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Greenwatch is Celebrating 29 years of Environmental Advocacy! From the Director's desk

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It's exciting for me to be sharing with you our partners and friends the milestones that

In February, I reconnected with my amigos at the Environmental Law Alliance

Worldwide (ELAW) Annual General Meeting in Eugene Oregon. Eugene has very many

fond memories for me as I spent 2011 and part of 2012 at the University of Oregon

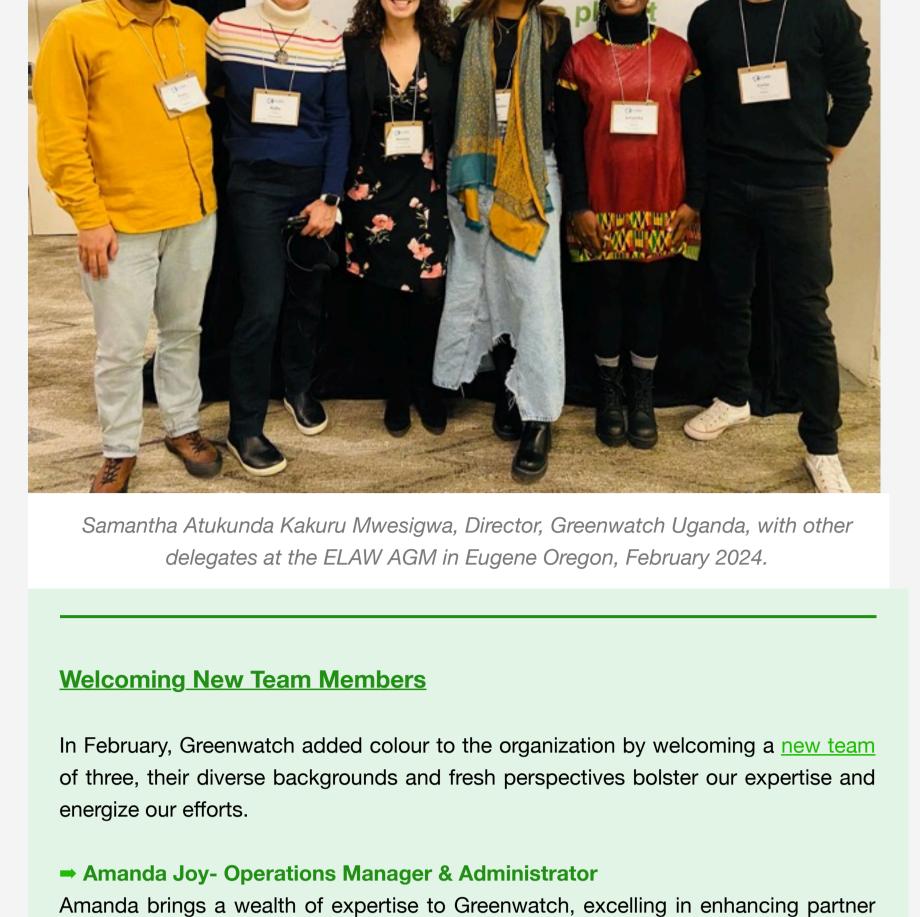
doing my Master of Laws in the environment and natural resources. ELAW AGMs are

Dear Reader,

our organization has already hit this year. It's hard to imagine that we are well into the second quarter of 2024, I feel like the year has just begun. From starting the year with a new team to getting our sleeves rolled up and ready to engage with esteemed judicial officers in our upcoming judicial training on climate justice, Greenwatch continues to champion environmental advocacy and drive positive change.

easily one of the highlights of my year because I get to meet colleagues from all around the world who are involved in similar work. During the few days of the AGM, we reconnected with old friends and colleagues, shared experiences, were inspired by the great work and success of our colleagues, and built new friendships and networks. March started on a somber but grateful tone with the first memorial celebration of the founder of Greenwatch the late Hon. Justice Kenneth Kakuru my beloved father, I am so honored to have had him as a father, a mentor, and above all else as my friend. His infectious laughter, wisdom, and candor will always be sweet memories for many. April is buzzing with preparations for the 6th Judicial Training on Climate Justice. This

time the training is moving from the capital Kampala to the eastern part of Uganda in Mbale district. This is the first time we are having our climate justice training out of Kampala we are looking forward to the experience and the outcome of the training. Happy reading!



and team experience, overseeing administration, and optimizing operations. Her deep-rooted passion for nature fuels her efforts in environmental conservation, alongside active involvement in initiatives promoting volunteerism, education, and

empowering female entrepreneurs. Amanda holds a Bachelor's degree in Business

Administration from Makerere University Business School, underscoring her

→ Baryamujura Mahad - Legal Project Officer

→ Nelson Byanyima – Communications Coordinator

commitment to excellence.

significantly. Before joining Greenwatch, he gained valuable experience through clerkship and volunteering at Kakuru and Co. Advocates, where he honed his skills in litigation and corporate practice. Mahad holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from Kampala International University and a Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice from the Law Development Center (Kampala).

