

YILAA Workshop Participation Report (KENYA)

Event: National Workshop on Localizing Early Warning Systems (EWS)

Date: 6-7th, may 2025

Location: Nairobi, Kenya

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1. Workshop Overview

The National Workshop on Localizing **Early Warning Systems** (EWS), organized by the **Global Network of Civil Society Organizations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR)**, brought together local, national, and international stakeholders to enhance the role of civil society organizations (CSOs) in strengthening and localizing EWS frameworks.

This initiative is part of a global effort with similar workshops held in Colombia and Bangladesh. The Nairobi workshop focused on inclusive dialogue, capacity-building and integrating grassroots perspectives into EWS decision-making and planning.

2. Workshop Objectives

- Promote inclusive, multi-stakeholder engagement in EWS.
- Reflect on GNDR's global survey findings on localized EWS.
- Share country-specific case studies and lessons learned.
- Co-develop advocacy messages and a Strategic Roadmap tailored to Kenya's context.
- Identify innovative, practical solutions to improve accessibility and effectiveness of EWS.

3. YILAA's Role and Contribution

As YILAA Kenya's representative, (**Charles Mwendwa**) actively engaged in-group discussions and shared our experiences in youth-led climate action, especially:

- Grassroots awareness campaigns on climate resilience and disaster preparedness.

- Community-based tree planting and land restoration projects that support climate monitoring.
- Insights from our youth engagement models that build local ownership and trust in early warning systems.

Our interventions highlighted the need to incorporate youth perspectives and local knowledge into EWS policy and program design.

4. Key Takeaways

- There is a strong need to decentralize and localize EWS by building capacity at the community level.
- Collaborative platforms between government agencies and CSOs are essential for timely and effective disaster response.
- Youth organizations like **YILAA** play a critical role in community mobilization and information dissemination.
- A national roadmap will be developed based on shared case studies and strategies presented during the workshop.

5. Next Steps for YILAA

- Engage with relevant partners to integrate youth-led models into local EWS frameworks.
- Share the Strategic Roadmap with YILAA's regional teams and identify areas for implementation.
- Continue advocacy for youth inclusion in climate and disaster governance at national and county levels.

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