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This year's Africa Climate Week, ACW 2022, was held from 29 August to 2 September in Libreville, Gabon. The event was the first in-person Regional Climate Week in the region since the pandemic began. The Climate Week convened hundreds of stakeholders to explore resilience against climate risk, the transition to net-zero emissions and collaboration on other pressing challenges. Africa Climate Week 2022 advanced progress on decisions agreed in last year's Glasgow Climate Pact. The Pact recognizes the Regional Climate Weeks as a platform to strengthen credible and durable response at the regional level. At ACW 2022, stakeholders took a significant step forward on the road to COP27 in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, in November.

ACW 2022 opened with an Opening Ceremony hosted by President of Gabon Ali Bongo Ondimba. A high-level round table then convened 10 Ministers and 30 high-level representatives from the region to discuss climate finance, a key topic. Ministers recognized potential risks to the region from climate change and discussed the need to invest in capacity building to open opportunity. These points echoed in thematic discussions led by UN Climate Change substantive teams.

Risk and opportunity were also discussed during Side Events led by regional organizations and experts, in Affiliated Events that support the UN Climate Change process and the Action Hub. ACW sessions convened leaders, decision makers, experts and stakeholders to engage in solution-oriented discussions and forge partnerships.

The 2022 edition of Africa Climate Week closed with a wrap-up session and a strong call to action from the host government and all partners – boost regional action that accelerates implementation ahead of COP27 in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, in November.

The hybrid in-person and virtual ACW 2022 was hosted by the Government of Gabon and organized by UN Climate Change in collaboration with global partners UN Development Programme, UN Environment Programme and the World Bank Group. Partners in the region include the Africa Union, the Africa Development Bank (AfDB), the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and UN Gabon.

With key decisions in Glasgow, regional collaboration can advance implementation and make COP27 the implementation COP. There was significant interest in engagement at ACW 2022 by governments and stakeholders in the region, which is reflected in attendance. To ensure the discussions were accessible to all, virtual participation was provided for most sessions.

- 2,300+ badges issued at the ACW 2022 venue
- 1,000+ registered virtual participants
- 176 events in the programme
 - 85 Side Events
 - 31 Affiliated Events
 - 34 Action Hub Events



President of Gabon Ali Bongo Ondimba opens Africa Climate Week 2022

Overview of ACW 2022

ACW 2022 was held at the Radisson Blu Okoumé Palace Hotel conference facility in Libreville. The venue featured open networking spaces indoors and outside, meeting rooms and climate-controlled tents for sessions, media events and an Action Hub. Covid-19 precautions were encouraged and badge access to the event created a secure space for collaboration.

Africa Climate Week began on Monday, 29 August, with an Opening Ceremony and Ministerial Roundtable. Ministers from the region discussed the climate change risks and impacts in Africa, including ongoing drought, extreme weather, food insecurity and displacement. They found common ground on the need for support and investment to open opportunities in the region, with good jobs and equitable outcomes. Finance, innovative technology, sustainability action and coordination among all stakeholders were all discussed.

The Opening Ceremony was hosted by President of Gabon Ali Bongo Ondimba and featured high-level speakers, a strong call to action by youth and traditional music and dance. Speakers set the tone for the meeting by shining a light on the potential for regional collaboration to drive global progress. Speakers presented in this order:

- UN Climate Change Deputy Executive Secretary, Ovais Sarmad
- Designated President of COP27 of Egypt, Sameh Hassan Shoukry
- Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture of the African Union Commission, Josefa Sacko
- Youth Representative, Omnia El Omrani
- High Level Champion, Mahmoud Mohieldin
- Special Invitee from Presidency, Segolene Royale
- Secretary-general of the Commonwealth of Nations, Patricia Janet Scotland
- United Nations Deputy Secretary-General, Amina J. Mohammed by video
- President of Gabon, Ali Bongo Ondimba, welcomes and officially launches ACW

A Closing Ceremony officially closed Africa Climate Week 2022. UN Climate Change shared key takeaways from thematic track discussions, connecting the discussions with the UNFCCC process. This was part of the closing remarks, with high-level speakers in this order:

- Executive Secretary of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification, Ibrahim Thiaw
- United Nations Resident Coordinator in Gabon, Savina Ammassari
- Director of UN Climate Change Intergovernmental Support and Collective Progress Division, Cecilia Njenga presenting the outcomes of thematic track discussions
- Vice President of the National Council on Climate Change of the Dominican Republic, Dr. Max Puig
- Deputy Regional Director of the UNEP Africa Office, Richard Munang
- Youth representative from Gabon, Claudia Ondo
- Gabon Minister of Water, Forests, the Sea, and Environment, Lee White

Africa Climate Week 2022 opened the opportunity to convene key stakeholders in the region and tap the power of collaboration to accelerate implementation of the Paris Agreement. At last year's COP26 UN Climate Change Conference, governments agreed the Glasgow Climate Pact that formally "encourages the continuation of Regional Climate Weeks where Parties and non-Party stakeholders can strengthen their credible and durable response to climate change at the regional level". The Glasgow Pact also contains crucial decisions on adaptation, mitigation, climate finance and a common set of guidelines for reporting progress. LAC Climate Week convenes regional stakeholders to advance plans and partnerships that accelerate implementation in line with these decisions.

ACW 2022 also marks a meaningful step on the road to COP27 in Egypt in November 2022 and builds momentum towards COP27 by:

- Showcasing climate action that demonstrates what is possible
- Promoting progress on submission of stronger adaptation and mitigation plans
- Encouraging climate action across society
- Bringing the voice of regional stakeholders to the UN Climate Change process

A Regional Climate Weeks 2022 High-Level Communique that includes the ACW 2022 Output Report will be presented to the COP27 President and Ministers. This will ensure that thematic Track outcomes are captured, framed in the context of COP27 and available to decision makers and leaders as a tool to shape policy and practices.

Thematic Sessions were co-organized with ACW 2022 partners – UNDP, UNEP and the World Bank Group – and organized around two thematic tracks. Each of the two tracks advances dialogue around a crucial theme:

1. *Striving for 1.5 Degrees* – Focus on importance of a systemic approach to strengthening national actions and economy-wide approaches with potential to raise ambition and accelerate implementation in climate change mitigation towards 1.5°C pathways.
2. *Attaining a Resilient World* – A space to discuss and showcase how a transformative vision can help address the root causes of vulnerability and provide long-term benefits, helping societies achieve long-term resilience.

The busy ACW 2022 agenda featured thematic track sessions in focus as part of a robust programme of sessions. The first day featured the opening ceremony, Ministerial Roundtable and sessions of all kinds. Throughout the week Thematic Track sessions were held, as were Side Events, Affiliated Events and Action Hub sessions. The final day concluded with a Closing Ceremony featuring high-level speakers.



Africa Climate Week 2022

- 176 sessions in 5 days
- 16 Thematic Sessions
- 31 Affiliated Events
- 85 Side Events
- 34 Action Hub Events

Key takeaways for the Thematic Sessions are included in this report along with an overview of Affiliated Events, Side Events, Action Hub sessions and COP Presidency sessions held across the five days of Africa Climate Week 2022.

This schedule gives an idea of the overall structure of ACW 2022. To see the schedule in more detail, please see the [ACW 2022 Daily Programme](#).

Key Takeaways

Each thematic track discussion featured takeaways specific to the theme, with overarching key points emerging through the discourse.

- Track 1 explored ‘Striving for 1.5 degrees Celsius’, a discussion on systemic approaches to long-term national planning for low emission sustainable development.
- Track 2 discussed ‘Attaining a Resilient World’ and opened space to showcase a transformative vision to provide societies achieve long-term resilience.

Key takeaways from each Thematic Track were developed through notetaking in the rooms during discussions and are presented by track and by session.

TRACK 1: Striving for 1.5 Degrees

Track organization was led by UN Climate Change and supported by global partners UNDP, UNEP and the World Bank with content, speakers and more. Eight sessions featured in-person and virtual participation, with videos streamed on the [UN Climate Change YouTube](#) channel.

Track Objectives

Sessions covered the development of policies and the role of data and information for ambitious action in selected key sectors. It also explored how these actions can be better integrated into national planning and the benefits of the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement. Discussions explored common regional issues, including just energy transition, long-term low emission development strategies and the circular economy. Participants shared great examples of climate action from countries and stakeholders who conveyed their experiences on striving to get on 1.5-degree pathways.

