



About Us

About Green Governance Trust

Green Governance Trust believes in advancing people-centred public institutions, policies, systems and laws that are established to consolidate and enhance natural resources for the well-being of local communities

Our Story

Ours is a pan-African story which is inspired by the vision of a continent that is able to sustain itself from natural resources (both below and above ground). Green Governance Trust was established in February 2019. The organization which started as an environmental protection movement has established itself as an influential institution that engages in community mobilization, policy advocacy, multi-stakeholder engagement and an innovation hub. We strive to address the emerging pressing environmental and natural resource governance issues facing our communities today. Moreover, along with local communities, we aim to seek out opportunities to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

'Green governance' is a concept that bridges conflicts between humans and nature through a set institution of rules. The key principles of green governance entail the integration of environmental, social and economic concerns into all aspects of decision-making. Given its vast mineral and forest resources, Africa emerges as a key hub for resources needed in global economic processes. It is with this in mind that we believe that the aspect of green governance should be embedded within the management of Africa's resources.



Impact

We envision our work to contribute towards;



Improved service delivery



Access to clean energy



Sustainable agricultural practices



Food security for vulnerable communities



Gender Inclusion





Programmes

Climate and Environmental Justice

In the advent of climate change, climate justice is a framework that brings into view the intersection between climate change and the way social inequalities are experienced as structural violence. Climate justice has grown in public debate and grassroots campaigning over the past decade, where not-for-profits and environmental NGOs, in particular increasingly make the connection between human rights, uneven development and climate change. As such GGT advocates for climate and environmental justice through different activities. It is involved in environmental policy advocacy and reform to ensure that environmental governance is just and considers the specific needs of the most vulnerable in society. Moreover, GGT equips the youth and women with soft and hard skills in order to improve their adaptive capacity to the impacts of climate change.

Forest Conservation, Restoration and Carbon Credits

Forest restoration occupies centre stage in global conversations about carbon removal and biodiversity conservation, but recent research rarely acknowledges social dimensions or environmental justice implications related to its implementation. Approximately 294.5 million people live on tropical forest restoration opportunity land in the Global South, including 12% of the total population in low-income countries. Forest landscape restoration that prioritizes local communities by affording them rights to manage and restore forests provides a promising option to align global agendas for climate mitigation, conservation, environmental justice and sustainable development. Zimbabwe hosts some of the most important biodiversity hotspots in the world and is home to over 5,930 species of plants and over 1,360 animals. Forests currently cover around 45% of the country's total land area, but deforestation is an increasingly pressing issue, resulting in forests disappearing at a frightening rate. As such, GGT creates platforms for project developers, governments, civil society and communities to dialogue on value-based climate mitigation economic alternatives.

Climate Change and Energy

One of the most significant contributors to greenhouse gas emissions in Zimbabwe is the energy sector. The national electricity access in Zimbabwe is estimated at 40% with rural areas at 19%. Approximately 68% of the population lives in rural areas and the main source of energy is firewood. With an installed capacity of 2,342 MW comprising 55% thermal and 45% hydro energy, the country is unable to utilise its capacity due to limited access to water and fuel as well as ageing equipment. As such, GGT promotes the uptake of renewable energy in the country. It also disseminates information on the just energy transition to all relevant stakeholders in an effort to ensure that Zimbabwe complies with the commitments that it has made in its NDCs and LEDS and other energy, renewable energy and climate change domestic policies.

Natural Resource Governance

Zimbabwe's mining sector is highly diversified, with close to 40 different minerals. The predominant minerals include platinum group metals (PGM), chrome, gold, coal, and diamonds. The country boasts the second-largest platinum deposit and high-grade chromium ores in the world, with approximately 2.8 billion tons of PGM and 10 billion tons of chromium ore. The global surge of critical minerals further makes Zimbabwe's mining sector competitive as it holds the largest lithium mineral deposits in Africa at 11 million tons at the largest lithium mine in the country. The sector accounts for about 12% of the country's gross domestic product (GDP), and is set to potentially generate US\$12 billion annually by 2023. As such, GGT promotes tax justice in the mining sector through data-driven advocacy. We stand for the transparent utilization of mining revenue for the equitable benefit of local communities. Furthermore, we also subscribe to the local value-addition of critical minerals to support the nation's energy transition potential.

Vision

"A Zimbabwean society where natural resource governance promotes sustainable development"



Mission

To equip communities, like-minded institutions and solution holders to foster transparency, equality, inclusion and access to information on environmental and natural resource practices and decisions to achieve socio-economic and political gains.



Goal

To change and challenge the climate and environment related problems by identifying, educating and empowering all Zimbabwean people to engage actively and participate in all environmental and climate processes as citizens, environmentalists and leaders.



Our Values

Innovation: Technological change is undoubtedly one of the keys to ensuring that environmental challenges can be addressed without compromising sustainable economic growth. In order for this GGT prioritizes the use of innovation to provide the right incentives for the development and diffusion of climate-friendly technologies.

Equity: GGT acknowledges that the quality of being fair and reasonable in a way that gives equal access to natural resources to different groups of people including poor men, women, youths and persons with disability benefits everyone. We base this call on grounds of climate and social justice

Transparency & Accountability: GGT acknowledges that Transparency enables accountability and that to achieve transparency, GGT will provide information about its activities and governance to all stakeholders that is accurate, complete and made available in a timely way and in different forms. GGT will be responsible for its actions and has the ability to provide sound reasoning for actions.

Inclusive Participation: GGT values the participation and involvement of all groups of people in society in decision-making processes for example people living with disabilities, men, women and children.



