We are a Business Support Organization (BSO), working with both public and private sector tourism stakeholders, as well as local communities, in sustainable management of tourism in destinations. In this support, we have always emphasized the need to uphold values for environmental protection, and the urgency of climate action in tourism. We are therefore glad to scale our commitment within the concerted effort of a global community declaring climate emergency in tourism, and work together on targets for reduction of carbon emissions ahead of 2030. IPCC advises reduced emissions to 55% below 2017 levels in order to keep the planet within 1.5 degrees of warming within the next decade.

**Climate emergency plan**

We are committing to;

1. **Share analysis of our ongoing policy study** about invisible impacts of climate change on tourism, with targeted stakeholders in Kenya, and use information from the study to produce a policy brief. Each year, we hold 4 thrivability breakfast meetings with industry stakeholders, and we will dedicate one of these to the topic of climate change.

2. **Use the annual Sustainable Tourism Africa Summit (STAS) as a platform to bring attention to critical issues on climate emergencies**, mainly by facilitating communication between government, industry, community, and academic research. We intend that this effort will address current knowledge gaps about climate change that results to skepticism and uncertainty, and encourage planning based on factual research information.

3. **Create awareness with the youth about climate change**, by continuing to create safe spaces for highlighting climate issues in our monthly inter university Young Change Makers seminars on sustainable tourism and document youth solutions and action for climate change.

4. **Encourage action in our communications network** within Kenya and the rest of Africa, and have more companies as well as individuals come through us in declaring climate emergency. We will schedule to provide information and leadership to encourage uptake of climate actions by the industry for carbon mitigation measures as well as relevant adaptation plans.

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