Key Takeaways

Session 1 – Connecting Nationally Determined Contributions, Long-term Strategies, and immediate action on the ground

We need ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and we also urgently need to translate commitment into action. NDCs should be reflected in implementation and investment plans. Problems remain for low-income countries to attract finance.

- A clear vision on how to fulfil the Paris Agreement requires NDCs and Long-term Low Emissions and Development Strategies (LT-LEDS), both aligned regarding planning, implementation and tracking
- Good practice for developing LT-LEDS is an inclusive process with all stakeholders and sectors, linked to the SDGs and Enhanced Transparency Framework
- LT-LEDS can be intensive in terms of modelling and data availability is key, may require external support, but national experts are essential to ensure a sustainable process

Session 2 – Implementing African Pathways to Just Transition

Just transition is a challenge, also an opportunity to support young entrepreneurs, bring solutions to scale and empower the youth and woman through education and re-skilling to build a workforce for the future.

- Just Transition is not only about energy, it is about transforming the society and economy with all sectors taken into account across the African continent
- Finance must go to right solutions and include de-risking to empower youth and the most vulnerable to bring solutions forward – scaling solutions builds confidence

Session 3 – Carbon Pricing and Markets in Africa: Status and the Way Forward

Carbon pricing and carbon markets open opportunity to meet NDCs and provide benefits from international carbon markets, yet only some African countries are engaged in carbon pricing.

- Support is available – Article 6 offers opportunity for Africa with a much broader set of activities and types of reductions and removals
- Article 6 implications on meeting NDCs will be stronger capacity-building for institutional arrangement, with a dedicated capacity-building programme to be launched in Egypt
- Convergence between the voluntary carbon market and the compliance carbon market is observed, serving different buyers, need to ensure voluntary activities deliver benefits

Session 4 – Advancing Climate Smart, Nature Positive and Nutritious Food Systems in Africa

Agriculture emits as much as 25% of global GHG emissions, yet sector only receives 16% of total climate finance in Africa. More needs to be invested in climate resilient and sustainable agriculture, focusing on high yielding, resilient and adaptive practices.

- Solutions need to rely on partnerships and be inclusive to SMEs, farmers on the ground and small farmers that contribute to 70% of Africa food production
- Opportunity exists for solving existing problem of nutrition, emissions, sustainability, and ecosystems, requires three pillars – finance, policy and technical know-how

- Finance – need to de-risk investment by public funding transition, key for SMEs
- Policy – Resolve land ownership, align levels, monitor and evaluate key for funds
- Technical know-how – metrics and MRVs essential for funding, require capacity

Session 5 – Benefits of addressing Methane Emissions – Pathways to Achieving Agenda 2063 and the Paris Agreement

Reducing methane emissions is a fast, cost-effective strategies to contribute to global goals. Methane reductions in fossil fuel, agriculture and waste provide climate and social benefits.

- Africa Assessment by Climate & Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) and UNEP shows how efforts can drive Africa development agenda, enshrined in Agenda 206
- Countries in Africa commit to reduce methane – almost half include methane in updated NDCs and 120 countries worldwide signing onto the Global Methane Pledge
- Cutting emissions in oil and gas, waste and agriculture require support and partnerships
- CCAC supports measures to reduce short-lived climate pollutants and promote clear air:
 - Strengthening high-level commitments and mobilizing partners
 - Raising awareness and advancing methane analysis and tools
 - Planning, policy and implementation
- Relevant CCAC Hubs – [Fossil Fuels](#), [Agriculture](#), [Waste](#) and [National Planning](#)

Session 6 – Sustainable Buildings for Climate-Proof Cities

To meet the SDGs and Paris Agreement Goals, we need to accelerate decarbonization and transformation of the built environment with a whole life-cycle approach that addresses embodied and operational carbon.

- Sustainable building materials and construction practices offer a key opportunity to move to circular, low-carbon, renewable materials and construction methods
- Need effective strategies and policies that drive concrete actions and the uptake of sustainable building materials globally, especially in Africa
- Policies and strategies are critical, designers and architects also play an important role to make sustainable building materials affordable and also desirable
- Building and construction sector value chain is highly fragmented. To achieve global transformation of built environment, radical stakeholder collaboration by all is needed

Session 7 – Blended Finance to Support African SMEs to Scale Transformative Climate Solutions

Africa has around 44 million SMEs, the largest sector accounting for 80% of jobs. Engaging SMEs is essential to scale climate action as SMEs bring labour, land and local knowledge.

- Africa SMEs face significant challenges to access finance at reasonable terms.
- Innovative finance essential to address systematic issues Africa SMEs face
 - Innovations – Blended finance, concessional loans, interventions by sovereign wealth funds, carbon markets and the adaptation benefit mechanism
- Capacity building, advocacy and enabling framework crucial in empowering SMEs

Session 8 – Potential for green hydrogen to achieve Africa’s climate and development goals.

Africa renewable energy potential allows scale up of ambitious green hydrogen plans as a key part of energy sector transformation needed to meet Africa’s climate and development goals.

- Africa faces challenges in scaling up renewable energy required for green hydrogen
 - Need for technical capacity, technology transfer, private sector investment, holistic and inclusive policies, certification and standards
 - Coordination and collaboration can ensure solutions are African-led and owned
- UNFCCC Climate Action Pathway on Energy foresees a 500-800 GW deployment, USD \$1 trillion investment and 6 million jobs created by 2030 on a climate-aligned pathway
- Green hydrogen value chain needs to stimulate demand to match supply from Africa
 - Need international coordination, enabling regulatory environment and purchase agreements to send a demand signal and mobilise investment in production
 - African countries should prepare strategies for green hydrogen with clear roadmaps to attract investment for long-term development

TRACK 2: Attaining a Resilient World

Track 2 organization was led by UN Climate Change and supported by global partners UNDP, UNEP and the World Bank with content, speakers and more. The eight sessions featured robust discussion and both in-person and virtual participation. Track session videos are on the [UN Climate Change YouTube](#) events channel.

Track Objectives

Track 2 sessions followed a 2-part discussion – visualizing and defining pathways for transformative adaptation and long-term resilience to climate change. Key policymakers and stakeholders engaged in fruitful discussions to define a common vision for a climate-smart and resilient Africa. Discussions highlighted systemic challenges that should be overcome to realize the defined ambitions. Technical specialists in natural resources management, food, water and energy sectors, as well as youth engagement, highlighted practical steps to be taken and also spotlighted some successful examples for reference.

Key Takeaways

Session 1 – Africa’s dream for transformative adaptation and long-term resilience

Africa’s efforts towards transformative adaptation and long-term resilience are commendable, but much needs to be done especially around the following:

- **Viewing adaptation** – the narrative has long been an environmental issue, must view as part of development agenda, approaches that livelihoods will facilitate new views

- **Common understanding of adaptation** – Facilitated through awareness raising, bridging existing knowledge gaps and elaboration of adaptation value through relevant costing highlighting measures, benefits and consequences
- **Long term planning and implementation** – require a shift from pilots and short-term implementation to people-centered and long-term planning facilitated by relevant strategies and adequate means of implementation
- **Roles and responsibilities** – All stakeholders have a role, can leverage comparative advantages and engage non-traditional actors, need to break the silos
- **Enabling environments** – transformative adaptation and long-term resilience require supporting policies and grounds for implementation. Countries need to translate the African Union Climate Change strategy into national planning, policies and strategies.
- **Learning** – Facilitated by research, knowledge exchange and monitoring and evaluation, including contextualized development of relevant indicators
- **Key priorities** – Early warning systems, preparedness, disaster risk reduction and management and integration of human mobility in decisions may avert or minimize displacement, an impact exacerbated by climate change
- **Collaboration** – Transformative adaptation and long-term resilience should be seen in work towards global goal on adaptation (GGA) and prioritized at COP27

Session 2 – Innovative community practices for transformative adaptation and long- term resilience

Collaboration with communities is very relevant. Sustainability of adaptation projects is higher with co-production of knowledge, co-designed solutions and complementarity of efforts. Most local solutions are effective but not often efficient and not easily scaled up.

