

# Joint Declaration on Wildfire Management in Kenya

Between the undersigned parties

Whilst there are existing practices, structures and legislations for fire management and governance embedded in the current natural resource practices and policies in Kenya;

There is a **need** for: greater community involvement, engagement and empowerment in fire management, and more broadly in natural resources management; for further access to funding, education, training and resources to aid effective fire management; for better coordination between parties, and improved communication structures, information and data management; for further knowledge and expertise including scientific, cultural and indigenous knowledges; for greater understanding on wildfire risk to aid better preparation; and for a transboundary integrated wildfire management policy, providing guidance across different landscapes, tenures and ecosystems and that includes community guidelines for fire management in their landscape.

Therefore, the undersigned declare:

- Their intention to support the development of an integrated wildfire management policy, which would include:
  - supporting the establishment of locally based fire management committees;
  - accelerating research into traditional institutions and knowledges on fire management;
  - carrying out community meetings in specific contested landscapes;
- And their desire to create a shared space and to continue to work together towards achieving the above intents.

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