



GREENING AFRICA THROUGH ONE CAR, ONE DOLLAR PROJECT

1.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

For a country like Kenya to counter the effects of climate change, it has to plant trees and increase its forest cover. Trees absorb excess carbon dioxide and other harmful gases from the atmosphere. Local communities are clearing grassy plains and forests for farming or to burn charcoal. It has been pointed out that Kenya will continue to rely on wood fuel to meet her energy needs in the foreseeable future. It is consequently wise to accept that for the supply to be sustainable there must be deliberate efforts towards organizing to promote sustainable practices in wood fuel utilization.

Secondly, People unknowingly or intentionally are clearing forests and replacing them with farms. Mismanagement of the forests by the government officials either selling or giving permits to timber merchants who over log fortunately there are little efforts by corporate society to grow trees.

It is against this background that Green Africa Foundation with donation from Autoterminal Japan is working towards greening our country through tree growing.

2.0 PROGRESS OF ACTIVITIES

2.1 Donation of 10,000 tree seedlings for Miss Environment event, Kitui County on 13th September 2013

Green Africa Foundation continues to undertake several activities geared towards promoting environment respecting morals through both minds on and hands on experience. Through the support from Autoterminal Japan, the foundation donated 10,000 tree seedlings to Kitui County in support of an event dubbed *miss environment-Kitui County*. The event, a beauty pageant was geared towards active involvement of the candidates in conservation of the environment and protection on mother nature not only in the county but also in the whole country. During the event,

Dr Isaac Kalua emphasised on the need of environmental conservation pointing out, 5.6 million households depend entirely on firewood for energy provision with each household depleting one tree per day hence resulting to 6 million trees depleted daily. In addition, he also encouraged the candidates to be ambassadors of nature through Thinking green and Acting Green!

“Am grateful to Green Africa Foundation for donating these trees and from today environmental conservation will a key priority. I will also preach the same to my friends in Campus(ChristineMutua, please insert who Christine is from Kitui County)

2.2 Tree Planting in Nairobi School during world Environmental Day-5TH June

Nairobi school is one of the Green Africa villages under the category of learning institution. During the world environmental Green Africa Foundation together with Kenyatta International Convention Centre staff members planted trees with the students of Nairobi school to mark the world environmental day. The event was meant to awaken the young people to encourage them to proactively begin to protect the environment they will inherit. During the event, 2,000 tree seedlings were planted at the edges of the school compound. Of which 1,000 trees were donated by Green Africa Foundation while the rest were purchased from Organization by Kenyatta International Convention Centre



Green Africa Foundation, staff members of KICC and the students' fraternity pose a photo during the world environmental day at Nairobi School