- Collaboration with communities should leverage this gap and ensure community solutions are promoted and scaled up with easy-to-use relevant technologies
- Women, youth and other vulnerable groups facilitate transformative adaptation and long-term resilience, but they are often left out
 - Inclusive decision making and participatory approaches that empower are key
- Policy should facilitate enabling environments and complement community approaches
 - Land is central to adaptation practices and tenure systems can facilitate various transformations especially if women, indigenous peoples and local communities are empowered as custodians of key resources in their communities
- Partnerships enable provision of means of implementation especially local level finance
- If wellbeing needs are met, a community will collaborate, co-finance, sustain adaptation

Session 3 – Financing transformative adaptation and long-term resilience

Innovative financing strategies such as LoCAL - UNCDF and the African Green Finance Facility Initiative – AFDB and NDC partnership models, empower local governments to improve planning and budgeting systems for increased awareness and response to climate change

- Capacity to prepare bankable projects is a major limitation to access to finance
 - Delivering finance to the local levels remains a systemic challenge that has to be addressed through existing local structures

- Potential to leverage investment in mitigation for transformative adaptation and long-term resilience – carbon credits can be invested into local adaptation
- Reluctance of the private sector to invest in adaptation actions due to limited knowledge on the risk value and the return on investments – highlighting value of adaptation
- Initiatives such as AFR100 have registered success in financing transformative adaptation and long-term resilience – need to improve learning and sharing
- Still room to leverage public-private partnerships, engage non-conventional financiers

Session 4 – *Beyond activism — Leveraging the potential of youth contribution to transformative adaptation and long-term resilience*

Awareness raising through youth-friendly platforms is critical – some national governments and international/development partners are doing their best, but some youths are not aware enough to understand their role and contribute meaningfully to planning and implementation.

- Youth friendly structures at local and national levels leverage youth potential and open opportunity to network and improve knowledge and skills through peer-peer learning
- COP27 Presidency welcomes youth participation and has designated the COP27 Youth envoy to coordinate youth contribution and involvement
- Leverage small opportunities – Youth do not need to dwell on the systemic challenges before them but should act within their means, be consistent and get involved
- Migration is an adaptation strategy and youth migrants have both challenges and opportunities for innovation in new circumstances and with access to support
- Youth unemployment among Africa’s young population is an opportunity for innovation and green jobs that facilitate transformative adaptation and long-term resilience

Session 5 – *Navigating the critical Water-Food-Energy nexus for Africa’s transformative adaptation and long-term resilience*

The Water-Energy-Food (WEF) nexus is well recognized at the policy level in Africa. While not explicitly mentioned in Agenda 2063, Aspiration 1 – *A Prosperous Africa, based on Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development* includes all three WEF elements as priorities.

- These three sectors are critical to Africa’s development and must be prioritized for transformative adaptation, long-term resilience and sustainable development
- Dedicated efforts needed for technical capacity to improve productivity in agriculture – augmenting rainfed agriculture, improving value chains and ensuring water and energy security for efficient food production
- Integrated approaches with co-benefits, resilient water development, renewable WEF production including cross-cutting issues such as gender and youth should be prioritized
- Access to finance is fundamental for a transformative WEF approach
- Need stronger policy and action at national level for meaningful collaboration between local governments, relevant sectors and international and development partners
 - Integrated approaches at community level facilitate sustainability of small-scale projects with a potential for scalability
 - High level political support facilitates integrated work needed for collaboration

- Need to create a governance framework for the WEF nexus to ensure that there are synergies, not competing demands, and considering a human-social dimension

Session 6 – *Harnessing nature for transformative adaptation in Africa*

Need to build and strengthen a pan-African coalition towards nature-based solutions that blend indigenous and traditional knowledge with scientific knowledge for sustainability and resilience.

- Must decolonize curricula, integrate indigenous and traditional knowledge into learning
 - Empowerment and incentives scale up community knowledge and practices
 - Value chain improvement for some solutions is critical
- Building incentives and multi-framework approach with nature-based solutions is critical
- Development/International partners often underestimate organization by communities
 - Opportunity to consult, learn and harness existing structures for co-production of knowledge and actions on nature-based solutions
- Lack of autonomy in decentralized governance can hinder planning, implementation
- Community-centered approaches are critical – promoting locally led solutions is relevant
- Need to recognize legitimacy to vulnerable groups who are often stewards of nature and can champion nature-based solutions from their socio-ecological systems
- Need to improve information sharing, participatory learning, documentation to inform project design – local community benefits may best promote nature-based solutions
- Promotion of nature-based solutions requires programmatic approach with all stakeholders engaged and solutions contextualized

Session 7 – *Exploiting indigenous and frontier technologies for transformative adaptation in Africa*

Key technological priorities for Africa should address critical needs such as water-food and energy. Africa is abundant with ideas, knowledge and experiences.

- Solutions such as data access and sharing over USSD are endemic to Africa due to connectivity and electrification challenges, can be leveraged to serve Africa's future
- Africa has potential as global leader with key successes and partnerships for scalability
- Limited funding for adaptation technologies
 - Need to shift from pilot to implementation ready projects co-designed with end users to address local challenges
 - Risk modelling can inform contextual solutions that can benefit from various financing mechanisms
- Need to improve data access to inspire and drive technological innovation, potential for data co-production through citizen science, timely access to info informs decisions
 - Timely access to information informs decisions and actions towards response and anticipatory action
- AI/Internet of things/Use of smart technologies in mobile applications/Clean energy technologies/space technology for earth observation and communication
- African country institutions, innovators and entrepreneurs need to build capacity to realize this potential and scale up implementation

- Technology solutions require political backing, enabling policy environments, and rigorous scientific research for evidence-based decision-making
- Indigenous and traditional knowledge in Africa needs to be recognized more formally and valued in the same light as traditional scientific knowledge

Session 8 – Collaboration: addressing common problems for transformative adaptation and resilience

Climate change is multiplier of socio-economic and political challenges in Africa. Addressing the key water-food-energy needs with human-socio perspective to transformative adaptation and long-term resilience is critical for transboundary challenges of water, food security and migration

- New strategies promoting free but regulated cross-border mobility, limiting trade disruptions and improving agricultural production may facilitate innovation
- Empowerment of communities as stewards of nature is a critical component of collaboration to solve common problems
- Monitoring, evaluation as well as learning and data sharing will facilitate identification of successful practices, which can be easily scaled up and bench-marked
 - Communities across borders face similar challenges
 - Documentation and deliberate sharing of best practices can enable solutions

Complete thematic track notes are available to qualifying organizations on request.

Affiliated Events

A total of 32 Affiliated Events were convened by core and regional partners. These sessions represent region-specific events at the Regional Climate Weeks to advance the climate agenda. Opening space for this collaboration can accelerate implementation and advance the processes ahead of COP27 in November 2022.

Affiliated Events convened groups like Designated National Authorities of the CDM and addressed issues such as Long-term Climate Ambition, green finance and investment, NDCs, Clean Development Mechanism, Youth, Adaptation Benefits Mechanism, Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, Africa Energy Transition, transformative climate solutions, and more.

A complete list of Affiliated Events is in Annex A and the [ACW 2022 Programme](#).

Side Events

Side Events opened more opportunities for engagement at ACW 2022. Side Event sessions were generally one or two hours in length to cover a critical issue in detail. Organizers were responsible for session format and design, with an aim to encourage open dialogue to share experiences and expertise. There were 85 in-person side events.

The 85 Side Events convened organizations to address issues such as forest, REDD+, smart agriculture, food security, water, climate investment, green finance, Article 6, just transition, Energy Transition, youth, capacity building, Climate Justice, carbon markets, Climate Leadership, decarbonization, Nature-based Solution, Loss and Damage, NDCs, Coastal resilience and more.

A complete list of Side Events is in Annex B and the [ACW 2022 Programme](#).

Action Hub

A total of 35 Action Hub sessions were held to showcase examples of action happening on the ground in the region. The ACW 2022 Action Hub showcased topics such as global climate change, adaptation and climate resilience, disaster management, biodiversity, agricultural innovation technologies, insect farming, climate resilient infrastructure, recycling waste materials, NDCs, an animal impact tool, the renewable energy transition, Early Warning Systems, climate change education and more.

Details on Action Hub sessions are found in Annex C and in the [ACW 2022 Programme](#).

