



## **Burna Boy's Letter To Global Plastics Treaty in Nairobi**

To the esteemed delegates convening at the Global Plastics Treaty negotiations, distinguished members of the High Ambition Coalition, and esteemed leaders in the pursuit of environmental justice worldwide.

I extend this message with heartfelt concern as a global citizen deeply tethered to the pressing issues of pollution and climate crisis that we collectively confront today. You may recognize me as Burna Boy, but my true identity is Damini Ebunoluwa Ogulu, a name linked not only to my individuality but also to a profound connection with the environmental challenges plaguing our world.

Regrettably, I am unable to be physically present with you today. Nevertheless, I want to emphasize my unwavering support for the millions of individuals worldwide who bear the brunt of environmental degradation and the dire consequences associated with the petrochemical, oil, and gas industry.

My roots trace back to the South side of Nigeria, a region that bears the heavy burden of climate pollution. One disheartening revelation is that Port Harcourt, my cherished homeland, has been ranked among the world's most polluted cities. Shockingly, it is estimated that Nigerians endure an annual exposure to pollution that surpasses what global health authorities consider safe. Pollution has infiltrated multiple facets of our lives, tainting our air and water. This is the stark reality of my people every day.

Our world has borne witness to the catastrophic aftermath of the petrochemical, oil, and gas industry, not limited to Nigeria but extending its reach globally. It is despicable that our communities continue to bear the brunt of the consequences of the activities of this industry.

As an artist, I firmly believe in the power of music to empower, strengthen, and give voice to the people on the most pressing issues of our time. Through my art, I have endeavored to raise awareness and advocate for transformative change. In my composition & documentary "Whiskey," I sought to encapsulate the harsh realities my people face. I have used music to shed light on the grim truths of our world and its immediate impact on us all. As I traverse the United States on my "I Told Them" tour, I hope that my music will

continue to galvanize individuals, fostering awareness and inspiring transformative action.

Today, I earnestly beseech the leaders of governments worldwide to heed the voices of those most acutely affected by this environmental crisis. We implore you to recognize the gravity of the situation and commit to curbing plastic production, thereby ending the needless poisoning of communities across the globe.

Together, we can forge the change our world so desperately craves & needs. We can envision a future where clean air, pure water, and the welfare of all inhabitants take precedence over fleeting economic gains. Let us unite in our resolve to usher in a healthier world for generations to come.

With resilience and hope,

Burna Boy.