

Candidacy WMPA to be president of the committee:
Climate Change

Committee: **Changement climatique**

Candidate: **John Bonds Bideri** (Rwanda)

• *Organization* : Pelum Association

• *Personal experience on the issue* :

I have been working on Climate change and related issues since 2007 including winning competitive funding from Christian Aid for two projects on climate change. I am a member of Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) and i have a passion for providing solutions to climate challenges at the community level where majority of poor people live.

• *Program for action you planned for the thematic group*

None until i obtain views of the members and other stakeholders but in general terms.

1. Developing a detailed and inclusive action plan (see below).
2. Awareness raising will be crucial.
3. Building synergies with like minded organizations and the media.
4. Advocacy and lobbying at all levels.
5. Consultation with the WMPA leadership and members to ensure the plan remains coherent and inclusive.
6. Report regularly on the progress and challenges through WMPA organized forums.
7. Any other business the president of WMPA would want me to undertake in my thematic area.

• *How do you plan to do the animation of the thematic group?*

- 1, Consolidate ideas/views from different regions of WMPA on Climate Change. Aquestionare will be developed for this purpose.
2. Come up with a plan of action based on the views/ideas collected from different regions.
3. The action plan will be circulated for validation by regional stake holders.
4. An action plan and budget will be developed for consideration by the Board.
5. A team of experts from among the WMPA members will be profiled to support the implementation of the WP&B.
6. Contacts and Synergies will be built to allow regular participation in national, regional and international forums on climate change to articulate the WMPA's position.

• *Which support do you expect from the technical committee ?*

Basically, the latest developments in the climate change discourse at the Science level, negotiation outcomes at the UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate

Change) and other forums organized around the world. As well as the different positions taken by different players around the world.

• *How do you plan to internationalize the work of the thematic group ?*

WMPA is already known in international circles as a credible and representative voice of mountain people. The WMPA will participate and be visible in all the UNFCCC forums as well as regional and national conferences on climate Change. In particular, the COP 17 is scheduled to be held in South Africa and WMPA will mobilize mountain people from Lesotho and other parts of the World to participate in this meeting scheduled later this year.

• *Do you have key persons, specialists of the issue, you plan to work with ?*

In Africa; PACJA will be crucial as well as International Organizations like CAN, Jubilee South and Others. Experts among the WMPA membership will be identified for their support and in puts.

Projected budget:

It is unrealistic to ask for comments on the budget and yet ideas and views that will form the actions is yet to come from members of WMPA. I don't feel a budget should be developed by an individual or few individuals otherwise it ceases to be representative.