COP Presidency Events

ACW 2022 offered a platform to carry forward momentum and advance implementation of the Paris Agreement. The COP27 Presidency hosted two Affiliated Events.

What does COP27 mean for Africa – The Presidency’s Perspective

At Africa Climate Week 2022, The COP27 Presidency identified an opportunity to put Africa’s needs and priorities at the centre of the global climate conversation. Convening a wide range of stakeholders, the COP27 Presidency held a dialogue that explored Africa’s issues and priorities at COP27, how COP27 can contribute to collective and equitable progress in the region and how to improve access to finance.

African Pathways to Just Transition

Recognizing the challenge of decarbonizing to remain competitive in a low-carbon world, the COP27 Presidency invited stakeholders to explore how to achieve a just transition. This session provided a platform to share views, best practices and experiences from the just transition, including social and economic issues. Participants explored finance and technology solutions and shared the benefits of partnerships.

COP Presidency Events are outlined as Affiliated Events #29 and #23 in Appendix A with session concept notes published as part of the [ACW 2022 Programme](#).

High-Level Champions and Marrakech Partnership Events

Ahead of COP27, Africa Climate Week 2022 was a crucial moment for the High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership. Nigel Topping, High-Level Champion of COP 26 Presidency of the United Kingdom, and Mahmoud Mohieldin, High-Level Champion of COP 27 Presidency of Egypt, joined ACW 2022 to build the momentum for radical collaboration for enhanced climate action with emphasis on specific and implementable opportunities across different sectors.

Through various events and engagements, the Champions emphasized that finance for the decarbonization and resilience of Africa needs to be channeled and scaled dramatically, including by fostering trade and placing women at the heart of climate investment. This accelerated finance, if together with aligned land ownership policies and technical assistance to small farmers and SMEs, can help realize a climate smart, nature positive and nutritious agriculture and food systems for Africa. This can also enable the transition to a waste-free, circular economy if supported by enabling institutional mechanisms, multi-level governance, and collaboration with cities and the informal sector. The Champions also highlighted that the integrity of carbon markets needs to be strengthened to reach net zero emissions by 2050, support nature and biodiversity regeneration and benefit local and indigenous communities.

To support Africa in this transition, action needs to be inclusive, holistic, bottom-up, and needs-based, supporting indigenous people, local entrepreneurs, and women and youth, ensuring the regional context are brought into processes such as the Global Stocktake.

High-Level Champions and Marrakech Partnership events are outlined as outlined as Session 4 in Track 1, Affiliated Events #19, #21, to #22 and #27 in Appendix A and Side Events #9, #19, #21, and #22 in Appendix B and in the [ACW 2022 Programme](#).

Engagement

ACW 2022 brought together key regional stakeholders to raise climate ambition and encourage cooperation. With clarity from decisions at COP 26, the Climate Week offered a platform to partner on implementation and take a meaningful step towards COP27 in Egypt in November. The Week brought stakeholders to the table through extensive promotion that put the spotlight on Africa in the global press, on social media and with stakeholders.

- The [ACW 2022 Opening Ceremony](#) and other videos available on the [ACW 2022 page](#) and [UN Climate Change YouTube](#) have received more than 6,800 views
- One [Climate Action Blog](#) tells a story of urban adaptation in the region
- Four [ACW 2022 press releases](#) were distributed to 4,000+ journalists in English, Spanish, French and Russian
- Two promotional press releases garnered 122,000+ impressions on Twitter and LinkedIn and generated 2,000+ visits to the ACW 2022 website
- A social media campaign in three languages to drive registration garnered 316,000+ impressions and 56,000+ views across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn

- An Op-Ed by Acting UN Climate Change Executive Secretary Ibrahim Thiaw on the UN Climate Change LinkedIn spoke to Africa's solutions and garnered 79,000+ impressions
- Pre-event interviews with the Gabon Minister Water & Forests and leading regional voices attracted 428,000+ impressions and 100,000+ views across all channels
- 100 national, regional and international media on-site and 2 TV Studios on-site with live coverage – Africa24 & Gabon24 – opening Press Conference attracted 60+ journalists
- The UN Climate Change Deputy Executive Secretary held on-site interviews with BBC World News and Africa 24 with two additional UN Climate Change interviews in Spanish and French
- Media coverage included extensive international coverage in major French language newspapers and magazines – *Le Monde*, *Jeune Afrique*, *Le Point*, *L'OBS magazine* – and TV and online media – *TV5 Monde*, *RFI*, *Africa News*, *Deutsche Welle (German)*
- Eleven recorded on-site interviews with COP26 and COP27 High-Level Champions, youth, capacity building; partners from UNEP and UNDP in EN, FR, SP and AR garnered 60,000+ views across all channels
- Pre-recorded live interviews in French with Robert Beugré Mambé, Minister Governor of Abidjan, and Artist and climate activist Inna Modja, had 800+ views
- A Twitter Spaces conversation in French with IRENA and the FAO attracted 1,400+ impressions and 630+ listeners
- 111 photos were curated for the [UN Climate Change Flickr](#)
- An ACW 2022 App elevated the conference experience with an interactive programme, individual calendars with notifications, participant networking and an event newsfeed – the app was downloaded by more than 1,020 active users and saw over 70 user posts

Moving Forward

Regional collaboration emerged as a driver of global progress and success at COP26. The Regional Climate Weeks 2022 can now accelerate implementation, engage a wider set of stakeholders and enable action ahead of COP27. ACW 2022 showed the potential of collaboration to address regional risks and advance solutions, which is especially crucial in Africa. Collaboration here is a key step on the road to COP27, the implementation COP. The outcomes from this meeting speak to the solutions that Africa can contribute.

This ACW 2022 Output Report will be published online for leaders, policymakers and civil society. The report will be included in a Regional Climate Weeks 2022 Communique presented to the COP27 Presidency along with all RCW 2022 Output Reports. The COP27 President can then bring the voice of ACW 2022 stakeholders to ministers for consideration in implementation.

Recognition

The ACW 2022 organizing partners and host government recognize the dedication and hard work of all partners that came together and contributed to success in Libreville.

Organizing Partners



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Event Partners

Essential for the event to engage with maximum reach and impact

RCC Dubai
RCC Kampala
RCC Lomé
CDM Executive Board
COP26 Presidency
COP27 Presidency
High-Level Champions for Climate Action
Marrakech Partnership

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt
Ministry for the Environment, Nature
Conservation and Nuclear Safety of
Germany / Deutsche Gesellschaft
für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
(GIZ)
NDC Partnership
UN Global Compact

Collaborating Partners

Sharing experiences and expertise, opening space to work together

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Access Partnership
ACES
ACT Alliance Africa
ACT Commodities
AECID
AESVT
Aether Ltd
AFD
Africa Adaptation Initiative
Africa Centre of Meteorological Application for
Development (ACMAD)
Africa Youth Initiative on Climate Change
(AYICC)
Africa-Europe Foundation
African Centre for a Green Economy (AfriCGE)
African Climate Foundation (ACF)
African Group of Negotiators Experts Support
(AGNES)
AGEOS
AICCRA Accelerator Partners
Ajemalebu Self Help (AJESH)
AJESH (AJEMALEBU SELF HELP)
Akina Mama wa Afrika
All African Council of Churches (AACC)
Alliance for Subnational Development Banks
AMREF
ANYL4PSD Nouveau Pacte pour la Nature et les
Personnes
APCOP Worldwide LLC
Association des jeunes entrepreneurs
agronomes des Hauts-Bassins
Association nouveaux mondes
AUDA-NEPAD
Autorité de Régulation des Transports
Ferroviaires (ARTF)
BAD
Banque Ouest Africaine de Développement
(BOAD)
Berkeley Air Monitoring Group
BLACKCAMEL ENERGY LTD
Blue Forest
BMWK
Bonn University
BOTHENDS
CABRI
CAN International
CARE International
CBIT Global Support Programme
Center for Development Research ZEF
Centre for 21st Century Issues
CGIAR – Represented by International Livestock
Research Institute (ILRI) & Alliance for
Bioversity International and CIAT (ABC)
CGLU Afrique
Christian Aid
Church of Uganda
CISONECC
Citi Bank Gabon
Clean Cooking Alliance (CCA)
Climate & Clean Air Coalition (CCAC)
Climate Action Platform for Africa (CAP-A)
Climate and Clean Air Coalition
Climate Change Africa Opportunities (CCAO)
Climate Focus
Climate Wise Women
Cluster Francophone by the Partnership on
Transparency in the Paris Agreement
(PATPA)
Coalition for Rainforest Nations
Commonwealth Secretariat and Finance Hub
Community Technology Development Trust
Conservation International
Cool Coalition
CORECT Confederation of Traditional Headers
Organisation Nigeria
Council for Scientific and Industrial Research
(CSIR)
Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa
CPI
Dalberg
Development Bank of Southern Africa
Development Reimagined (DR)
East African Development Bank (EADB)
Eastern Africa Alliance on Carbon Markets and
Climate Finance
ECCAS Commission
Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)
Egypt Ministry of Electricity and Renewable
Energy
ENDA
Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)
Environmental Education for a Better Earth
Environmental Incentives, LLC

