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**Adapting for sustainability by driving the
local ambition and building clean.**

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Presentation Outline

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building clean
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- Introduction
- COVID 19 pandemic Vs SDGs - Recovery Vision
- COVID 19 and relationship with nature.

COVID 19 VS destruction VS climate change

Biodiversity loss and increasing risks of infectious diseases :

- Around 1m species are facing extinction within a decade,
- We lose forest cover equivalent to 30 football pitches every minute,
- Oceans are becoming warmer, acidic and increasingly polluted, choked up with plastics
- Ecological disasters: locusts, drought, floods, lethal temperatures, cyclones, diseases, wildfires, etc, etc

climate change on glaciers, oceans, nature, economies and its cost on people across the globe; manifest more and more often through disasters such as record heatwaves, wildfires, droughts and floods

Recovery and adapting opportunities –building clean

- Kenya's progress towards achieving the SDGs - will COVID 19 impact reverse recent gains?
- Kenya's Universal Health coverage and access to vaccines, and inequalities- responsive recoveries. (UHC index, Kenya 0.46, SDG target 3.46 - WHO)
- Opportunity to help turn rhetoric into action on building back better.
- Decade of action to accelerate progress towards achieving the SDGs including progress on data-informed SDG analysis.
- Nature-based solutions to stress the importance of resetting our relationship with nature – building resilience to climate change.
- Reducing on industrial and transport carbon emissions.
- Help part of society and especially the most vulnerable to adapt and become more resilient to the effects of climate change
- Youth representatives on COVID 19 recovery.
- Driving the local ambition and pace.

We have a choice: business as usual, leading to further calamity; or we can use the recovery from COVID 19 to provide a real opportunity to put the Kenya on a sustainable path by driving the local ambition and the pace of adaptation

Recovery and adapting opportunities –building clean

- Massively ramp up our efforts to protect and restore the natural ecosystems.
- Science-based approach to tackling Covid-19, and suggested a similar approach for a green recovery and transition to renewables – offshore wind, solar, electric energy.

COVID 19 consequences and circumstances provides unpretentious opportunity to set ambitious targets to protect our nature, clean our supply chains, reach zero emissions and support nature based solutions

COVID 19 and sustainability of projects- contextual best practices

- Adaptability
- Audit ability
- Implement ability
- Scalability
- Extensibility
- Maintainability
- Manageability
- Measurement of sustainability

Forward looking:

- Delivering new jobs and businesses through a clean, green transition;
- Set up a worldwide network of zoonotic research hubs and design a global pandemic early warning system;
- Making public bailouts contingent upon green jobs and sustainable growth;
- Shifting away from grey and towards green economy, making societies and people more resilient;
- Channelling research and technology solutions and investments into sustainable sectors and projects that help the environment and the climate;
- Factoring in climate risks and opportunities into policies.
- Bringing and working together as the academic and practitioner community.

Truth is that the effects of climate and environmental degradation will dwarf the effects unless we act very quickly and decisively.

Many thanks