

PRESS STATEMENT

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TRADITIONAL LEADERS CALL FOR ENHANCED GLOBAL INTERVENTIONS TO FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE

A panel of traditional leaders from Zambia, participating at the ongoing 28th Session of the Conference of Parties (COP28) in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, has called for improved and strategic consultations among Chiefs and global leaders on Climate change issues to enhance capacity in addressing the vice.

House of Chiefs Chairperson-Chief Chisunka, accompanied by Chief Nalubamba and Chief Nkambo, have submitted that traditional leaders have a vital role in local climate action as they possess intergenerational knowledge, practices, and leadership skills to help communities adapt and mitigate the impact of climate change.

Speaking during the discussion held at the Zambian Pavilion, Chief Chisunka, submitted that traditional leaders have a deep understanding of the local environments and possess valuable knowledge that have been passed down through generations.

Chief Chisunka stated that, traditional leaders have influence on local communities, and are pivotal in fostering a sense of collective responsibility of communities for effective response to climate change.

He further called for the identification of strategies to strengthen more opportunities for traditional leaders in accessing finance for climate initiatives in order to propel the scaling-up of interventions that build community resilience.

He also reiterated the need for formulation of strategies to scaling-up gender-responsive interventions in the context of climate action in order to reduce the impact of climate change on the lives of women and children especially in rural areas.