

## United Youth Initiative for Africa (UNIYIA) Submission on the Zero Draft Ministerial Declaration for UNEA-7

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### Introduction

United Youth Initiative for Africa (UNIYIA) welcomes the opportunity to provide input on the draft ministerial declaration for the Seventh Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7) under the theme "Advancing Sustainable Solutions for a Resilient Planet." UNIYIA remains committed to empowering youth in Africa to lead climate and environmental actions while promoting inclusive and sustainable development

### Key Pointers for the Ministerial Declaration

- Focus on youth-driven climate solutions in adaptation and renewable energy
- Address equity in climate policies to protect vulnerable groups, especially youth and children in Africa
- Strengthen climate resilience through sustainable agriculture and water resource management

### Key Research Highlights

- The IPCC AR6 emphasizes the need to limit global warming to 1.5°C
- UNEP's Adaptation Gap Report highlights the need to increase adaptation financing in developing countries
- The Global Biodiversity Outlook links biodiversity loss to climate change and human well-being

### Recommended Solutions

- Increase climate finance for youth-led and community-based solutions
- Integrate youth participation into environmental governance at all levels
- Promote the circular economy to reduce waste and protect ecosystems


### Complimentary Actions

- Prioritize climate-driven migration strategies to build resilience in affected communities
- Expand climate education and capacity-building initiatives for young people

UNIYIA stands ready to engage in the consultation process and contribute to UNEA-7's success. We look forward to participating in future discussions and advancing actionable solutions for a sustainable planet

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration, your Excellency

Yours Sincerely,



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