

## **‘Lisa’s Journey - Post COP 24’**

With the increasing knowledge gained about our world and environment, through participation in TGIEd, Lisa co-founded an organization called ‘Kijani gang’ where young people gather to not only talk about the contribution they can make but to actually take action locally towards the conservation of our environment and nature. Through Kijani Gang, Lisa blends her passion for hands-on conservation of nature while motivating young people to express themselves by speaking up.



*KG pause to take a picture during their bi-weekly Saturday meeting*

Kijani Gang chose to start a ‘Green School’ project at a school in their home town where they have created "Green" awareness by teaching pupils the importance of growing trees and water conservation. Last October, the organization raised funds towards the placement of gutters (on the roof) for water harvesting at the school and is organizing a tree planting session this April holiday supported by Kenya Forest Authority. They have plans to introduce a tree nursery and a plan for waste separation to promote recycling that will see the school become a true ‘Green’ model school that other local schools can emulate.

One of the challenges that Kijani Gang has experienced since its founding one year ago is access to information. It was therefore a delight for the club members to get invited to a meeting with Kenya’s Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Natural resources one month ago where they got an opportunity to present to the Minister the various roles they’re playing

towards restoration of our climate including Lisa's participation at Cop 24.



*With the Cabinet secretary for environment & Natural resources at his office*

Kijani gang members each bring their individual talents such as art, video making, photography, football, public speaking etc. jointly with their passion for environmental conservation to speak-up as youth representatives.



*Lisa was able to show case her art during the meeting with the Minister and his delegation.*

In response to Kijani Gang's request for access to credible information on Climate change and conservation, a tour for its members as well as friends from their schools, to the National Climate Change Resource Centre on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 was organized to coincide with The World Meteorological Day.

At the Resource Centre they learnt about our weather patterns and received a demonstration on weather forecast and reporting. They got to visit the youth

friendly library that provides all information on climate change and the activities that the Kenyan government is undertaking towards involving youth in the conservation of our environment. Kijani gang plans on working together with the meteorological department to cooperate future youth climate events.

**Proposed Program for Visit to the National Climate Change Resource Centre ~ Kijani Gang**

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019

Time: 09.00 am - 12 noon

Time	Activity	Person Responsible
9.00 am	Assemble at Kenya Metrological Department (KMD)	Rosemary Mutunkei
9.00 - 10.00am	Tour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weather Forecasting Studio</li> <li>Weather Instruments</li> </ul>	Kijani Gang KMD - TBA
10.00 - 10.20am	Talk on Climate Change	Dr. Pacifica Ogola Climate Change Directorate (CCD)
10.20 - 10.30 am	Q and A	All
10.30 - 11.00 am	Tour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Climate Change Resource Centre</li> </ul>	Sheila Mbiru
11.00 - 11.50am	Watch a Short Climate Change Video Clip OR TED Talk by Greta Thunberg	Sheila Mbiru
	Discussions ~ Never too small to make a difference	
	What will you do?	
11.50 - 12 noon	Closing Remarks	Rosemary Mutunkei Dr. Pacifica Ogola



Left: The days program

Right: Lisa presents on the role youth are playing in conservation



Left: National Climate Change Resource Centre Library

Right: Weather Instruments Demo

Lisa has also been able to express the youth voice and agenda for climate and nature conservation by making a presentation in front of a group of conservationists, students, media and stakeholders at The Agha Khan



University during the premiere screening and panel discussion on the documentary film “Giving Nature A Voice”.



Most recently, she spoke at her 5<sup>th</sup> attendance of Earth Hour on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at the Sarova Panafric Hotel and is scheduled to participate and speak on behalf of the youth at the Global March for Wildlife on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019