Eswatini Ministry of Tourism & Environmental Affairs
 Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural research
 European Union
 Expertise France
 Extinction Rebellion Africa
 Fair Tech Institute
 Farm Africa
 FEMNET
 Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
 Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)
 Foundation "Future of the Carbon Market"
 FSD Africa
 Fundación Avina
 Gabon National Youth Council (GNYC)
 Game Changer Yaounde
 GCoM
 Gender Smart Investing
 Germanwatch
 GfA
 GGGI
 Global Cement and Concrete Association
 Global Center on Adaptation
 Global Commons Alliance
 Global Emerging Patogent Treatment Consortium (GET)
 Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet
 Global Environment Facility (GEF)
 Global Fund for Cities Development
 Global Green Growth Institute
 Global Network of Civil Society Organizations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR)
 Global Resilience Partnership
 Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC)
 Global Youth Parliament-East Africa (GYP)
 Green Africa Organization
 Groupement Agro-Pastoral pour un Développement Durable de Yongoro GADY ACTION CONTRE LE CLIMAT
 Haurou Commission
 Hivos
 HLC
 ICAT
 ICLEI Sustainability for Local Governments
 IETA
 IFAD Yaounde
 Igugu Global
 IIED
 ILO
 INDES Formation Cameroon
 International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology
 International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
 International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
 International Institute for Tropical Agriculture (IITA)
 International Interdisciplinary Innovation Center Of Life-Alliance of the Peoples of the World-Africa Office (IPAOW)
 International Organization for Migration (IOM)
 International Renewable Energy Agency
 International Research Development Centre (IDRC)
 International Student Environmental Coalition (ISEC Chad)
 International Union of Railways (UIC)
 International Water Management Institute (IWMI)
 IRENA
 JVE
 kebridahar University
 Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS)
 KQ Hub Africa
 Landscape Resilience Fund
 Life Concerns Malawi
 Mary Robinson Centre for Climate Justice, Glasgow Caledonian University
 Mbororo Social and Cultural Development Association MBOSCUA
 Mexico2
 Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MOFPED)
 Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection
 Mouvement de Jeunes Pour la Protection de l'environnement MJPE-RDC
 Mzuzu University Malawi
 Natural Eco capital
 Nature4Climate
 Neyen Consulting
 Nigerian Conservation Foundation
 ONG EPANUTRI
 ONG TERRE VERTE
 Pan African Climate Justice Alliance PACJA
 Pan African Youth Union
 Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance Perspectives
 PNUE
 R2R
 Rebalance Earth

Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre
Republic of Vanuatu
Resurgence
Rethinking Removals
Rockefeller Foundation
SADC
SDG7 Youth Constituency
She Leads Climate Action
SIDA
Slum Dwellers International
Société d'exploitation du Transgabonais
(SETRAG)
Solidaridad East, Central, and Southern Africa
Somali Pastoral Agro-pastoral Research Institute
South Africa
South Pole and Carbonsink
SouthSouthNorth
Standard Chartered Bank Cameroon
State Department of Livestock
Stockholm Environment Institute
Stop Ecocide Foundation
Stop Ecocide International
Students for Environmental Education &
Discovery (SEED)
Supporting Evidence-Based Interventions (SEBI)
The Nature Conservancy
The Ohio State University (OSU)
UK Foreign
UN Centre of Excellence on Climate and Disaster
Resilience
UN Cities Development Fund

UN Climate Technology Centre and Network
(CTCN)
UN University
UNCCD
UNESCO
UNFPA
UNIDO
Union of Ethiopia Women and Children
Association (UEWCA)
United Cities and Local Governments of Africa
UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)
United States Environmental Protection Agency
(US EPA)
University of Ilorin (UNILORIN)
UNMGCY
UNOCA
USDA forest service
Vijana Think Tank-Tanzania (VTT)
Vision for Peace Cameroon
West African Alliance on Carbon Markets and
Climate Finance (WAA)
Women Development Organization WEDO
Women for a Change, Cameroon:
GenEgaliteECCAS
World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)
Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF)
WRI Africa
Youth (Youth Sounding Board, Sub regional
Office-Eastern Africa)
Youth Go Green Network Liberia (YUGNET-
LIBERIA)
YOUTHCONNEKT GABON

Annexes

ANNEX A – Affiliated Events

More details on Affiliated Events, including recordings of some sessions, are available online in the [ACW 2022 Programme](#).

Affiliated Event #1 to #5

Title: Technical analysis of biennial update reports submitted by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention

Organization: UNFCCC Transparency Division

Description:

Technical analysis of biennial update reports submitted by Eritrea, Morocco and Rwanda by a team of technical experts. It is aimed at increasing the transparency of mitigation actions and their effects. It will also involve a virtual consultation with the Parties being analyzed.

Affiliated Event #6 and #7

Title: Africa Regional Dialogue on ETF

Organization: ICAT; UNFCCC

Description:

A regional platform for policy dialogue and peer-to-peer engagement on the ETF offering in-depth policy discussions and effective exchange of knowledge, that will be delivered over two days bringing together different stakeholders, from the public and private sectors. First day will be focused on peer-to-peer dialogue between transparency practitioners, and the second dedicated to a more senior-level policy dialogue on transitioning to the ETF.

Affiliated Event #8

Title: NDC Partnership Regional Peer Exchange: Green Finance and Investment

Organization: NDC Partnership

Description:

NDC Partnership African members countries have highlighted financial resource mobilization and green investment as the top priority in their climate agenda and in their future collaboration within the framework of the NDC Partnership. In addition, with the launch of the NDC Partnership's Finance Strategy in early 2022, the Support Unit is exploring and designing the entry points for collaboration on finance, potential delivery modalities and specific offering to be brought to member countries. The 2022 edition of the Regional Peer Exchange for Africa will therefore focus on fostering peer learning on green finance and investment, focusing on the barriers and challenges faced by developing countries to access climate finance, and on identifying the solutions to overcome them. This is a closed event, by invitation only to NDC Partnership Country Focal Points (from Ministries of Planning and Finance and Ministries of Environment).

Affiliated Event #9

Title: Youth Event - Part 1

Organization: UNFCCC, YOUNGO, RCC

Description:

Launching the Youth4Capacity initiative and creating a platform for youth to get together and discuss opportunities to enhance meaningful youth engagement and participation in climate policymaking and action in the African region.

Affiliated Event #10

Title: Youth Event - Part 2

Organization: UNFCCC, YOUNGO, RCC

Description:

Launching the Youth4Capacity initiative and creating a platform for youth to get together and discuss opportunities to enhance meaningful youth engagement and participation in climate policymaking and action in the African region.

Affiliated Event #11 and #12

Title: Regional Exchange on Long-term Climate Ambition and Implementation at the Africa Climate Week 2022

Organization: UN Climate Change; NDC Partnership

Description:

The Africa Regional Exchange on Long-term Climate Ambition and Implementation will bring together key policymakers and key stakeholders from the region to discuss, deliberate and share information, good practices, and the challenges and opportunities specific to the region to transition towards low GHG development and ambitious climate action in the context of LT-LEDS, NDCs and sectoral policies to support the achievement of the Paris Agreement, aligned with green economy principles.

