

The Climate Network 2024 Impact Report

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The Climate Network: 2024 Impact Report

Executive Summary

The Climate Network (TCN) has experienced remarkable growth in 2024, solidifying its position as a leading platform for climate professionals across Africa. Our network has expanded significantly, reflecting a rising demand for collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and actionable climate solutions.

The African climate ecosystem is growing into a hub that is both dynamic and diverse, with multiple home-grown solutions driving climate action. Organisations are increasingly looking for structured avenues to exchange best practices, align strategies, and collaborate on large-scale climate initiatives. TCN has emerged as a vital connector, bridging these gaps by providing a platform where professionals, businesses, policymakers, and investors can engage in meaningful dialogue and drive collective impact.

Over the past year, we have expanded our regional presence through the development of new chapters, increased membership engagement, introduced innovative service offerings, and strengthened our influence in shaping climate policy.

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Anonymous community member



This report provides a comprehensive overview of our 2024 impact across our four core pillars:

- **Community:** Grew to 1,750 members, maintaining a strong balance of gender, local leadership, and sectoral diversity.
- **Connect:** Delivered 20 high-impact events across Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa, and Uganda - engaging over 1,520 climate professionals.
- **Collaborate:** Launched the TCN Members Platform, enabling deeper cross-country collaboration and more dynamic knowledge-sharing across the network.
- **Contribute:** Extended our engagement with 120+ experts to shape national carbon policy in Kenya, supported the creation of CAMAK, contributed to ecosystem research, and celebrated African climate leaders through the inaugural TCN Climate Awards.

As we look to 2025, our priorities include expanding our membership structure, strengthening local chapters, scaling global partnerships, and advancing policy advocacy. TCN is proud to play a catalytic role in shaping Africa's climate future - one that is rooted in local expertise, powered by collaboration, and visible on the world stage.

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THE CLIMATE NETWORK: 2024 IMPACT AT A GLANCE

1,750

Active members
by Dec 2024

Over 3,000

Applications received
with 60% acceptance
rate.

51%

Of members are
women, highlighting a
strong gender balance.

50%

Of members are senior
directors or founders.

300+

Introductions
facilitated between
members.

20

Events held across 4
chapters.

1,520+

Event participants
across TCN events.

300,000+

Audience reached on
LinkedIn.



Expanded presence

Four active country chapters
with plans to grow further.

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Africa's Climate Opportunity

Africa is uniquely positioned to be a global leader in climate solutions. As the world faces an escalating climate crisis, the continent is emerging as a key player in developing and implementing innovative climate solutions.

A Region Poised for Leadership

The continent is home to vast renewable energy resources, rapidly evolving technological ecosystems, a growing network of policymakers committed to climate action, and an ambitious generation of entrepreneurs committed to sustainable development. However, despite its vast potential, Africa's climate ecosystem remains fragmented.

While climate initiatives exist across multiple sectors -including energy, agriculture, finance, and conservation - there is a lack of structured collaboration between key players.

Many organizations work in isolation, limiting their ability to scale solutions, attract investment, or influence policy effectively.

Without stronger networks and platforms for knowledge-sharing, Africa risks missing a pivotal opportunity to lead on climate action at a global scale.

The Climate Network: A Platform for Connection and Action

The Climate Network (TCN) fills a critical gap as the first membership-based network dedicated to climate professionals in Africa. We provide a structured platform for connection, collaboration, and recognition of Africa's climate solutions. Our goal is to ensure that Africa's climate leaders - whether from business, civil society, or policy - have the networks, insights, and opportunities needed to drive systemic change.

Our hyper-local model ensures that each chapter remains deeply embedded in country-specific climate challenges and opportunities, while benefiting from the collective strength of a multi-country and pan-African approach.

By bridging local expertise with regional and global opportunities, TCN is building a structured, continent-wide climate community that empowers African climate professionals to scale their impact and shape the dialogue around climate action.

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TCN as a Connective Node: Strengthening the Climate Ecosystem

TCN serves as a connective node, linking climate professionals within local climate ecosystems, bridging regional networks across Africa, and fostering collaboration between stakeholders in the Global North and Global South. By facilitating cross-sector dialogue and increasing our presence across Africa, our goal going forward is to enhance the ability of African climate professionals to access funding, share expertise, and scale their solutions.

How we do this:

Facilitating high-impact partnerships between climate professionals, organizations, and investors to accelerate collaboration and resource-sharing.

