AFRICAN CLIMATE ALLIANCE

A SHORT CASE STUDY (SO FAR)
WHO IS AFRICAN CLIMATE ALLIANCE? (ACA)

African Climate Alliance is a youth-led group advocating for climate, ecological and social justice.

We believe in a future defined by environmental and social justice. To achieve this we aim to deliver dynamic, Afrocentric environmental education and action, while creating a safe and inclusive space for South African youth.

We aim to:

- Unite to campaign for climate, ecological and social justice
- Make climate action creative & fun
- Encourage inclusive, intercultural collaboration around socio-environmental challenges
- Advocate for and deliver climate change education that adequately prepares young people for the realities of climate breakdown
- Promote an intersectional climate movement that aims to elevate voices of black, brown, indigenous, working-class and marginalized groups
GLOBAL #CLIMATESTRIKE
MARCH 15
JOIN SCHOOL STUDENTS
STRIKING FOR A SAFE CLIMATE
TWO WEEKS, A FEW COMMITTED INDIVIDUALS AND SUPPORTING ORGANISATIONS

GLOBAL
#CLIMATESTRIKE

FRIDAY 15 MARCH
12PM - 3PM
OUTSIDE PARLIAMENT, CAPE TOWN

INSPIRED BY GRETA THUNBERG, WE ARE STRIKING AND RISING UP AGAINST CLIMATE INACTION

FRIDAYSFORFUTURE.ORG.ZA
PREPARATIONS
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MOBILISATION TOOLS
- Collaborating with other organisations
- Emails to school principles
- School reps in charge of mobilising their fellow students
- Whatsapp groups
- Facebook and Instagram
  - Event and posts
- School assemblies
- Meetings and phone calls
  - Teachers union
  - Environmental forums
  - Eco clubs at schools & universities

LOGISTICS
- City permits
- March Route
- Centralised to-do lists + whatsapp groups
- Funding – support from 350africa.org
- Transport arrangements
- Banner making, chants
- Safety & security: Marshalls & marshal training, first aid, police
- Memorandum of demands
- Stage line up, MC, stage & sound
- Press release and media advisory on the day, radio appearances etc.
- Documenting: videographer, photographer, voice notes
Dear Principal,

We are writing to you as a courtesy to inform you that learners from schools across the city will be joining the Fridays for Future Global School Strike for Climate on the last day of term.

As most schools close at 11am on that day, it should not affect attendance, as the event runs from 12 noon until 3pm outside Parliament.

We would like to ask you to join the 200 academics in UK who signed this letter in support of their striking students. Please let us know if you would be willing to allow Climate Strike Cape Town youth representatives to give an assembly at your school explaining why the situation is critical?

For more information see the Facebook event Climate Strike Cape Town.
## ACA CLIMATE MARCH CHECKLIST - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND FILL IN

**NB** We are hoping to grow relationship between adult mentors and youth helpers to build skills so that the youth can take full responsibility for majority of tasks in future.

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<th>ROLE:</th>
<th>RESPONSIBILITIES:</th>
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<tr>
<td>Schools coordination</td>
<td>Mobilise and advise participating schools on placards etc: ACA Adult mobilisers: Lydia, Themekwa, Yandiswa, Pupa, Xoli ACA Youth: Ruby and school reps</td>
<td>Please can each mobiliser add names of schools, numbers of participants and teachers/marshals contact details to this <a href="#">participants list</a></td>
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<td>Schools reps</td>
<td>Youth coordinator for each school involved</td>
<td>Please make sure your contact numbers are on the above list</td>
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<td>Transport coordination</td>
<td>ACA Adult: Rachel Mash with assistance from Sarah</td>
<td>Each school co-ordination member needs to take responsibility for their group with this <a href="#">indemnity form</a> and sent back to Rachel Rachel to keep track of <a href="#">list of schools that need transport assistance</a></td>
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<td>Budget manager</td>
<td>ACA Adult: Lorna from Project 90</td>
<td>Process invoices and issue payments and receipts for transport funds ASAP</td>
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<td>City liaison</td>
<td>Includes dealing with officials, police and permits ACA Adult: Chantel Dete ACA Youth: Khadian Dheda</td>
<td><em>update</em> City Hall: invoice received. Process payment Events Office: Permit will be issued once City Hall gives the go-ahead Magistrate’s Office: Event’s Office will advise Chief Magistrate on approval of application. (Contact has been made and they are awaiting Event's Office) Gatherings Office: no permit required</td>
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<td>Marshals</td>
<td>Ensuring safety of participants en route ACA Adult: Pupa Fumba, Khanyiselo Silo ACA Youth: Nicholas Ford</td>
<td>Please add your name to participant list if you are willing to act as marshal for your group Training will take place FRIDAY from 11AM-12noon</td>
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<td>Logistics</td>
<td>Setting up stage and banner on arrival, booking toilets, providing loo rolls, water and back up wherever necessary ACA Adults: Cassi Goodman, Olivia Taylor ACA Youth: anyone who can get there early on the day</td>
<td>Please add your name below if you are willing to help out on the day <a href="#">LOGISTICS CREW</a>: Lucas Rosenfield Matthew Peddie Nota Brawnman Megan Farquhar Helen Brooke</td>
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<td>Speakers and MC</td>
<td>Line-up put together by ACA Youth: Ruby</td>
<td><a href="#">Schedule of events</a> plus Rari vegan model celebrity appearance Need to find suitable MC Matthew Peddie as back-up</td>
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<td>Stage and</td>
<td>PA confirmed by Megaathrie Pillay</td>
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Global warming is real. Denial is a policy of US goes nowhere.