Through a week-long, iterative programme, participants will engage around common learning objectives – sharing good practices and lessons learned to strengthen mitigation and adaptation ambition raising efforts and ground them in realistic and actionable implementation plans. These learning exchanges will draw the links between the NDC update cycle, Long-Term Low Development Strategies (LT-LEDS), implementation and finance – to help enhance ambition and accelerate implementation.

Regional Exchange on Long-term Climate Ambition and Implementation at the Africa Climate Week 2022 consist of a 4-day long curated program on learning exchanges about the links between the NDC update cycle, LT-LEDS, implementation and green finance.

Affiliated Event #13 and #14

Title: Africa Regional CDM DNA Forum Meeting 2022

Organization: UNFCCC, RCC Lome, RCC Kampala

Description:

The Regional DNA Forum is to provide opportunities for DNA representatives to exchange views, share their experiences relating to the CDM and bring forward common views and issues to the attention of the CDM Executive Board. The 2022 edition will be focused on temporary measures under the CDM. transition of CDM activities, and Article 6 and readiness to implement Article 6, including capacity-building needs for the Africa region in implementing Article 6.

Affiliated Event #15

Title: Youth at the Forefront of the Climate Crisis: Consultation for Meaningful Youth Participation and Intergenerational Equity at COP27

Organization: COP 27 Youth Envoy; UN Climate Change

Description:

The COP27 Presidency is organizing a consultation to gather youth experiences, ideas and expertise on the definition of meaningful youth participation and the diverse mechanisms needed to facilitate youth involvement in policymaking processes of the climate agenda.

Significant barriers still exist to mainstreaming meaningful youth participation in climate policy discussions, impacting how youth understand their value within society. This meeting will hence support the COP27 Presidency in the curation of inclusive and outcome-oriented opportunities for youth and the delivery of a qualitative shift in the role of youth in global climate action from Egypt, with its long tradition of commitment to youth empowerment, and Africa, being the continent with most youthful population.

Affiliated Event #16

Title: Mobilizing private sector finance for adaptation through certifying the benefits of adaptation action – Presentation on the Adaptation Benefits Mechanism (ABM) piloted by the African Development Bank

Organization: African Development Bank

Description:

The current levels of adaptation finance are insufficient to meet the adaptation needs of developing countries. According to the 2021 UNEP's Adaptation Gap Report, the adaptation costs in developing countries are five to ten times greater than the current public finance flows and the adaptation finance gap is widening. At COP26, developed countries committed to double their adaptation finance by 2025. The involvement of the private sector to overcome the adaptation finance and implementation gap for adaptation is crucial. The Adaptation Benefits Mechanism (ABM) is a non-market results-based financing mechanism for mobilizing public and private sector finance for enhanced resilience of vulnerable communities and ecosystems. It also contributes to closing the methodological gap for robust and environmentally sound adaptation metrics. This side-event/workshop will bring together diverse stakeholders to share the best practices and lessons learned so far from the ABM Pilot Phase of the African Development Bank and discuss the first proposed ABM methodologies, including through interactions with the audience.

Affiliated Event #17

Title: Programmatic Activities (PoAs) Under Article 6

Organization: BMWK, Perspectives, Climate Focus, GfA, Mexico2; IETA

Description:

With this meeting we want to achieve a stronger regional awareness of the programmatic aspects of the Art. 6 as well as a kind of stock-taking of still ongoing PoAs under the CDM and the experiences of public and private stakeholder in the region. The underlying project activity will not be limited to Africa, but the ACW is a good chance to get with relevant stakeholders in contact directly. For us it is important (in this phase of the project activity) that we speak with persons which are really experienced with the approach or having responsibilities in Art. 6. |

Affiliated Event #18

Title: Integrating the principle and process of just transition into NDC/LTS planning to accelerate climate ambition

Organization: UNDP, UNFCCC, ILO

Description:

A green transition is at the heart of meeting the Paris Agreement goals. Nonetheless, if not managed well, it also runs the risk of increasing social inequality, civil unrest and reduced productivity or less competitive businesses, sectors and markets. The preamble of the Paris Agreement on climate change, adopted in 2015, underscores close links between climate action, sustainable development and a just transition, with Parties to the Agreement "taking into

account the imperatives of a just transition of the workforce and the creation of decent work and quality jobs in accordance with nationally defined development priorities”. We are seeing a growing recognition of the need for a just transition in the context of Paris Implementation. In Africa, 10 countries directly and indirectly referenced just transition in their revised NDCs, demonstrating a strong political will to incorporate a social dimension into their climate action. This event aims present key conceptual framework and guidelines for just transition and its enabling role in accelerating ambitious climate action. The event will bring together countries to share experience of integrating the principle and process of just transition into NDC/LTS, discuss challenges, and the ways forward.

Affiliated Event #19

Title: Marrakech Partnership Regionalization workshop

Organization: High-Level Champions; UN Climate Change; Marrakech Partnership

Description:

As part of the Improved Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action for enhancing ambition that was welcomed by Parties at COP 26, the High-Level Champions, Mr. Nigel Topping - High-Level Champion of COP 26 Presidency of the United Kingdom and Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin - High-Level Champion of COP 27 Presidency of Egypt, and the Marrakech Partnership will convene a workshop with a particular focus on the global stocktake process of the Paris Agreement to facilitate a deep understanding of the needs on the ground and gather regional perspectives. The aim of the event is to provide an overview of the functions and tools of the Marrakech Partnership, including the global campaigns to mobilize and align non-Party stakeholders (Race to Zero, Race to Resilience and the Glasgow Finance Alliance for Net Zero) and the tools to drive systems transformation (Climate Action Pathways, 2030 Breakthroughs), and have a solutions-oriented dialogue on how to drive ambitious action across the region taking into account regional context and how the Marrakech Partnership can help Parties implement and enhance their national plans.

Affiliated Event #20

Title: CTCN NDE REGIONAL FORUM FOR AFRICA

Organization: UN Climate Technology Centre and Network, UNEP

Description:

The main objectives of CTCN NDE Regional Forum for Africa 2022 is to engage and empower stakeholders to drive climate action across countries, communities, and economies. Working together opens opportunity to advance climate action, address social inequalities and invest in development that is good for humanity and nature.

Affiliated Event #21

Title: Gender Considerations in Climate Investment

Organization: High-Level Champions; 2XCollaborative; UN Climate Change; Gender Smart Investing; She Leads Climate Action

Description:

The climate crisis is not “gender neutral”. Women and girls experience the greatest impacts of climate change, which amplifies existing gender inequalities and poses unique threats to their livelihoods, health, and safety. Yet there is not much traction around mobilizing resources towards gender adaptation and resilience building. A gender perspective needs to be taken into account when developing resource mobilization strategies, applying climate finance instruments, and ensuring equal participation in the deployment of financial resources,

particularly at the local level. The aim of the session is to put gender considerations front and center in investment in climate action by unlocking the potential of applying a gender lens to climate finance and vice versa. Integrating these two investment agendas is a powerful lever for amplifying both impacts and returns, thus supporting the case for their widespread adoption in the financial mainstream and driving positive outcomes for women and the world.

Affiliated Event #22

Title: Unlocking Trade and Finance for Ambitious Climate Action

Organization: High-Level Champions; UN Climate Change

Description:

Explore a holistic approach to mobilizing climate capital into nature positive and sustainable African businesses, people, and projects, including considering the role the African Continental Free Trade Agreement can play in amplifying the impacts.

Affiliated Event #23

Title: Africa Just Energy Transition – Pathways for Africa

Organization: COP27 Presidency

Description:

The participants of the event: H.E. Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, COP27 High Level Climate Champion; Amr Essam, Senior Adviser, COP27 Presidency Team; Jean-Paul Adam, Director, Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources Management, UNECA; Gareth Philipps, Manager Climate Finance at the African Development Bank; Ailun Yang, Bloomberg Philanthropies

Affiliated Event #24

Title: Opportunities and risks arising from implementation of mitigation actions: work by the KCI

Organization: UN Climate Change

Description:

The climate actions at required scale can be realized if they are sustainable, planned and executed taking into account adverse impacts specifically on groups of people vulnerable to climate change and climate actions. This event will cover the work undertaken by Katowice Committee on Impacts under the convention to understand the impacts of climate actions including tools developed to understand the impacts to facilitate just transition and also to understand the business opportunities arising due to climate actions.