Strengthening climate policy influence by ensuring African leaders actively contribute to regional and global decision-making forums.

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Scaling African climate innovations by connecting entrepreneurs to global funding, technical expertise, and market opportunities.

Driving cross-sector action by bridging business, finance, government, and civil society to unlock systemic climate solutions.



Our Vision for 2025

Building on the momentum of 2024, our priorities for the coming year include

01

Enhanced Membership Structure

We are introducing tiered membership levels to better serve the diverse needs of climate professionals, providing tailored access to resources, networking opportunities, and strategic support.

02

Introducing Global Membership

We are introducing a new global membership tier to strengthen the links between climate professionals in Africa and other regions.

03

Expansion & Local Chapters

We are strengthening our regional networks while launching new chapters in East, South and West Africa, expanding our reach and deepening our influence.

04

New Programmes

We are launching grant-supported initiatives focused on expanding our members-only digital platform, amplifying African climate voices, and convening dialogues on carbon markets and climate policy.

05

Thought Leadership & Advocacy

TCN will continue shaping climate policy, leading industry discussions, and ensuring African perspectives are well-represented on international platforms and at global conferences.

06

Diversifying our touchpoints

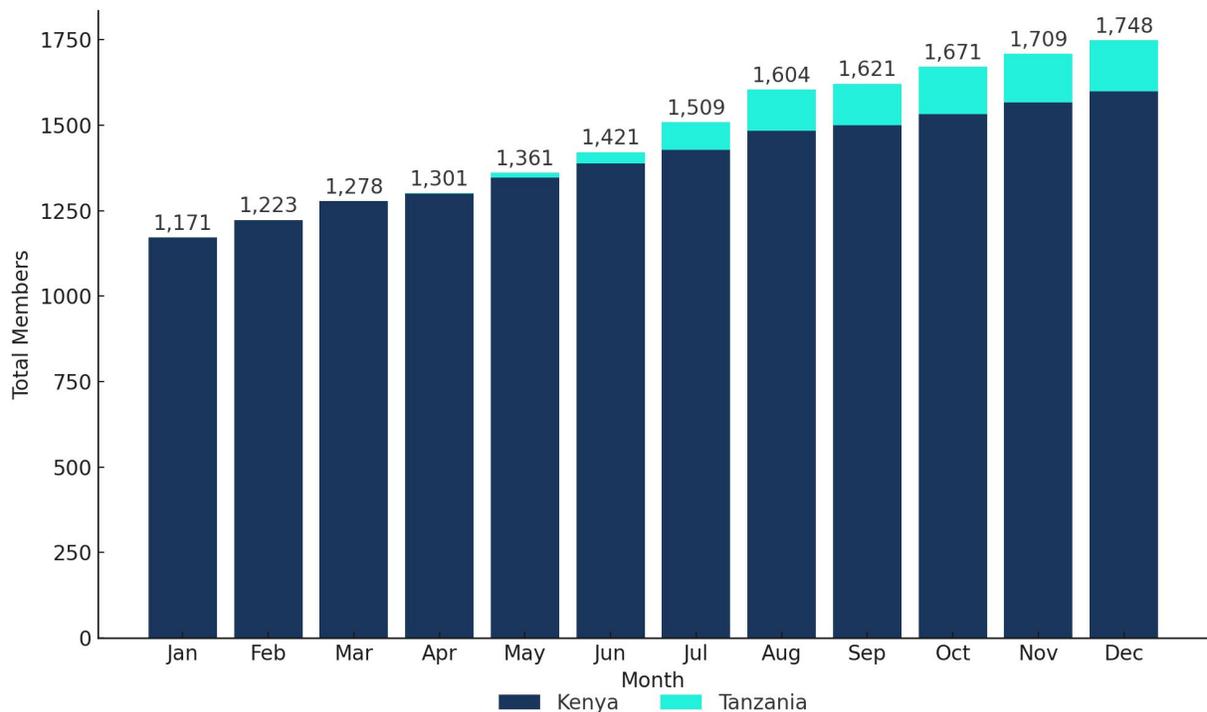
To increase the opportunities for members to engage both digitally and in-person.

Community

TCN's community has experienced sustained growth, driven by an increasing interest in climate action and collaboration.

The Climate Network began in **2021 with just 5 members** and has since expanded to almost **1,750 active members by December 2024**, reflecting the growing recognition of the network's value.

