thank You!

ACE Days at UNFCCC SB

From 17th-27th June 2018 SBSTA 50 & SBI 50 are taking place in Bonn. **Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) Days** are June 19th and June 24th. Are you interested to receive a day-pass for one ACE-Days? Germanwatch will try to organise one, if you send name, birth date & place, address and passport No until June 7th to Stefan: rostock@germanwatch.org. NO funding is available for this event and participation in case of positive response is highly appreciated.

<https://unfccc.int/>

European Election (May 23rd – 26th)

European elections have been climate elections. Parties with a good climate approach have been successful in many countries. The elections have shown that without real and ambitious climate policy parties will no more be able to win elections. But good climate policy will not come over night. Resistance in conservative parties is still strong. Therefore, ESD and climate engagement has to continue.

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/may/28/green-s-eu-election-mandate-leverage-climate-policy>

AGYI – African-European Exchange



From May 6th to 8th, an African-European Exchange took place in Bonn to discuss possibilities to shift AGYI to a European level. Germanwatch and WESSA contributed a workshop to political ESD for better SDG implementation. News probably soon on <https://daj.engagement-global.de/homepage.html>



Creative ways to support Fridays for Future

Fridays for Future and their scientific counterpart Scientists for Future are shaping the public debate around climate policy. Do you have good stories about taking part in, cooperation or support for FFF-groups or political demonstrations? We are interested in various types of actions from ECL-participants.

Link: <https://fridaysforfuture.org/> and their demands (in German): <https://fridaysforfuture.de/forderungen/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS GERMANWATCH

What are we working on at the moment?

Last steps of the ECL

Even though it must appear to you that the exchange has been concluded ages ago, we are only now in the finalisation process of concluding the project from an administrative perspective as well as content-wise. That means that the last steps on our way to publish the handbook on methods as well as the brochure with our lessons learned are ahead of us. In order to represent your feedback and to plan further exchange programs, we would very much appreciate if you could fill in the long-term evaluation that we will send you separately!

Germanwatch

We are working to bring the long term promised Climate Change Law into reality. The special working group “Klimakabinett” will discuss CO₂ prices – but only at the next meeting. There might be no decisions before

September 2019. Which is very late to present progress of German climate policy at the UN special climate conference invited by UN António Guterres Secretary-General of the United Nations.

<https://www.un.org/en/climatechange/>

Report on AGYI

Germanwatch is supporting AGYI in a Sounding Group. There we try to raise the importance of SDG and political ESD as part of all exchange programmes.

<https://daj.engagement-global.de/current-news-4721/agi-engagement-global-sounding-group-meeting.html>

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What are we working on now?

Outlook: Friends of CAN Tanzania

CAN TZ is currently working on establishing “Friends of CAN Tanzania”. We envision this as an alumni network for volunteers, interns, friends and partners as well as participants from our projects. We want to update them with regular newsletters about current developments, projects and opportunities inside the organization and give members the chance to network with one another. In the process of establishment, we will contact the ECL alumni network to give each participant the chance to be included.

Updates on Agenda 2030 in CAN Tanzania

In Tanzania, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are being implemented by the vision 2025 and the five-year development plans 2016/2021. One can hear and sense the big push from civil society and international community that demands for more ambitious planning and resource allocation by the government to meet

the SDGs targets. On the other side, monitoring and evaluation instruments are now being taught. Despite the progress, effective execution of Agenda 2030 plans and projects is met by challenges of lack of formal governmental engagements for coordination or practices of the three pillars of sustainability, economic enriched access to significant data and a multi-stakeholder partnership institutionalization. CAN Tanzania is now instrumentalizing a multi-stakeholders’ approach and partnership between community, government, private sector, academia, faith and civil society organizations, to research, build up capacity and partnership, design and implement projects and programmes.

