



**Ms. Grace Mwaura** is currently working as a professional intern at the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) in Nairobi, where she is focusing on the integration of agro forestry and environmental education issues into the Healthy Learning Programme.

Previously, she served as the Secretary of the African Youth Initiative on Climate Change (AYICC), heading all the network programmes. She now plays an advisory role in AYICC and the Intersociety Environment Network, both of which she founded in 2006. Ms. Mwaura has also been the focal person for the African youth with the International Youth Climate Movement.

Ms. Mwaura has broad and diverse experience in the areas of conservation, community development, climate change, youth empowerment, research, filmmaking, environmental education, and policy and advocacy work. Her research experience is drawn from her academics and her involvement with varied departments at the National Museums of Kenya, Nature Kenya and her Bachelor's degree research work. She is currently contributing to The South-North Journal published by Common Future.

She holds a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Sciences (1<sup>st</sup> Class Honors) from Kenyatta University, Kenya. In addition, she holds an award from Community-Based Filmmaking from the Darwin Initiative.

Ms. Mwaura as a young scholar strongly believes in practical volunteerism as a way to help the society realize the change they want. Her volunteer work has included handling young elephants in the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, teaching orphans in a children's home, monitoring water birds in the Great Rift Valley lakes, making films with school children, engaging forest dwelling communities in participatory filmmaking, organizing and coordinating youth events, joining young people in tree planting, clean ups and demonstrations, talking to media, blogging among many others.

She has extensive experience working with a wide range of school children, youth, university students' movements and local communities on conservation issues.

Ms. Mwaura is the youngest member of the IUCN Council and will strengthen the voice of children and youth in the Council to ensure that the concerns of our future generations are adequately addressed.