Monthly membership growth (Kenya and Tanzania Chapters)

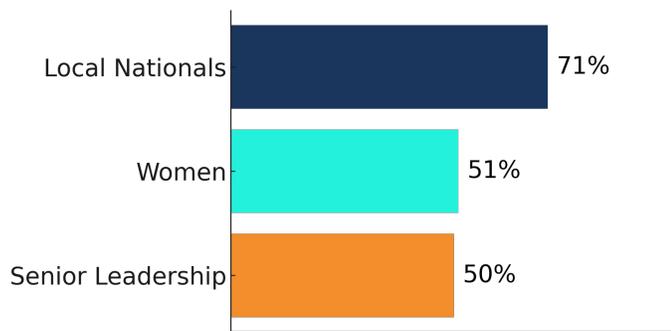


The number of membership applications received has exceeded 3,000, signaling a strong and sustained demand for engagement with the network. With an acceptance rate of around 60%, we continue to attract broad interest whilst also maintaining the relevance and value-add of new members according to our eligibility criteria. Members must work for a climate-focused

organisation and/or in a climate-focused role in order to join.

As the network has grown, we have maintained our focus on senior-level expertise, local representation, and gender balance. Across both active chapters more than 70% of members are local nationals, 51% are women, and 50% are Senior-level Directors or CEO/Founders of their organisations.

Individual representation in 2024

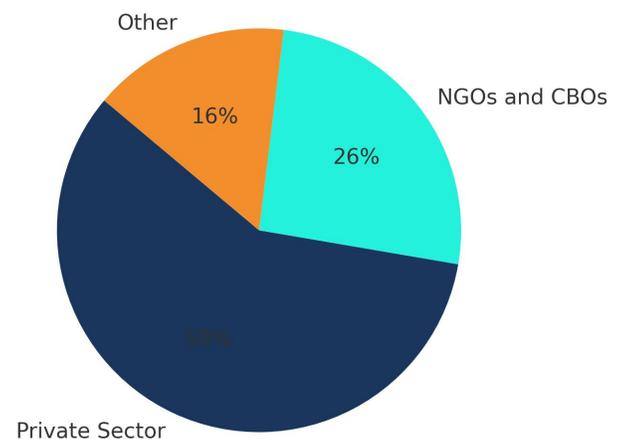


We continue to target a diverse range of organisations, bringing together experts from a variety of backgrounds and approaches. 59% of members come from the private sector, including both start-ups and more established corporates, whilst 26% are from non-governmental and community-based organisations. The remainder represent donor and development institutions, government and public entities, association and alliances, and independents. The breadth of expertise is indicative of TCNs continued efforts to ensure that our community represents a comprehensive array of Africa's climate ecosystem.

Each chapter has a unique spread of members across different industry areas of expertise, demonstrating the breadth of relevance of climate change in different markets, and how each country has a diverse and specific set of professionals all inputting to climate solutions.

In both Kenya and Tanzania, 'solution providers' - organisations implementing climate projects on the ground - make up the highest proportion of members. They are even more dominant in Tanzania, making up almost 50% of members. Kenya has a higher proportion of investment and banking professionals, reflecting Nairobi's status as a finance hub for the region. There are also more tech firms represented, and more research and academia. However, as the Kenya chapter has more members and is well established, this may also be reflective of a more mature network and more balanced representation of climate professionals from different backgrounds.

