

South African organisations and businesses committed to environmental and/or social justice

	Organisation	Description	Website
Environmental Activists groups	350Africa.org	<p>350Africa.org is building a grassroots climate justice movement across the African continent. 350 Africa runs their own campaigns and supports grassroots groups all over the continent, many of whom can be seen on Afrika Vuka.</p> <p>In South Africa, 350Africa.org recently ran a campaign to put pressure on banks (like Nedbank and the Development Bank of South Africa) to stop funding new polluting coal power plants. Their next campaign demands that no taxpayer money is used to fund fossil fuels, and that instead South Africa invests in a just transition to a 100% renewable energy future.</p>	https://350africa.org
	Centre for Environmental Rights (CER)	The Centre for Environmental Rights is a non-profit organisation and law clinic. It's made up of a group of activist lawyers who help South African communities and civil society organisations realise the Constitutional right to a healthy environment by advocating and litigating for environmental justice. It runs various programmes to do with corporate accountability, mining, pollution, transparency, water, and wildlife.	https://cer.org.za
	Earthlife Africa (ELA)	<p>An NPO, founded in Johannesburg in 1988 to mobilise civil society around environmental issues in relation to people. The organisation has since grown to include branches in Cape Town, eThekweni (formerly Durban), as well as in Windhoek, Namibia.</p> <p>Their vision is of a society living within the ecological limits of sustainable development with an equitable distribution of resources for all, respect for all living things, and the end of social, economic and political exploitation. They run various campaigns and interventions to encourage and support individuals, businesses and industries to reduce pollution, minimise waste and protect our natural resources.</p>	https://earthlife.org.za
	groundWork	groundWork is a non-profit environmental justice service and developmental organization working primarily in Southern Africa in the areas of Climate & Energy Justice, Coal, Environmental Health, Global Green and Healthy Hospitals, and Waste. groundWork is the South African member of Health Care Without Harm and Friends of the Earth International.	https://www.groundwork.org.za
	SAFCEI (Southern African Faith Communities' Environment Institute)	<p>A multi-faith organisation committed to supporting faith leaders and their communities in Southern Africa to increase awareness, understanding and action on eco-justice, sustainable living and climate change.</p> <p>Multi-faith dialogue based on equity, justice, and mutual respect for the Earth, is a way we can build a sustainable future for all. A multi-faith approach raises awareness about the diverse traditions that help people to grow spiritually through a deeper connection with the creation.</p> <p>Was instrumental with Earthlife Africa to stop the nuclear deal.</p>	https://safcei.org
	Environmental Monitoring Group (EMG)	<p>An NPO committed to advancing environmental justice.</p> <p>EMG works to demonstrate the skills, ideas, strategies, and relationships necessary to nurture vibrant, self-governed, ecological communities that are free from hierarchy, social inequity, and ecological degradation.</p> <p>EMG targets a response to the climate disruption that is more than conserving and protecting the environment.</p>	https://www.emg.org.za
	Project 90 By 2030	A social and environmental justice organisation inspiring and mobilising South African society towards a sustainably developed and equitable low-carbon future.	https://90by2030.org.za

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		<p>Working with stakeholders and decision makers to identify policies and actions that support climate justice; with a specific focus on developing environmental leadership in our youth, and increasing people's ability to engage government – through active public participation – to address climate change, energy poverty, and the social injustices that intersect in their communities.</p> <p>One of their primary areas of focus in SA is on a just energy transition. A Just Energy Transition (JET) is a transition towards a sustainable, low carbon and equitable energy system which is better for people and the planet.</p>	
Conservation & Communities	Climate Action Partnership (CAP).	An alliance of South African environmental NGO's that aims to reduce the impacts of climate change and increase the resilience of South Africa's biodiversity and communities by promoting intact ecosystems that are connected at a landscape level, building human capacity and implementing climate change adaptation and mitigation. Partners include: BirdLife South Africa; the Botanical Society of South Africa; Conservation South Africa (CSA); the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT); the Wilderness Foundation; the Wildlands Conservation Trust; the Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA), World Wide Fund for Nature South Africa (WWF-SA).	http://www.cap.org.za
	Wilderness Foundation Africa (WFA)	WFA is a conservation and leadership organisation. Its work involves protecting and sustaining wildlife and wilderness through integrated conservation and education programmes. WFA plans and manages the wildlands. This increases the knowledge and uplifts the lives of citizens who are historically disadvantaged.	https://www.wildernessfoundation.co.za
	Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)	Encouraging people to care for the earth, WESSA implements environmental, ecotourism, education, and youth development programmes nationally. This means improving the school curriculum through education for sustainable development and providing skills training, creating job opportunities and sustainable livelihoods in local communities. WESSA's environmental initiatives are about the restoration of ecosystems.	https://wessa.org.za
Social Justice	Section 27	SECTION27 is a public interest law centre that seeks to achieve substantive equality and social justice in South Africa. Guided by the principles of the Constitution, SECTION27 uses law, advocacy, legal literacy, research and community mobilisation to achieve access to healthcare services and basic education. SECTION27 aims to achieve structural change and accountability to ensure the dignity and equality of everyone.	https://Section27.org.za
	Social Justice Coalition (SJC)	The SJC is a democratic, mass-based social movement that campaigns for the advancement of the constitutional rights to life, dignity, equality, freedom and safety for all people, but especially those living in informal settlements across South Africa.	https://sjc.org.za
	Right2Know Campaign	The Right2Know Campaign launched in August 2010 and has grown into a movement centred on freedom of expression and access to information. It is a democratic, activist-driven campaign that strengthens and unites citizens to raise public awareness, mobilise communities and undertake research and targeted advocacy that aims to ensure the free flow of information necessary to meet people's social, economic, political and ecological needs and live free from want, in equality and in dignity	https://www.r2k.org.za
	Unite Behind	<p>#UniteBehind is a civil society coalition constituted of 15 organizations that organises and mobilises together around common campaigns and local struggles. By coming together under a united banner, we can more effectively mobilise and organise for a just and equal South Africa where the people share in the country's wealth.</p> <p>Affiliates include CER, SAFCEI, Right 2 Know, Section 27, and Reclaim the City.</p>	https://unitebehind.org.za