Green Governance Trust:

Advocate

for the transparent and accountable administration of climate and environmental actions at community, sub-national and national level



Promote

equality through providing legal advice and litigation to marginalised communities who are affected by climate change, environmental and natural resource decisions



Build

the capacity of citizens to make informed environmental and climate smart decisions through awareness



Provide

documentation and case studies of climate change mitigation and adaptation mechanisms



Assist

marginalised people, indigenous groups and women to advocate for their inclusion in natural resource governance and environmental management processes



Engage

State, Community based Organisations and private institutions to effectively contribute to and formulate inclusive climate and environmental smart policies



Adopt

climate smart agriculture practices and sustainable energy and forest conservation methods



Strengthen

community conviction in their ability to manage, transform and replenish the earth

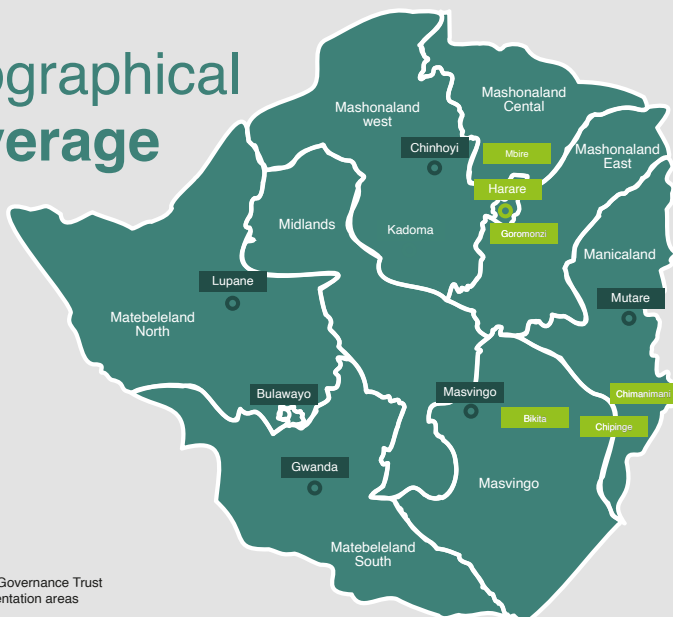


Research

and trend analysis of pressing community and environment challenges



Our Geographical Coverage



Key:
 Green Governance Trust implementation areas



More About Us

Green Governance Trust plays a pivotal role in shaping the fields of environmental inclusion, policy and management in Zimbabwe. We are a non-partisan advocacy, research and education center working to strengthen environmental protection by improving governance and policy in Zimbabwe. We deliver insightful and impartial analysis to communities, traditional leaders, decision makers, including government officials, environmental and business leaders, academics and journalists. Greengov applies a research-based advocacy approach which is informed by information systematically gathered from the organisation's grassroots structures of young people and women across the organisation's target areas.

Greengov's role takes these forms:

Capacity Building of Communities: There is a growing recognition of communities being pivotal in all environmental management efforts. Governments, private actors and civil society working in the environmental sector are coming to a consensus that informed communities are essential for interventions that seek to preserve, maintain or restore the environment. GreenGov builds the capacity of communities to be able to effectively and equally participate in policy formulation, decision-making and resource allocation processes affecting the environment.

Informing Law and Policy: From drafting recommendations to the Zimbabwe National Climate Policy, to mainstreaming transparency and integrity in the Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) capacity needs assessment, we work with our partners to promote practical, implementable laws and policies, learning from the experiences of others but tailored to the circumstances and needs of the local communities.

Training and development of Environmental Professionals: Across the Zimbabwe, we teach people about environmental procedures, rights and strategies for change. We train policy makers, community leaders, CBOs and university students on critical topics in domestic and international environmental policies. We also develop the capacity of state and private institutions to translate environmental regulations to actionable strategy. We educate thousands of environmental professionals each year in the Zimbabwe, with the conviction that more skilled environmental professionals result in better environmental outcomes.

Providing Data and Analysis: We fill voids in collective understanding and inform the most critical environmental decisions of the day, from comparing Zimbabwe's NDC's against their perceived achievement, to researching and describing a path for Hwange-Safari Bio-diversity Corridor. In order to ensure a better-informed dialogue through common sources of good information, we also make collections of

hard-to-find resources accessible to everyone involved in some of the most significant environmental challenges. We publish cutting-edge authors and their proposals to innovate for better environmental management.

Convening Diverse Groups to Solve Problems: We put the right people in a room together with a clear objective, strong preparation, and quality facilitation. For example, we convene scientists and journalists to work through the challenges of reporting on climate change data and bring together state and local public health officials from across the country to identify solutions to indoor environmental quality problems. We convene professionals representing divergent perspectives on important policy questions to build bridges, foster common understanding, and explore areas of ultimate agreement.

Knowledge production and Research: GreenGov advocacy strategies are well informed by research, we conduct research and produce well informed publications around our two thematic areas; Climate and Environmental Justice, Environment and Natural Resource Governance. Publication include;

- The Just Energy Transition in Zimbabwe: Social, Economic and Environmental Perspectives
- Gap Analysis of the Legislative, Policy, Institutional, and Crisis Management Frameworks for Disaster Risk Management in Zimbabwe
- The State of Corruption and Illicit Financial in Zimbabwe's Mining Sector Report
- Mining Sector Accountability Compendium for Mutasa District



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- Key Thematic Areas** (text on the left, key icon in a circle on the right)
- 1. Extractives and Climate Justice** (icon of a pickaxe and a tree on the left)
- 2. Environmental and Social Protection** (icon of a hand holding a plant on the left)
- 3. Gender Justice** (icon of interlocking male and female symbols on the left)

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