Organisation representation in 2024

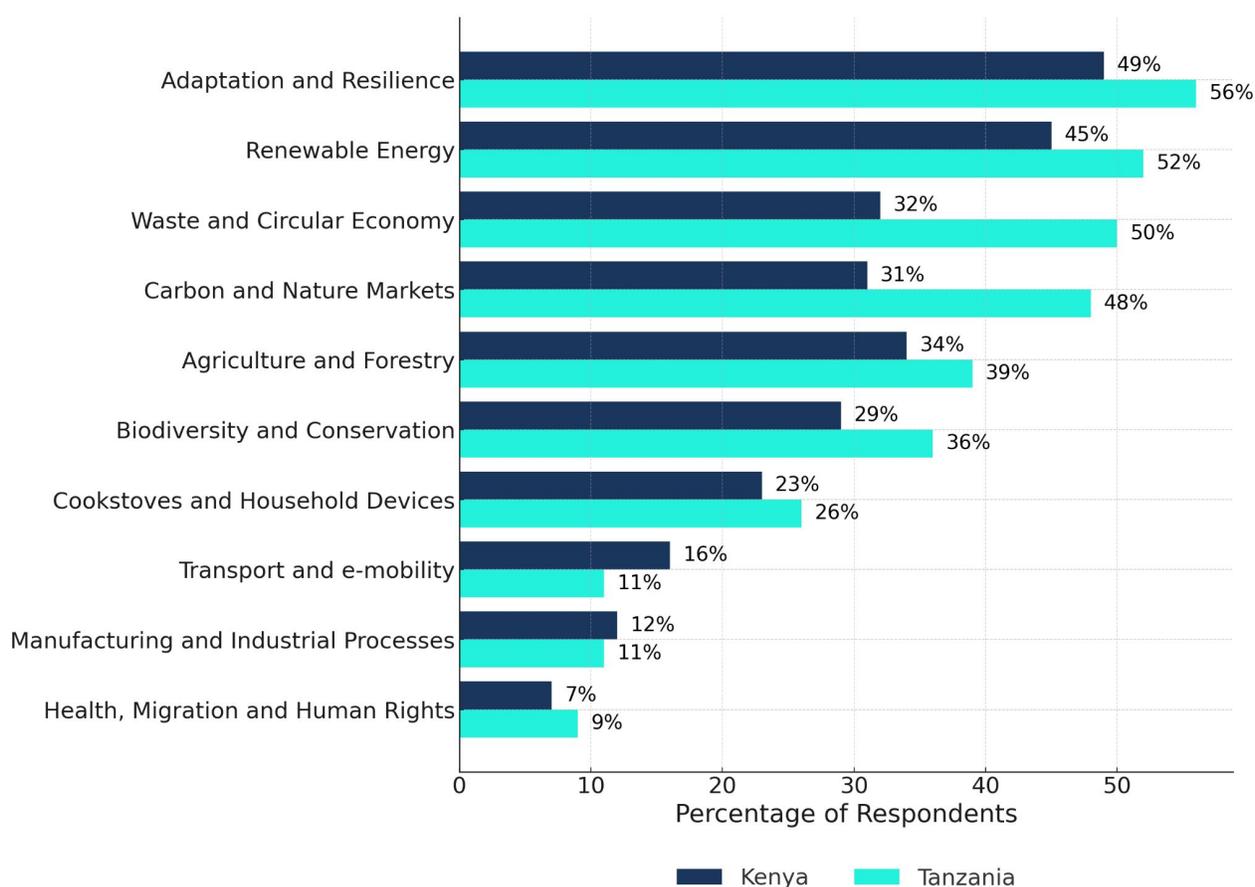


"Through the network I was able to apply for a fellowship and got shortlisted. I also attended some of the events... and it helped me forge some exciting collaborations."

Anonymous community member

Each chapter also has a unique spread of members across different climate sub-sectors, highlighting the uniqueness of each country in its approach and relevance for different climate solutions. In both Kenya and Tanzania, adaptation and resilience, plus renewable energy are the most dominant thematic areas. Renewable energy is a more established climate-related industry, and adaptation and resilience are natural focuses for the more traditional development sectors - so this finding reflects expectations around market actor dominance. Yet other sector prevalence is more surprising - despite the Kenyan community's heavy focus on carbon markets with the launch of the *Carbon Markets Association of Kenya* in 2025, carbon markets are more prominent as a theme in the smaller Tanzania community. However, Kenya has more of a presence in transport and e-mobility, and manufacturing and industry, reflecting Kenya's more urbanised economy and status as an innovation-hub.

Member thematic focus (Kenya and Tanzania Chapters)



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Many members are active in more than one area of climate solutions - and this is especially true in Tanzania, where members are more likely to work across multiple areas and solution types. This richness of data on members allows The Climate Network to gain a deep understanding of dynamics in the market, and how solutions are evolving in each space. We can use this data to target opportunities, events and connections toward the most relevant members.

At the end of 2024, we launched our newest chapters in Uganda and South Africa, and look forward to seeing these chapters develop as new members join. As with Tanzania and Kenya, each chapter is led by a small group of co-founders who are based locally and lead the chapter in a way that reflects the unique climate priorities and expertise within the country. Each chapter serves as a focal point for climate action, fostering deeper engagement between local stakeholders and opportunities for members to connect and collaborate, while benefiting from the resources and opportunities provided by the broader TCN network. We look forward to launching more local chapters in 2025 and beyond!



