

AFRICAN ENVIRONMENT DAY/WANGARI MAATHAI DAY 2014 CELEBRATIONS - KENYA



YOUTH – Healing the Earth *Environment . Education . Empowerment*

3rd March 2014, Monday
UN Complex, Gigiri

*Organized by the Green Belt Movement (GBM), in collaboration with
the Wangari Maathai Institute of Peace and Environmental studies (WMI)
and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)*

- **Africa Environment Day** (AED) was designated by Decision of African Union (AU) Executive Council in 2002, which falls on 3 March each year. AED seeks to raise public awareness on environmental challenges in Africa such as climate change, desertification, deforestation, land degradation, endangered biodiversity etc. which are mainly responsible for problems related to food security, health and development.
- The AU Summit (Feb. 2012) also designated 3 March as **Wangari Maathai Day** to be observed in conjunction with AED in honour of the contributions of the late Nobel Laureate.
- The UN General Assembly (UNGA) recently proclaimed 3 March as **World Wildlife Day**, to celebrate and raise awareness of the world's wild fauna and flora. In so doing, the UNGA reaffirmed the intrinsic value of wildlife and its various contributions, including ecological, genetic, social, economic, scientific, educational, cultural, recreational and aesthetic, to sustainable development and human well-being.

PROGRAMME (tentative)

09:00 - 10:00	Arrivals and Registration	
09:30 - 10:00	Tree Planting (tbc)	<i>VIPs</i>
10:00 - 11:00	Welcome and Opening Remarks	<i>Govt. of Kenya, GBM/WMI, UNEP, and student/TUNZA representatives</i>
11:00 - 11:30	Exhibition Opening and Refreshments Break	
11:30 - 12:45	<i>Youth Dialogues 1 Food Security, Desertification and Agriculture</i>	<i>Youth Dialogues 2 Wildlife conservation</i>
12:45 - 13:00	Summary of Youth Dialogues	Rapporteurs
13:00 - 13:30	Closing Remarks & Way forward	<i>NEMA / KWS / UNEP</i>

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