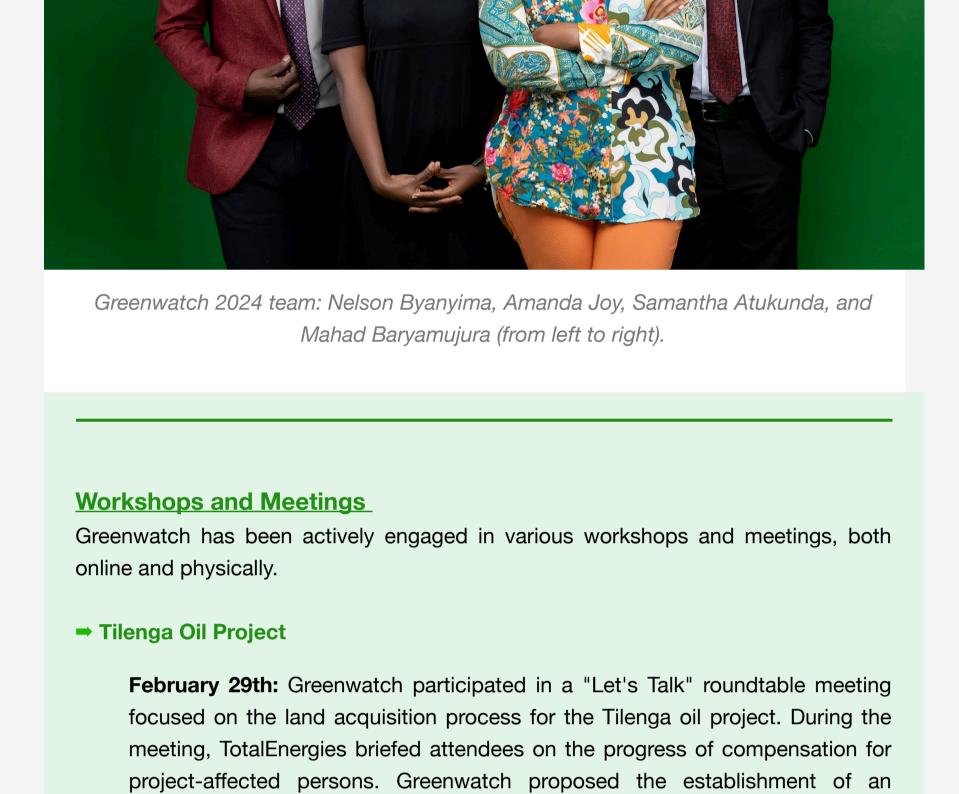
Nelson is a seasoned environmental scientist and Communications Coordinator at

Greenwatch Uganda, bringing over a decade of experience. With a bachelor's degree

in Environmental Science from Makerere University Kampala, Nelson's career is

Mahad is a seasoned lawyer whose passion for environmental law has grown

defined by a passion for crafting effective communication strategies and creating digital content. Additionally, Nelson is the founder of Green Lens International, a nonprofit in Uganda dedicated to using visual content to advocate for environmental conservation, climate action, and clean energy. https://greenwatch.or.ug/team



independent committee to assist project-affected persons in navigating technicalities that may be delaying their compensation.

→ NEMA Training Workshop

sharing for all stakeholders.

Resilience project

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his initiative is our response to the late h usine Karneln Kakuru's vision of combr eforesiction—a steadlast commitment

pursuit of climate justice. **→** Access and benefit sharing • April 4th: Greenwatch participated in a breakfast meeting focused on draft

regulations for access and benefit sharing (ABS) related to the implementation

of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and its Nagoya Protocol.

Specifically, the meeting considered the National Environment (Access to

Genetic Resources & Benefit Sharing) Regulations 2005 and The Guidelines for

Accessing Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing, 2007. Greenwatch reviewed

the draft regulations and proposed amendments to ensure equitable benefit

April 4th: Greenwatch also attended the Annual General Meeting of the

Environment and Natural Resources Civil Society Organizations Network. The

meeting focused on drafting, discussing, and approving a work plan for

April 18th: Greenwatch participated in an information sharing, update, and

dissemination meeting regarding the LIFE-AR project (Least Developed

Countries-LDC Initiative for Effective Adaptation and Resilience project) under

March 6th - 9th: Greenwatch participated in a training on effective

environmental management organized by the National Environment

Management Authority (NEMA). During the training, Greenwatch called for

stronger cooperation between NEMA and civil society organizations in the

collaboration on advancing climate justice and other critical environmental issues. **→** Least Developed Countries-LDC Initiative for Effective Adaptation and

➡ Environment and Natural Resources Civil Society Organizations Network.

the Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE). This program is designed to support LDCs in strengthening their approaches to climate resilience. First memorial celebration of the life of Hon. Justice Kenneth Kakuru

On March 9th, Greenwatch joined the family and friends of our esteemed late

founder, Hon. Justice Kenneth Kakuru, at his ancestral home in Rwebishuri, Mbarara.

During the memorial, the family launched The Kenneth Kakuru Afforestation &

Reforestation Initiative to keep his legacy alive through afforestation and

reafforestation projects starting in Uganda. 100 trees were planted in Kyamugorani,

Mbarara where the late Justice Kakru grew up.



Greenwatch is gearing up for the 6th judicial training on climate justice. The training is

scheduled for 20th May 2024 in Mbale District, the theme this year is, enforcing

environmental laws in the age of environmental crisis. We expect to train 30 judicial

Greenwatch is set to launch its inaugural Climate Journalism Awards in August this

year, honoring exceptional journalists in Uganda who excel in reporting on climate-

related matters. This initiative reflects our ongoing dedication to empowering local

media and journalists, fostering in-depth coverage and awareness of crucial

If we all did a little, we would do much

Climate Journalism Awards

environmental issues impacting our region.

officers.