ROAM Facilities, Africa Tech Summit Ecosystem Tour

Connect

Events are a core pillar of The Climate Network's approach - providing consistent opportunities for connection, learning, and collaboration among members.

Throughout 2024, TCN hosted **19 events** across Kenya and Tanzania, bringing together **1,545 participants** from a wide range of sectors and roles across the climate ecosystem.

Our monthly event strategy ensures a consistent rhythm of engagement, with at least one member networking event hosted per month in each active chapter.

These sessions are designed to foster trusted relationships and enable collaboration among climate professionals working across different sectors, solution areas, and stages of growth. Each event is curated to meet the needs of members - balancing peer-to-peer exchange with expert input, and structured networking with informal connection-building. The 2024 calendar included:



Member Networking Sessions, offering space for smaller, curated conversations among professionals with shared interests or expertise.



Thematic Convenings, which explored sector-specific opportunities in areas like adaptation, circular economy, or carbon markets - shaped in response to emerging trends or policy shifts.



Experiential Learning Events, including site visits and solution showcases, to promote knowledge exchange and practical insight across the community.

Our 2024 Event Milestones

In 2024, The Climate Network's event strategy came to life through a dynamic mix of chapter-hosted sessions and collaboration with regional and global partners.

Together, these moments served to deepen engagement, expand visibility, and support knowledge-sharing across the growing community.

In Kenya, the Nairobi Climate Network hosted 13 events, ranging from intimate networking sessions and community visits to large-scale thematic forums.

Throughout the year, the Kenya chapter also hosted circular economy forums, industry tours, and thematic sessions aligned with national policy milestones such as the carbon regulations and COP29 preparations. In addition, quarterly virtual town halls ensured members remained informed on emerging issues and engaged in continental developments.

In **Tanzania**, TCN marked its official launch in early 2024 with an event hosted at the British High Commissioner's residence in Dar es Salaam. Over the year, the Tanzania chapter held **six networking events**, bringing together **140 professionals** from across the local climate ecosystem. These gatherings served as an important platform to spark new relationships and connect grassroots solution providers with a broader network of partners, funders, and technical experts.

In the final quarter of 2024, The Climate Network initiated early convenings in two new countries:

- In **Uganda**, informal gatherings began in October following a soft launch, creating momentum ahead of a formal chapter rollout in 2025;
- In **South Africa**, a high-level reception during Earthshot Week in Cape Town marked the official announcement of the South Africa Climate Network, in partnership with **FSD Africa** and **Kinjani**.