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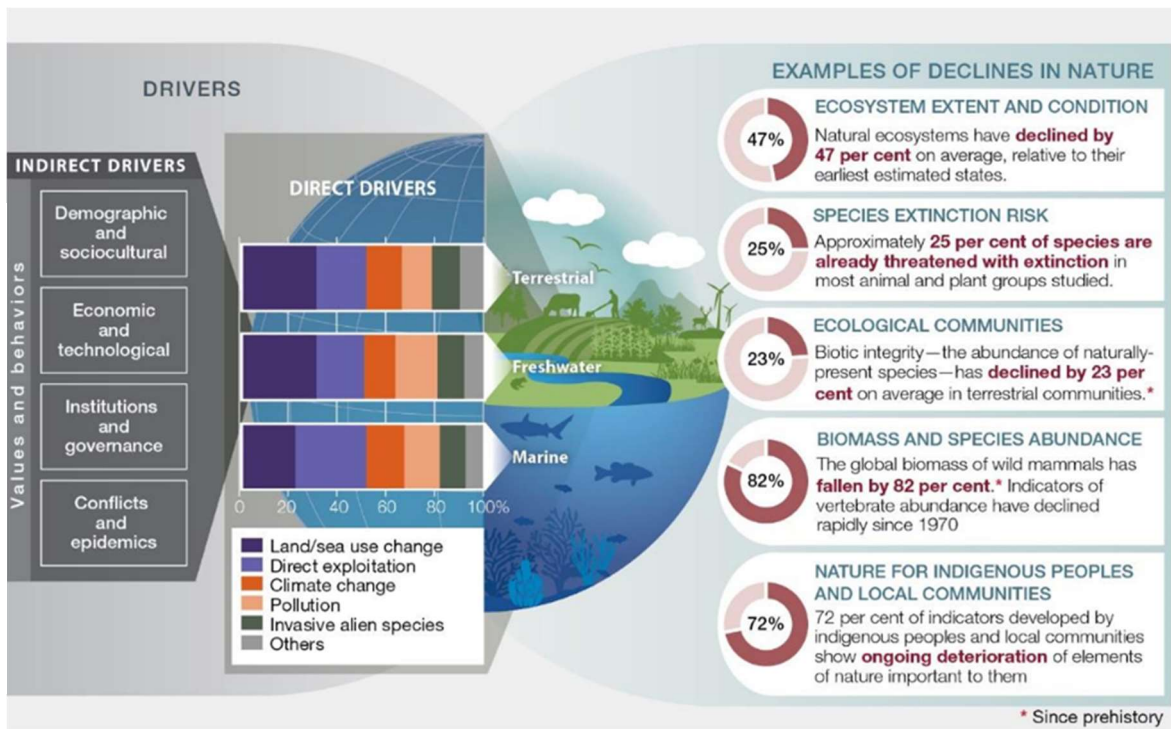
IPBES report on biodiversity

by Verena (intern at Germanwatch)

The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) published the Global Assessment of the State of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services after their seventh session on May 6th 2019. The decline of nature has never been as dangerous as right now in human history. As one of the most important aspects, the report illustrates clearly how the decline in nature is damaging the natural support systems of human life. It thereby demonstrates the close relationship between nature and human beings who are depending on nature for providing food, water, and energy as well as material resources. Furthermore, if the trajectories of biodiversity loss come true, there will not only be strong impacts on human life, but the current efforts to achieve the SDGs will be significantly undermined.



Source: IPBES, <https://www.ipbes.net/>



The most eye-opening statistic is that over one million species are threatened with extinction. Further disastrous statistics are that 3/4 of the land has been strongly altered by the human being, the use of environmental pollutants is increasing, a non-sustainable handling of livestock is prevailing, 1/3 of all fish stock has been exploited, the biomass of wild mammals has fallen by 82% and around half of all corals have vanished since the late 19th century, to only name a few. For all of these developments, the five biggest direct drivers, which have increased significantly during the last 50 years, are: changes in land and sea use, direct exploitation of nature, climate change, pollution and invasive alien species.

The reports base is on 15,000 sources and input from 400 scientists. It finds that the current global response is insufficient. In order to prevent the worst possible consequences, we need to take transformative action now and on a big scale.

[More information](#)

Updates on Agenda 2063 in Tanzania

While Tanzania is obliged to implement and ensure the realisation of Agenda 2063, at community levels within the country the agenda has remained unknown. There is no clear echo that embraces the realisation of Agenda 2063 from neither public nor civil society as compared to echo pushing for realisation of the Paris Agreement and Agenda 2030. This calls for the stocktaking to understand how Agenda 2063 could be financed and realised at institutional and community levels within partner countries.

Plastic bags ban in Tanzania

As of June 1st 2019, the Tanzanian government bans the production, supply and use of plastic bags as an effort to tackle pollution and protect the environment. Everyone manufacturing plastic bags faces a prison sentence of two years or a fine of up to \$400,000; while anyone caught using a plastic bag can expect a fine of \$13.

[More information](#)

CLOSING REMARKS

Congratulation to all ECL-participants

A big congratulation to all ECL-participants taking successfully part in the 18-month training course!

Two pictures from the evaluation seminars in Tanzania and Germany are a good point from the organisers to say thank you to all participants in the inspiring learning experience.

We hope you can take new skills as well as climate, SDG and intercultural knowledge into your new phase of life. Our best wishes will be with you and we are always open for support and requests.

Do not hesitate to contact us, all the best for your future,

Sixbert & Stefan



Farewell from our Project coordinator in Tanzania

It has been great pleasure for me to work with youth and highly motivated activists in Tanzania and Germany under the ECL project for about 18 months on climate action and sustainable development. It was lovely to witness and learn from their experiences, capacities and passion in the twelve project training modules we covered. These young boys and girls were so supportive and enthusiastic to learn more about the current global challenges. As a project coordinator on Tanzanian side, I am confident these young people have achieved countless knowledge, skills and experiences for climate action and sustainable development which will facilitate change in their organizations in Tanzania. I wish them all the best in applying such knowledge and skills in their life time and CAN Tanzania will always support them whenever requested.



Tondelo Vitus, Coordinator Tanzania