



22 October 2022

Statement on our 1-Year Anniversary

Greetings all our esteemed members and leaders of various community organizations, national associations, our membership, our partners, friends and all like-minded organizations.

It is my duty and privilege on behalf of the CLN Executive committee, membership, national focal persons and indeed on my own behalf to lead and celebrate our first anniversary of formal existence. Over the last one year, we have demonstrated our commitment to advancing community rights, amplifying our community voices and indeed we have entrenched our presence in the global space.

After operating loosely since 2019 when it was convened, CLN was officially formalised on the 22nd of October 2021. With its Chairmanship based in Zambia and its Secretariat in Namibia, and representation in 7 other Southern African Countries, CLN has grown significantly to be the lead CBNRM coordinating body in Southern Africa, ensuring that the voices of the often-marginalised communities are heard.

We are thankful for the continued commitment from our partners, members, friends and community members for the unwavering support during the first year of operations; we look to strengthen these relationships further in the second year and beyond. Thank you.

Detailed update of our activities will be presented at our first AGM on the 2nd of December 2022.

Yours in Conservation

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rodgers Lubilo", is written in a cursive style.

Dr Rodgers Lubilo

CLN Chairperson