TCN EVENTS: SUMMARY OF 2024 EVENTS



13 Events in Kenya



11 Networking events



6 Events in Tanzania



7 Thematic convenings



1 Informal convening in Uganda



4 Industry collaborations*



1 Official chapter launch in South Africa



1,520 Total individuals participated in TCN events

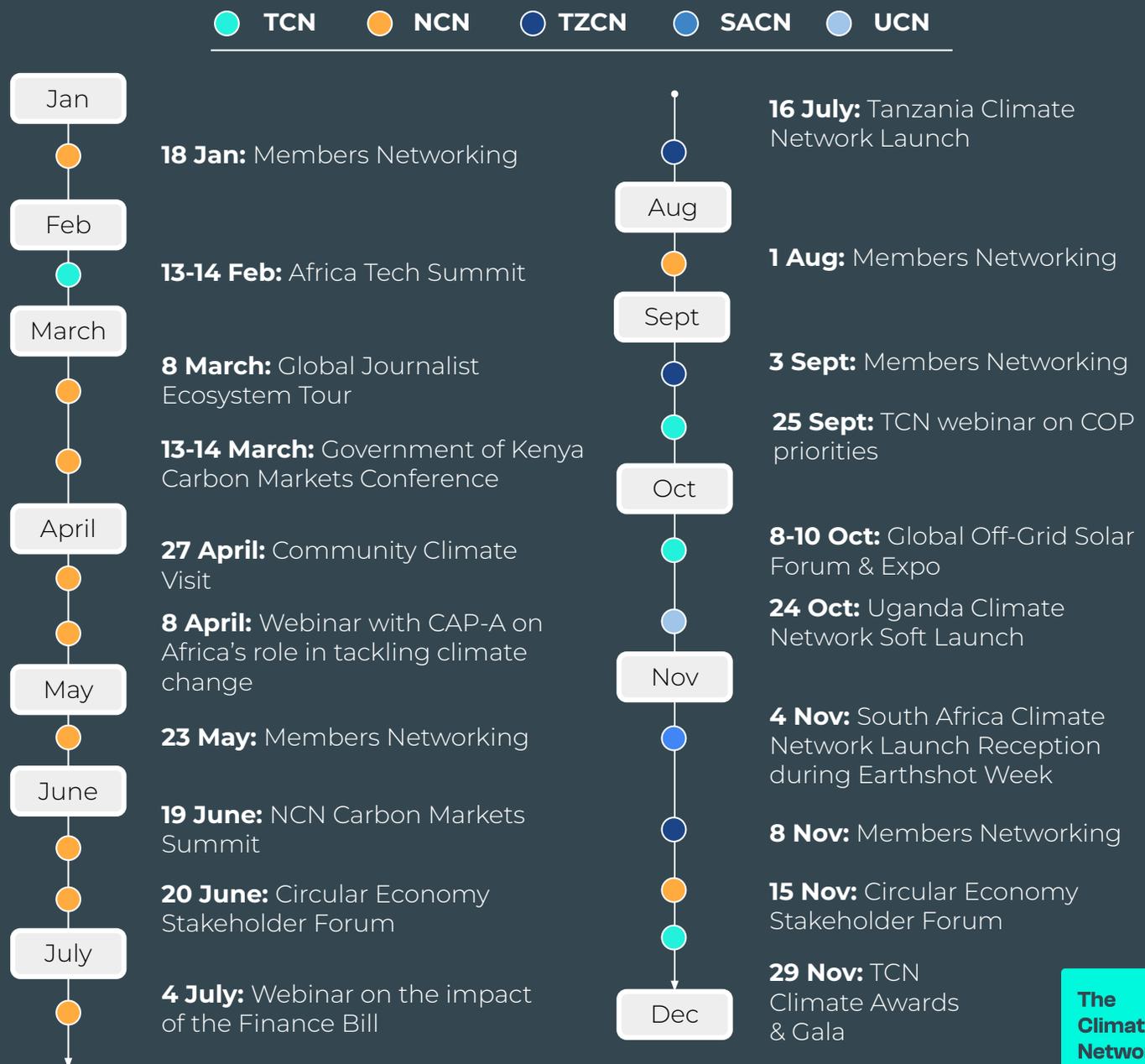
**Including partnerships with the Africa Tech Summit, the Government of Kenya's Carbon Markets Conference, the Global Off-Grid Solar Forum & Expo, and The Earthshot Prize.*

Looking Ahead

In 2025 and beyond, The Climate Network will continue to:

- 01 **Host regular member networking sessions** in all active chapters
- 02 **Expand collaboration with regional and global convenings**, embedding TCN members and solutions in flagship events
- 03 **Launch curated, cross-chapter member assemblies**, enabling members to convene for network updates and to collectively learn/share
- 04 **Amplify event insights to inform policy engagement and ecosystem research**, ensuring our convenings serve both members and the broader sector.

TIMELINE: A snapshot of 2024 Events across The Climate Network



Collaborate

The Climate Network model remains firmly rooted in local communities across Africa.

By fostering collaboration within our chapters, we enable climate professionals to share best practices, enhance learning, and accelerate partnerships that deliver action on the ground. Until now, most network information-sharing has taken place on local WhatsApp groups. However, with seven different groups and more than 4,000 participants (some in multiple groups), the growing volume of activity has made it difficult to identify contributors, track discussions, and search for relevant content. As our community grows, we are committed to developing tools and initiatives

that empower members to connect and collaborate more effectively.

In late 2024, we piloted the TCN Members Platform, a dedicated digital space designed to enhance engagement, facilitate knowledge-sharing, and support meaningful discussions among our community. This new platform will help to ensure that individuals can build valuable connections, share and find information, and fully leverage the power of our network. Strengthening these local connections is key to driving impactful climate action.

From 2025, members can use the platform to:



Build their own Profile, highlighting key areas of interest and opportunities for engagement to encourage meaningful connections.



Search the Members Directory, to find and message peers, potential partners, funders and stakeholders in their ecosystem for collaboration opportunities and more.



Post and Search on the Community Feed, sharing key climate opportunities, jobs, publications, announcements and events with others in the community to enable a dynamic exchange of knowledge.



