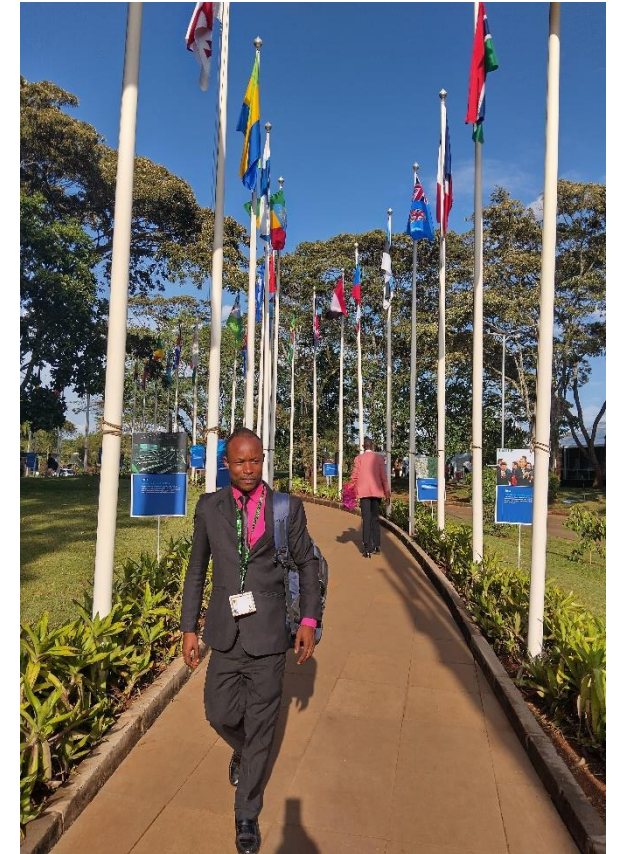


**ENVIRONMENT AND  
FOOD FOUNDATION (E2F) @  
UNCCD COP 16 REPORT  
RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA**

# E2F Delegates @ UNCCD COP16



1. Achare Elvis Ayamba – Founder & Executive Director at Environment and Food Foundation (E2F) - Cameroon
2. Einass Bakhiet - Sudan



# Our key objectives

1. Influence UNCCD COP16 resolutions and decisions so that proposed solutions reduce desertification, drought, biodiversity loss, address climate change and benefit local communities
2. Explore partnerships and collaboration with like-minded Individuals, Networks and CSOs to collectively influence outcomes / comprehensive solutions that benefit African people and nature



# Our Key Messages

- **Nature based solutions:** There is always a risk that projects misuse the concept of NbS leading to some projects being used for offsetting and greenwashing under the guise of NbS. There needs to be awareness that ‘good’ can turn into ‘bad’ hence we should not have blind faith in NbS. Nor should we expect good behaviour from the private sector in the absence of regulation. Agreement was reached on Article 6.8 of the Paris Agreement that relates to non-market mechanisms for mitigation and adaptation actions that excludes any reference to NbS despite efforts by the EU. ACBA members should pay careful attention to the language in the draft resolution and any decisions.
- **Ecosystem restoration and sustainable use:** To address the climate and desertification crises and save humanity, we must enhance ecosystem functions through the sustainable management of forests, wetlands, and biodiversity. Ecosystems have intrinsic values, support local and national livelihoods and economies. Governments are urged to adopt an ambitious resolution and solutions that enhance legal and sustainable use, conservation, fair and equitable benefits sharing and accountability.
- **Research and Data:** Addressing the climate and desertification crises calls for transformative policies, commitment to hold each other to account and to monitor progress. This will happen once Africa has a capacity to undertake research and embraces formal science, local knowledge and citizen science. The continent requires significant investment in local, national and continental research and knowledge institutions. Currently there is no draft resolution on investment in research and knowledge development.



# Highlights of E2F's Participation

# Speaking engagements & Side events engaged by E2F Delegate: Einass Bakhiet

1. Einass Moderated panel at the Youth Forum entitled “Policy Advocacy and Governance: Strategies for influencing policy and promoting sustainable land management practices at local, national, and international levels as well as fostering green, land-based jobs for young people”



# Key Engagements

- Einass hosted a roundtable discussion at the Sudan Pavilion to discuss the research findings from the Sudan Climate Collective with the wider Sudanese climate community.



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- Panellist in a roundtable discussion at the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) Pavilion titled "Women at the Forefront: Tackling Land Degradation for a Resilient Future"





# Side Event: Transboundary Ecosystem Restoration: Key to Addressing the planetary crisis.

## Key Highlights:

- Nature knows no boundaries.
- There is need for two or more countries to collaborate in Ecosystems restoration.
- Challenges of transboundary ecosystem restoration;
  - a) Unwillingness to share resources.
  - b) Lack of trust to collaborate.
  - c) Insufficient finances.
  - d) Long time to reach agreement.



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