Affiliated Event #25

Title: Africa's Public Expenditure on Adaptation

Organization: UNDP; AUC; CABRI; CPI; NDC-P; Commonwealth Secretariat

Description:

The 2018 UNDP report on Africa's Public Expenditure on Adaptation (APEA) revealed that most adaptation expenditure is primarily development expenditure that provides good benefits with current climate conditions. It shows that African countries could be spending 2-9 percent of GDP on adaptation from their stretched national budgets - which represents more expenditure than healthcare and education. In 2018 this was significantly higher than the adaptation resource flow from international sources. The report is being updated with the aim of comparing the updated analysis with other recent work on adaptation funding needs to inform regional dialogue. Objectives: 1) To discuss the initial estimates of the current spending on adaptation by African governments and international partners based on the 2018 APEA report. 2) To

interrogate the methodology used in the 2018 report to and solicit stakeholder views for updating the analysis 3) To discuss the usefulness of this research and complementarity with other regional analyses

Affiliated Event #26

Title: Discussion- Africa Regional Dialogue on ETF

Organization: ICAT; UN Climate Change

Description:

A regional platform for policy dialogue and peer-to-peer engagement on the ETF offering in-depth policy discussions and effective exchange of knowledge, that will be delivered over two days bringing together different stakeholders, from the public and private sectors. First day will be focused on peer-to-peer dialogue between transparency practitioners, and the second dedicated to a more senior-level policy dialogue on transitioning to the ETF.

Affiliated Event #27

Title: Marrakech Partnership Implementation Lab

Organization: High-Level Champions; UN Climate Change; Marrakech Partnership

Description:

Following the welcoming by Parties of the Improved Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action for enhancing ambition at COP 26, the High-Level Champions, Mr. Nigel Topping - High-Level Champion of COP 26 Presidency of the United Kingdom and Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin - High-Level Champion of COP 27 Presidency of Egypt, will continue to convene Implementation Labs to strengthen the collaboration between national governments and non-Party stakeholders. Using the options for policies, technologies and solutions described in the Climate Action Pathways and 2030 Breakthrough, this Implementation Lab will create an open, solutions-oriented exchange between national government representatives and non-Party stakeholders (e.g., businesses, cities, subnational regions, investors, and civil society) to explore how to achieve sustainable waste management for a robust transition towards inclusive circular economies and climate resilient communities across Africa.

Affiliated Event #28

Title: Regional ACE Workshop

Organization: UNFCCC; RCC

Description:

What is Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) and why should we be talking about it? The regional ACE workshop is open to everyone and aims to raise the awareness of ACE as a key enabler of the Paris Agreement by showcasing good practices from the region and identifying Africa's priorities in implementing ACE.

Affiliated Event #29

Title: What does an African COP mean for Africa –The Presidency's Perspective

Organization: COP27 Presidency

Description:

The participants of the event: H.E. Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, COP27 High Level Climate Champion; H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Nasr, Lead Negotiator and Director General Climate, Environment and Sustainable Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Egypt; Charles Peter Mwang, Pan African Climate Justice Alliance; David Kaluba, moderator on behalf of the African Group of Negotiators (AGN) Chairperson.

Affiliated Event #30

Title: From a zero BUR today to a first BTR in 2024 –steps to take for francophone countries

Organization: Cluster Francophone by the Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement (PATPA); Germany; Belgium; France; UNDP; Global Environment Facility (GEF); ICAT; UNFCCC; FAO

Description:

There are still around 15 francophone countries, which have not yet submitted a Biennial Update Report (BUR) Yet, in 2024 developing countries may submit their first Biennial transparency report (BTR). What do concerned countries need to plan for the relevant next steps, required capacity and data and which technical and financial support is at their disposal? The Cluster Francophone invites managerial and technical staff involved in NDC implementation and reporting to the UNFCCC to exchange views and solutions. This session will be held in French and will focus on challenges, barriers, gaps, opportunities and solutions encountered by francophone developing countries.

Affiliated Event #31

Title: Natural Capital as a cornerstone of resilience and reduced emissions

Organization: World Bank; and Clients (Gabon, Nigeria, DRC, Burundi)

Description:

Showcase how natural capital is not just critical for enhancing resilience of communities, livelihoods and economies, but as a crucial strategy for capping emissions. The Congo Basin forests, drylands, wetlands, coastal and marine ecosystems in SSA have to be recognized for the full range of services - especially as a global public good.

ANNEX B – Side Events

More details on Side Events, including recordings of some sessions, are available online in the [ACW 2022 Programme](#).

Side Event #1

Title: Forest Stewardship Solutions for climate and ecosystem smart forest management in the Congo Basin

Organization: Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)

Description:

The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) promotes and deploys an integrated set of solutions to enable environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial and economically viable management of the world's forests. FSC-certified forests have measurable contributions to both climate change mitigation and adaptation by demonstrating positive impacts on carbon sequestration and conservation of carbon sinks, biodiversity, soil, water catchments, etc. This session will enable participants – forest management professionals, researchers, practitioners, decision-making – to develop a conceptual and practical understanding of the range of solutions that FSC deploys to achieve responsible forest management, and their contributions to climate change mitigation and adaptation as well as their positive impacts on ecosystem services such as carbon, biodiversity, soil, water, etc. The relevance of these solutions for the responsible governance of Congo Basin Forest will also be outlined and discussed.

Side Event #2

Title: Faith in Action for Climate Justice

Organization: ACT Alliance Africa; Christian Aid; All African Council of Churches (AACC); Church of Uganda

Description:

Faith leaders from Uganda will present their calls, hopes and demands for climate justice to political leaders. The faith community is very key in mobilizing and influencing the demand for climate justice. These actions will include keynote address and statements from Faith leaders who will speak and ask the political leaders who will be presented to take meaningful action for climate justice with upcoming COP27 negotiations. The event will feature discussions on the role of faith approach in building resilient communities.

Side Event #3

Title: Debt-for-Climate Swaps Innovative Financial Instruments for Public Debt Management

Organization: UNEP; Government of Eswatini; The Commonwealth Finance Hub; IIED

Description:

The world is facing a triple crisis of debt, climate change and biodiversity loss. The impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economic system have increased volatility in developing country markets, particularly in Africa, where high levels of debt make them vulnerable. Several countries in Africa are now considering debt for climate swaps as an innovative solution to manage mounting public debts, climate change challenges – particularly underfunded adaptation action - and COVID-19 recovery. Traditionally, these instruments represent an exchange of the existing debt contract with a new one, where the previous contract is normally discounted. The discount or foregone debt service proceeds would then be used in an agreed upon manner to fund climate projects. This side event brings together Country Governments and experts to exchanges in-country experiences to design effective Debt for Climate Swaps,

including learnings and advantages of this innovative financing instrument to advance action for climate adaptation.

Side Event #4

Title: Climate Just Solutions to Tackling Emergent GBV and Mental Health Crisis Due to Climate Change

Organization: The Mary Robinson Centre for Climate Justice, Glasgow Caledonian University; FEMNET; Life Concerns Malawi; Mzuzu University Malawi; Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance

Description:

The links between climate change, gender-based violence & mental health are profound and deep. There is no doubt that women's health and well-being is being affected by climate change and extreme weather events; these impacts are compounded by existing structural socio-economic inequalities. There is currently little research that explores the inter-relationship between climate change, mental health and gender-based violence in developing countries and in determining what is required to help build resilience of people. This event will be a far reaching a deep conversation on justice, equity, human rights to decent quality of life and building resilience. It will be used to i) share new breakthroughs in terms of providing new evidence of the increasing incidence of GBV and mental health of women and ii) will allow for rich discussion in a panel of 'potential solutions' for the provision of recovery & resilience support services required by women.

Side Event #5

Title: Blended Finance & Innovative Insurance to De-risk Private Sector Investments in Climate Adaptation

Organization: UNEP; Government of Ghana, Government of Uganda

Description:

According to UNEP's Adaptation Gap Report, the estimated costs to adapt in developing countries are five to ten times greater than current public adaptation finance flows. There is, therefore, an urgent need to: 1) scale up adaptation finance; and 2) to integrate climate change impacts across business models.