Respond to TCN Events, access attendee lists in advance, and plan their attendance across various climate engagements.



Raise their Organisation's Profile, by creating a dedicated organisation account to manage their teams participation and official communications from their organisation.

One of the key advantages of the TCN Members Platform is its ability to unlock new opportunities for collaboration, delivering greater value to our members. Beyond fostering connections within local chapters, the platform enables cross-regional engagement, allowing members to exchange knowledge and expertise with peers across the continent. By expanding these networks, we empower climate professionals to tap into a broader ecosystem of experts and resources. Starting in Q1 2025, members from each of our local chapters will be invited to join, and we look forward to seeing how this platform enhances collaboration and information-sharing at both the local and regional levels.

As our membership and footprint grows, we are seeing increasing interest from organisations that recognise the power of our community to help achieve their goals. In 2024, our reach expanded significantly, with over 30,000 website views and more than 300,000 people reached via LinkedIn posts. Organisations are actively leveraging the network to connect with the right stakeholders, foster collaborations, and drive impact. This year alone, we facilitated nearly 300 introductions, forging valuable partnerships across the climate space. We brought key players together through co-designed workshops and ecosystem tours, including collaborations with the **Africa Tech Summit**, **GOGLA**, and the **Constructive Institute**.

We are also grateful for the support and sponsorship of **FSD Africa**, **Bowmans**, **Climate Impact Partners**, and **Dalberg**, whose contributions helped us deliver high-impact events throughout 2024.

Looking ahead, we are excited to expand on this work to help a global audience find our community. With a vast network of climate professionals and organisations embedded in local chapters, we are uniquely positioned to bridge the gap between local action and the global climate ecosystem. We aim to intentionally forge connections between our members and critical global stakeholders - including funders, researchers, institutions, recruiters, philanthropists, and consultants - who provide access to investment, research opportunities, jobs, grants, and awards. At the same time, we offer global actors a direct link to local communities, helping them discover the climate solutions, stories, partners, insights, and even carbon credits they seek from our members.



Presentation at Verst Carbon during a climate-tech focused ecosystem tour

To strengthen this role, we have developed a suite of services tailored for mission-aligned organisations, both locally and internationally. These services not only enhance the value we provide to our members but also support *The Climate Network's* journey toward long-term financial sustainability. We offer:

- **Bespoke Matchmaking** – Connect with the right members through tailored introductions and curated insights into the evolving climate ecosystem.
- **Curated Convenings** – Leverage our convening power to bring key stakeholders together through moderated discussions, workshops, and bespoke site visits.
- **Tailored Promotions** – Showcase your brand by sponsoring TCN events, co-creating targeted engagements, or promoting your climate conferences to our network.

Reach out to learn more about how we can leverage the power of our network to support your organisation's climate mission!



Community Climate Visit with
Slum Dwellers International

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Contribute

A core driver of TCN's work is ensuring that African voices actively shape global climate conversations and influence decision-making.

While Africa is home to a dynamic climate innovation ecosystem, its insights and contributions remain underrepresented in international forums and local policy processes. In 2024, TCN tackled this gap head-on by: i) convening members to shape shared policy priorities, ii) linking members with global and regional platforms, iii) and supporting the inclusion of African perspectives in climate research and iv) elevating African climate solutions and stories across global platforms.

01 Convening and representing member priorities

In 2024, TCN brought together its members through town halls, working groups, and targeted consultations to articulate ecosystem priorities, shape policy recommendations, and elevate practitioner voices in high-level forums. These engagements ensured that the insights of climate professionals in Kenya and across Africa directly informed both national and global decision-making.

Key member convenings included:

- **A Pre-COP 29 Town Hall**, to consolidate TCN member priorities for Kenya's contribution to the *Africa Group of Negotiators*.
- **Two Circular Economy Stakeholder Forums**, co-hosted with *EIT Climate-KIC* and *GrowthAfrica*, to support the development of circular economy clusters in Kenya.
- **The Carbon Markets Working Group**, which provided critical input into national carbon market regulations.

CASE STUDY: Carbon Markets Working Group and the Launch of the Carbon Markets Association of Kenya (CAMAK)

A key milestone in 2024 was the convening of the Carbon Markets Working Group, which successfully shaped Kenya's carbon market policy and led to the formation of the Carbon Markets Association of Kenya (CAMAK).



