



Environment and Food Foundation (E2F) participated in the United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), 27th Conference of Parties (COP 27) in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt from 7-18th November, 2022,. E2F was represented by our founder Achare Elvis Ayamba.

Our gratitude was extended to KEAN and Afrika Youth Caravan for this great opportunity. We also thank the Arab Republic of Egypt for hosting UNFCCC COP 27.

Ayamba also participated in COP 27 as a delegate of Afrika Youth Caravan to COP 27 an initiative of Kenyan Environmental Action Network (KEAN) with 3 key messages; Resilience, Just Energy Transition & Youth Action. These messages fed into the final Afrika Youth statement to COP 27 presidency, sharing outcomes at the conference as well as serving as an advocacy tool for youth.

Afrika Youth caravan started UNFCCC COP27 with a week-long of activities in Alexandria, Egypt from from 27th - 31st October, 2022 aimed at paving the way to COP27. We participated in Climate Education Workshops, Crafts using plastics workshops, interviews with Climathon, and reflection activities.





From the week-long climate activities at Alexandria, Egypt, the Afrika Youth Caravan then travelled to Cairo Egypt. At Cairo, we did a one day touristic activities where we visited the pyramid of GIZA, the ancient streets of Egypt, and some cultural museums.



Afrika Youth Caravan activities at UNFCCC COP27;

The Afrika Youth Caravan started COP27 with a demonstration strike at mount Sinai using camels. This was aimed to send a powerful messages to COP 27 presidency on; Resilience, Just Energy Transition & Youth Action.



Participation in side events;

I participated in 4 side events hosted by sustaining all life on climate mental health and eco anxiety. I joined group discussions on the negative impacts of climate change on mental health. This was a great opportunity for me to share my climate story, on how climate change have affected me personally, people from my community and my community.





I participated in an event in the Ocean pavilion on Ocean rising and climate change.



Another event I attended at the Ocean Pavilion was an event on; Seabed 2030: People and Planet.





I attended an event at the Children and Youth pavilion.



I attended an event at the Nature pavilion on; How protecting nature can combat climate change, Exploring the link between COP27 and COP15 and the final push to 30X30.





Other side events which took place alongside UNFCCC COP27 that I participated in:

❖ **The Ocean X Climate Summit, Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt 2022.**

This was a daylong event which took on the 11th November, 2022. This was aimed to immerse global stakeholders in the importance and potential of the Ocean within the climate change narrative and to support multi stakeholder action for the Ocean and all it sustains. The Ocean is the biggest ally in mitigating climate change, but it is also bearing the brunt of the climate crisis. It is time the Ocean takes center stage in the global agenda to protect our blue planet. It was indeed a very insightful day filled with a lot of panel discussions, presentations, meditation and group reflection activities.





❖ **Global Landscape Forum (GLF) Climate Conference, Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt 2022.**

The GLF climate conference was a full two days side event with speakers including global leaders, change makers, scientists, experts, artists and participants from all corners of the earth who called for ambitious, concrete action to stop climate crisis.



❖ **World Climate Summit: The Investment COP, Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt 2022.**

World Climate Summit: The investment COP 12th edition took place from the 13 – 14 November 2022 with speakers including business leaders, finance stakeholders, government and decision makers, media representatives, and international organisations. They shared best practices and innovations across sectors that are essential to decarbonisation efforts in the focus areas of energy, transport, buildings, industry, finance and nature.





General experience at COP 27:

COP27 was my first COP ever to attend. It was indeed a new dawn experience, from pre COP 27, to COP 27 and post COP 27.

It was an eye opening on how to engaging in UNFCCC processes and dialogue.

It was indeed a great networking opportunity. Meeting up with youth leaders from around the world was very inspiring and transformational.

Challenges faced:

Having an accreditation letter to attend COP 27 was my greatest night mare.

Even though this challenge was overcome, I had an accreditation for the second week of COP 27. This limited my meaningful engagement and participation in COP 27.

I found it very difficult to understand the UNFCCC processes at the beginning of COP 27.

I also had a challenge of feeding, I found it hard to have access to cooked food.

Lessons learnt

I had a better understanding on the Ocean and climate nexus.

Integration of Ocean into UNFCCC dialogue and processes.

The nature and climate nexus.

Best practices in climate change narrative, through training workshop on circular economy.

My takeaways message

The need for an independent funding mechanism for indigenous people to support climate and biodiversity programs.

The need to speed up the integration of Ocean into UNFCCC dialogue and processes.