

UNZA Dean Calls for Inclusion of Youth And Women in Climate Change Decisions

The University of Zambia is committed to continue playing an important role in shaping the climate change conversation especially with regard to the urgent need to diversify the voices and participation, especially of youth and women in the climate change.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the online Zambia Climate Leadership Transformation Summit, Prof. Felix Masiye, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, said: “Despite the challenges we continue to face in the world, we must continue to do everything it takes to keep the conversation on leadership and climate transformation alive.”

The Summit is a partnership between UNZA and the Africa Leadership Transformation (ALT) Foundation. Prof. Masiye said that through the partnership, “the ALT Foundation continues to help UNZA develop leadership capacity and four faculty members been trained with the goal of becoming instructors of the leadership course.”

Prof. Masiye said “Zambia is still grappling with the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.” He noted that before the pandemic, the world behaved as if it was in control. “The pandemic reminded is that we are not in control as we think we are. The COVID-19 pandemic has reminded is that in reality, we have very little control.”

Saying that “the future is largely unknown,” Prof Masiye challenged the Summit organizers to explore what possibilities or opportunities exist in the future. “This approach removes the notion that someone knows it all; it underlines the need for a world that works for everyone and demands we include everyone in the conversation.”