Click here to learn more and apply to join CAMAK

Recognising the urgent need for a structured, industry-led response to Kenya's evolving carbon market regulations, the Nairobi Climate Network mobilised 120 carbon practitioners and experts to develop a unified policy submission. This submission outlined actionable, practitioner-driven recommendations designed to support carbon project developers while aligning with Kenya's economic and climate goals.

The group's feedback influenced key provisions in the final legislation, addressing critical implementation concerns such as registry systems and project authorisations. More significantly, the process catalysed the creation of CAMAK, which now serves as an independent industry body connecting government, carbon developers, and international investors.

02 Linking Members to Larger Industry Forums

African climate professionals and organisations often struggle to access high-impact industry platforms where funding, policy decisions, and market trends are shaped. In 2024, TCN prioritised increasing access for our members - working with regional and global industry forums to curate diverse panels, influence programmes and content, spotlight member solutions, and ensure African innovators were included in global conversations.

Through partnerships with convenings like the *Africa Tech Summit* and the *Global Off-Grid Solar Forum & Expo*, TCN positioned members to speak, showcase their innovations during ecosystem tours, and engage directly with investors and policymakers. These engagements contributed to shifting perceptions of Africa's climate ecosystem from aid-dependent to innovation-led.



GOGLA Off-Grid Solar Forum and Expo

03 Convening and representing member priorities

Accurate, contextualised insights are essential for driving smarter policy and investment. In 2024, TCN strengthened its role as a research partner - ensuring Africa's climate realities were captured in global reports and sector studies. We worked with think tanks and development partners to:

- Connect researchers to frontline innovators.
- Facilitate interviews and data collection from the ecosystem.
- Shape findings to reflect lived experience and systemic gaps.
- Curate platforms for findings to be disseminated.

CASE STUDY: Climate-KIC Ecosystem Report



TCN supported the development of **Climate-KIC** and **Biter Bridge's report**, *Unlocking Climate Innovation in East Africa: Exploring Stakeholder Dynamics and Ecosystem Needs*. The study mapped the climate ecosystem across the region and explored the dynamics influencing their growth. TCN facilitated interviews with 15 experts across policy, business, and finance, ensuring a well-rounded perspective. We also provided insights into key trends in the climate innovation landscape, particularly around the relationships between key players and the evolving roles of stakeholders within the ecosystem. The findings underscored the rise of climate-tech startups, the importance of blended finance, and the need for stronger policy coordination - insights now informing donor strategies and private sector investment.



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Snapshot of The Climate Network Events, 2024

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04 Elevating African Climate Solutions on the Global Stage

TCN serves as a nominator for the *Earthshot Prize, Fin-Erth*, and other prestigious awards, ensuring African climate innovators gain the global recognition they deserve. In 2024, we joined a group of organisations invited to identify and nominate high-impact climate solutions. In addition, we recognised a need for a regional initiative that could act as a launchpad - providing visibility for emerging local solutions and acting as a bridge to global awards. To meet this need, TCN established the TCN Climate Awards to recognise and support the individuals and organisations driving climate action across the continent.

CASE STUDY: The Inaugural TCN Climate Awards & Gala

Held in November 2024, the inaugural TCN Climate Awards & Gala brought together climate leaders, investors, policymakers, and entrepreneurs to celebrate the individuals and organisations shaping Kenya's climate future. The awards attracted over 90 submissions and over 7,300 votes across six categories:

- **Pioneering Climate Innovator:** Startups at the forefront of climate technology (Winner - ROAM).
- **Community Climate Champion:** Grassroots initiatives with proven local impact (Winner - JustDiggIt).
- **Visionary Climate Investor:** Funders and accelerators committed to African climate solutions (Winner - Africa Climate Ventures).
- **Inspiring Climate Leader:** Individuals driving systemic change in the climate space (Winner - Nelly Oteki, GreenThing Kenya).
- **Global Climate Ambassador:** Organisations gaining international recognition for climate leadership and putting Kenya on the map (Winner - Mr. Green Africa).
- **Network Community contributor:** For their contribution to collaboration and knowledge sharing within the network (Winner - Cecilia Wandiga).

Beyond the awards, the gala provided a powerful convening space, bringing together leading climate funds, corporate sustainability leaders, policymakers, and technical experts. It also amplified underrepresented voices, with winners set to be featured across TCN platforms in 2025. Following its success, the TCN Climate Awards & Gala will return as an annual event, continuing to elevate and support African climate leadership.



See more about the awards here

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