



The weather in Zambia has been dominated by extreme hot and dry conditions for the past few weeks. It was only befitting that the faith-based organizations and environment youth groups went to do some trainings on Climate Change in Chipata and Livingstone on the 29th of October 2011.

The one day sensitization workshop was a collaborative effort between the church mother bodies in Zambia namely; Evangelical Fellowship of Zambia (EFZ), Council of Churches in Zambia (CCZ) and the Zambia Episcopal Conference (ZEC). The training in Chipata was opened by CCZ's Rev. L. Kaluah and had about 5 Youth Pastors and 45 youths in attendance.

Both trainings were well attended and participants were taught about the theological perspective about climate change by Justina Zulu from CCZ. Rumbidzai Masango from EFZ built on to this by giving the scientific approach and also explained the gender dynamics linked to climate change. Boniface Mumba from Youth Image Solutions gave insight into the climate change negotiations and the upcoming congress of the Parties (CoP) meeting.

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is an international environmental treaty that was produced at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) also known as the Earth Summit. Ever since the UNFCCC entered into force in March 1994 and countries that signed up to the UNFCCC are known as "Parties". To date, there are 192 parties, they meet annually at the Congress of the Parties (CoP) to assess progress in dealing with climate change. This year, the CoP is coming to Africa and will be hosted by South Africa in Durban.

Mumba explained to the participants about the 'We Have Faith' Youth Campaign and about the Caravan coming from Nairobi Kenya, which will pass through Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, Botswana and stop in Durban, South Africa. This Caravan seeks to raise awareness about climate change and the youths in these countries are encouraged to advocate and sensitize the

churches and general public on issues of climate justice.

Chipata, which is in the Eastern Province of Zambia will receive the Caravan from Malawi on the 14th of November 2011 and have a celebratory concert/event.

Lusaka will receive the caravan on the 16th and Livingstone on the 17th of November.

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