



“Transforming Waste Governance Through Law, Policy, and Community Power”

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ALPWAM Statement on the Opening of Africa Climate Summit II in Addis Ababa

The African Initiative for Law and Policy on Waste Management (ALPWAM) welcomes the opening of the **Second Africa Climate Summit (ACS2)** in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This summit represents a critical milestone in Africa's collective journey toward climate justice, sustainable development, and green industrialization.

As an African-founded and African-led organization committed to **legal and policy reform in waste management, environmental justice, and climate resilience**, ALPWAM strongly aligns with the summit's call to shift the narrative from climate aid to climate investment. We believe that innovative, Africa-driven solutions rooted in sound governance, community empowerment, and circular economy models are essential to achieving lasting climate action.

ALPWAM particularly underscores the role of **waste management in Africa's climate agenda**. Poorly managed waste contributes to greenhouse gas emissions, pollutes critical ecosystems, and undermines public health. Yet, with the right investments in circular economy pathways, waste can be transformed into an engine for green jobs, clean cities, and resilient communities.

We call upon African leaders, development partners, and investors gathering at ACS2 to:

- Prioritize **climate finance that strengthens legal frameworks** and enforces environmental protections.
- Support **community-driven, youth and women-led waste solutions** that advance equity and resilience.
- Champion **regional collaboration on waste and climate policy**, ensuring Africa speaks with one voice in global climate negotiations.

ALPWAM stands ready to partner with governments, civil society, and the private sector to ensure that Africa's climate commitments translate into **sustainable action on the ground**. Together, we can turn the climate challenge into an opportunity for environmental justice, green growth, and a healthier future for all Africans.

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