

## **Interface Meeting with Parliamentary Committee on Natural Resources and Climate Change and Women Caucus in Parliament**

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Specifically, the meeting raised awareness of the parliamentarians on climate change and the need for community led adaptation initiatives as well as oriented the PCNRCC, and the Women Caucus on the need for resilience building legislations, policies and plans as a country, specifically; the DRM Bill and the Climate Change Bill. Stakeholders, during the meeting also highlighted the need for the National Climate Change Management Fund to guide all adaptation initiatives in the country. The meeting also provided a platform where the position of the CSOs was clearly stated to the policy makers, highlighting that it is crucial that the Members of Parliament table the draft DRM Bill and support its passing in parliament.

For more information, refer to the full report.



*Julius Ng'oma, presenting on Climate Change, Climate Justice and community led approaches to the parliamentarians*



*Hon Halima Daudi, Rachel Zulu MP giving some comments after a presentation during a plenary session*



*Victor Mughogho, Eagles Relief and Development, giving the CSO recommendations during the plenary discussion*