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Media & Journalists	Daily Maverick, Our Burning Planet	Our Burning Planet is a unit of Daily Maverick dedicated to covering the global environmental crisis. Originally launched in 2019, Our Burning Planet is a specialised team within the Daily Maverick’s newsroom. It publishes three to six articles a day depending on the story and format, including news coverage, report analysis and major investigations, as well as opinion pieces and commentary from external contributors. The team is a mix of experts in a range of climate topics, from biodiversity and ecosystems reporting to energy, to more junior reporters as Our Burning Planet seeks to grow “the next cohort” of climate crisis reporters.	https://www.daily-maverick.co.za/our-burning-planet/
	amaBhungane	Launched in 2010, amaBhungane (isiZulu for “the dung beetles”) is an independent, non-profit newsroom based in South Africa. We develop investigative journalism to promote free, capable media and open, accountable, just democracy. Their advocacy has secured information flows for journalists and the public at large. We helped found the campaign that stopped the “Secrecy Bill”; secured legislative amendments including to make company ownership transparent; litigated successfully including to preserve the public status of court records and have unduly intrusive state surveillance practices struck down; and improved access-to-information law by exercising it in and out of the courts.	https://amabhungane.org
	Kevin Bloom	Kevin Bloom is an award-winning author, editor and investigative journalist. He is the co-author of Continental Shift: A Journey into Africa’s Changing Fortunes, published by Portobello in April 2016. Strong interest in and commitment to reporting on climate change and environment. Writes for various publications including Daily Maverick, CNN, the Times in Africa, etc.	https://muckrack.com/kevin-bloom
Retail	Buy less	Always start with reducing consumption: swap, buy local, second hand, zero waste!	
	Faithful to Nature	Oldest online “green living” store in South Africa offering carbon zero delivery. More than 9,000 products across various household categories – cleaning, health, storage, babies, food, etc.	https://www.faithful-to-nature.co.za/
	The Refillery	Plastic free grocer with multiple stores in Johannesburg	https://therefillery.co.za
	The Unwrapped Co.	Online zero-waste store in Gauteng (Randburg) for pantry staples and eco-friendly household products packaging free. Delivery to Jhb and Pta only.	https://theunwrappedco.co.za
	Green Home	A range of environmentally friendly, completely compostable, food packaging. Aim is to use only plant-based food packaging.	https://greenhome.co.za/
	Sustainable	Sustainable.co.za aims to make it easy for the average person or household to improve their environmental ‘footprint’ through the provision of eco-friendly products and online information.	https://www.sustainable.co.za/
	Shop Zero	Shop Zero™ offers green options for earth-conscious customers with little or zero packaging. They stock healthy foods, toiletries, as well as lifestyle and cleaning products in recyclable and reusable packaging. This online shop offers a wide range of single-use plastic alternatives. And if products are not biodegradable, they are 100% reusable.	https://shopzero.co.za/
The Nest Space / online shop	Vegan, zero-waste, natural and local products	https://shop.thenestspace.co.za	

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Investment & Financial institutions	Just Share	<p>Just Share is a non-profit shareholder activism organisation. We believe that responsible investment is necessary to create a just, inclusive and sustainable economy.</p> <p>Using research, engagement, advocacy and activism to drive urgent action to combat climate change and reduce inequality. Work focuses on three key ESG issues, and the intersection between them: inequality, climate change and diversity and transformation.</p>	https://justshare.org.za

Organisations in **Bold** indicate direct or indirect experience.