



## The Community Leaders Network of Southern Africa (CLN) Statement on Africa Day – 25 May 2022

# 2022 – The Year of Nutrition

As a form of recognition for the incredible social, economic and environmental milestones that Africa has overseen in the past, Africa Day is commemorated on this day (25 May) to mark the formation of the Organisation of African Unity (which was then transformed into the African Union). This, of course, is done with acknowledgement of the enormous challenges that require unity to resolve; whilst embracing the potential that our continent has to offer.

Ranging from global pressures that threaten to undermine our conservation efforts and neglect the human rights of Africans to sustainably manage their natural resources (i.e the proposed bans on conservation hunting); which compounds the crippling impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic had on the African economies and the livelihoods of rural communities; to internal and external armed conflicts that further worsen the livelihoods of African. These are just a few challenges that we face.

Be that as it may, the [Community Leaders Network of Southern Africa](#), and Africa at large, is cognizant of the potential for a collaborative approach to ensure that the vision of our African Revolutionary leaders, such as Kwame Nkrumah, to enable Africa “to function freely in the coming unified world society as an equal player and partner” eventually comes to fruition. Along with its aspiring Agenda 2063, the [African Union](#) declared 2022 as a [Year of Nutrition](#), aimed toward a human capital of well-nourished citizens. Through unity; the creation of enabling environments and entrusting these very citizens to “continue” sustainably managing their natural resources, we can enhance food security resilience in Africa.