Try to leave Earth a better place than when you arrived.

The power of the people is stronger than the people in power.

Eskom we don't want you dirty coal.

System change not climate change. Bring carbon tax.

The climate is changing so are we.
THIS AIN'T FAKE NEWS

COAL IS NOT COOL

WHICH DO U PREFER

LIKE YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE

Renewable energy never runs out
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Concerned about climate change?

Harvest wind

Make Earth Day every day

Climate strike

#SupportTheChildren

Elders support the children
- Youth Climate Council formed amongst school going youth, as well as an adult supporter group of civil society, parents and concerned adults

- YCC votes on name African Climate Alliance
  ◦ More South African-centric version of the global youth movement
  ◦ Desire to promote an intersectional approach to climate justice needs to be formed (intersectional = inclusive of social justice)
We are in a planetary crisis!

That's why we're here...

Environmental destruction, resource depletion, pollution and climate breakdown are human rights issues!

These issues affect everyone – but they are already disproportionately affecting those who are poor and vulnerable. We want to hold leaders and big industries accountable and call for systemic change to simultaneously address environmental and social issues - for they are one and the same.

Read our blog  Sign up to ACA
REACTING TO OUR CURRENT GLOBAL CRISIS

- Weekly online meetings (zoom)
- Using existing funding to supply data and ensure more equal access to online spaces
- Online Events: Youth Day #TheFutureIs (Womxn-strong, all-POC line up including speakers, music and poetry)
- Discussion around socially distanced protests
- Focus on content and education
- Online climate strikes
- Commenting on news and publishing Op-eds
- Looking to introduce new organizational tools to help us communicate such as slack
#THEFUTUREISJUST
WE NEED TO CHANGE NOT TOMORROW BUT TODAY!

DIGITAL CLIMATE JUSTICE TAKEOVER

Climate Change Will Kill Us All.

Maybe now they'll care.

I STRIKE FOR MY FUTURE

Smells Like Pollution

I STOP WHEN FUTURE IS SAFE
WASH YOUR HANDS BUT DON'T LET THE TAP RUN DRY

POLLUTION LEVELS ARE DROPPING BUT FOR HOW LONG?
Our future is not a game – #TheFutureIsNow
By Nick Ford, Gabriel Klassen, Mani Alexander and Amy Chambers • 15 June 2020

Police brutality – SA youth have their say
By Sasha Rodenacker, Sairusha Govindsamy, Nick Ford, Gabriel Klaasen & Kate Birch • 8 June 2020

OPINION: Youth climate activists call for countrywide community support in response to Covid-19 crisis
Kate Birch, Gabriel Klaasen, Sairusha Govindsamy & Nick Ford
CHALLENGES

- Internal power dynamics (i.e. who’s voices are the loudest? Who feels welcome?)
- Lack of/varying degrees of environmental literacy
- Miscommunication, difficulty with delegation / lack of responsibility
- Movement expansion
- South Africa’s existing inequality, and oppressive systems (also within the environmental movement)

HOW WE ARE ADDRESSING THIS?

- By actively (ongoing) trying to address and shift oppressive power dynamics and make an inclusive space
- Education committee: partnerships, resource creation etc.
- More regular meetings, starting to address communications tools
- Aim to create resources to empower people to have decentralised actions
- Trying to mitigate unequal access by providing data, discussing long-term plans and aiming to partner with more organisations in marginalized communities (i.e. currently work with Earth Child Project)
LESSONS

- Think global, act local (don’t always look to global north for answers)
- Start with the hard work internally then move outward
- It’s not just about climate change: colonialism, racism, mass consumption, sexism – are all part of the same toxic system. That is why we call for intersectional systems change and climate justice where no-one is left behind.
- Climate change affects us all but not equally – those most affected by all injustices should be given the biggest platform
- It’s a relay marathon - not a sprint.
  - Be patient
  - Rest and take care
  - Have fun whenever you can
COLLABORATE WITH ACA

- ACA currently collaborates with a number of organisations
- Become a partner organisation so we can synchronise actions and messaging and/or support one another
- Join ACA as an individual
  - Get in touch: team@africanclimatealliance.org
- Follow us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter
- Visit our website www.africanclimatealliance.org