This side event focuses on sustainable and practical financing solutions for climate adaptation looking at blended finance models to reduce investment risks. Innovative use of insurance and guarantee products will also be discussed. Speakers comprising of the private sector (including financial institutions and impact investors), enabling government ministries, third sector organizations and the beneficiaries (mostly vulnerable communities), will provide practical insights on barriers to the design of these solutions and ways to overcome them. Specifically, nature-based solutions, ecosystems-based adaptation and value chain approaches to prepare investable opportunities will be presented. Potential to scale and replicate successful initiatives across regions, will be highlighted.

Side Event #6

Title: The Future Climate Leadership

Organization: UNEP; World Bank; UNFCCC

Description:

We will finally shed the light on how we as youth will lead the tomorrow while building an ecofriendly journey if fighting challenges and tackling the global concerns, finally we will open the floor for more predictions to be made, solutions and the possibilities that we are eagerly excited to see them happening in the world

Side Event #7

Title: Financing Youth-Led Clean Energy Solution and Initiatives: A Catalyst for the Emergence of a Sustainable Future

Organization: SDG7 Youth Constituency; UNMGCY; IRENA; UNIDO

Description:

Young people under 24 make up over 40% of the world's population and by 2050, over 1.4 billion young people between the ages of 15 and 24. Finding a way to mobilize this group can go a long way to solve the world's problems—including climate change and energy access. A key barrier to youth action and engagement has been the lack of funding access. This session seeks to address current financing methods which may not be sufficient and designed to provide the needed support required by young people. This session would provide an opportunity to provide more insights from youth participants, entrepreneurs, innovators and decision-makers on a better approach to solving this challenge, allowing for the creation of a blueprint for effectively funding sustainable youth-led initiatives and solutions which are geared toward the emergence of a more sustainable future.

Side Event #8

Title: Moving back from the edge: climate and disaster risk reduction in highly vulnerable and fragile contexts

Organization: UN Centre of Excellence on Climate and Disaster Resilience

Description:

Growing risks, largely fueled by climate change, are pushing many communities in fragile and highly vulnerable countries to the edge of tipping into recurring or protracted states of crisis, where they would require humanitarian assistance. With a scale up in adaptation finance and increased efforts to "avert and minimize" loss and damage, how do we ensure that the right actions or interventions occur at the right time in these high-risk settings? How do we need to adjust our disaster risk reduction and adaptation approaches so that they are suited to contexts where vulnerability is high, coping capacities are low, resources are often constrained and other factors such as conflict or fragility come into play? This session will seek feedback on emerging findings from a flagship case-study report that examines evidence from the field.

Side Event #9

Title: Africa leadership at COP27 on a transition to a Nature Positive Net Zero Future

Organization: Nature4Climate; Global Commons Alliance; High-level Climate Champions

Description:

Investments in nature are profitable and help deliver a net-zero & nature-positive future – with tremendous benefits for people - jobs, resilience and the wider economy. There is demand for NbS and public and private sectors are increasing investment. However, to unlock Nature-based Solutions (NbS) potential (in line with 1.5C), public & private actors need to scale up annual investments four times over the next three decades. This session will look at African leadership on NbS across the continent and discuss how to ensure COP27 delivers for Africa in ambition, investment and accelerated implementation on the ground.

The aim of this workshop is to bring together leaders at the critical intersection of Biodiversity, Adaptation, Water, Agriculture and the Ocean at Africa Climate Week to share inspirational examples of NbS from across Africa and take forward ideas and collaboration opportunities into our collective COP27 preparations. One key outcome would be planning for adaptation, biodiversity, food, finance and water days at the Summit in November this year. This session

will be interactive and have an element of 'Speed networking' to create connections and facilitate new conversations across the community.

Side Event #10

Title: Climate crisis is a water crisis: water management approaches to strengthening climate resilience in Africa

Organization: International Water Management Institute (IWMI); Zambia Met Department; Zambia Water Resources Management Authority; AICCRA Accelerator Partners

Description:

This one-hour session will include presentations combined with panel discussion. The session will cover the following topics:

Theme 1: Climate risks

- 1.Climate extremes and water related risks with potential adaptation options, case studies from the Lake Tana Sub-basin, Ethiopia
- 2.Remote sensing approaches for flood mapping and citizen science approach, case study from Akaki area in Ethiopia
- 3.Flood and drought indicators: case study from Zambia

Theme 2: Adaptation options:

- 4.Opportunities for strengthening solar power irrigation in Sahelian West Africa
- 5.Building resilience against climate change: understanding social transformation process
- 6.Climate smart agriculture and its effect on food security and multidimensional poverty of rural farm households
- 7.Scaling climate smart agriculture through innovation and partner bundling in Southern Africa

Theme 3: Partnership and collaboration:

- 8.Evidence-based partnership strategies to accelerate innovation scaling in irrigated agricultural value chains,
- 9.Innovative partnerships for delivering climate smart agriculture and enhancing the delivery of climate information services in Zambia

Side Event #11

Title: Africa Green Finance Coalition; accelerating investment in Africa through green finance

Organization: UNECA; Government of Kenya (National Treasury & Planning)

Description:

Mobilizing the \$trillions Africa needs to finance the NDCs requires transformational collaboration across sectors and borders. The Africa Green Finance Coalition is a platform that bolsters pan-African collaboration and provides African Governments with the necessary resources, expertise, and services to harness the opportunities linked to achieving the Paris agreement, SDGs and AU Agenda 2063. Announced at COP26 jointly by the Kenyan government and the Africa Adaptation Initiative, the AGFC will convene African governments, green and climate finance organizations, and investors to design and implement future-proof green policies and institutions.

This first AGFC roundtable will connect leading organizations to share their learnings from mobilizing investments for a climate-neutral and resilient Africa. Discussions will aim to surface the main skills and capabilities green finance institutions need to scale, to identify investment

opportunities in youth and women-led projects, and to uncover key success factors of realised investments, showcasing the power of peer-to-peer learning.

Side Event #12

Title: Africa Adaptation Dialogue: implementing the vision

Organization: Global Center on Adaptation; Africa Adaptation Initiative (Chaired by Gabon); African Development Bank

Description:

Despite contributing the least to global warming, Africa finds itself on the frontline of the climate emergency, with the impacts of external shocks exacerbating these vulnerabilities. Indeed, large portions of Africa—particularly the drylands that cover three-fifths of the continent—are warming at a rate twice the global average, putting half a billion people at risk. Chaired by Gabon, the Africa Adaptation Initiative (AAI) aims to strengthen collaboration on adaptation across the continent. To implement this vision, the Global Center on Adaptation and the African Development Bank have jointly developed the Africa Adaptation Acceleration Program – AAAP. This Africa-led, Africa-owned response is mobilizing US\$25 billion for climate adaptation investments in the continent over five years. This event will review progress of the AAAP and how it is contributing to narrowing the finance gap, thus accelerating the implementation of AAI.

Side Event #13

Title: Setting Article 6 of the Paris Agreement into motion: How ready are countries in East Africa?

Organization: GIZ Global Carbon Markets Program

Description:

Most Eastern African countries have updated their NDCs and anticipate the use of carbon market instruments. With the finalization of the Article 6 rule book, countries are ready or getting ready to implement different carbon market projects and programs to foster the implementation of their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). The Article 6 rule book provided an impetus for countries to implement carbon markets to not only transition from the CDM but also to design and implement approaches to foster carbon market frameworks. These COP26 outcomes define carbon market practices until 2030 and potentially even beyond. Therefore, both governments and carbon market participations have begun to analyze the practical implications and how to put elaborate these in their countries.

The session will discuss and analyze how countries in the East Africa region are ready or getting ready to implement the rules of the Article 6 framework, noting that the different countries are at varying levels of preparedness. The session will foster the sharing of experiences between the different countries with the ultimate purpose being a peer-to-peer learning. The session will increase the understanding of these crucial carbon market developments amongst Eastern Africa's public and private sector stakeholders so that they can proactively design and participate in the emerging Article 6 landscape and work towards navigating the transition from the CDM to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement (PA).

Side Event #14

Title: Building a Resilient Africa: Creating enabling conditions for NDC Implementation

Organization: The Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF); The African Development Bank (AfDB)

Description:

Enabling conditions - finance, technological innovation, strengthening policy instruments, institutional capacity, multi-level governance, and changes in human behavior and lifestyles -

are as relevant for adapting to climate change as to mitigation. African countries, having contributed the least to the climate crisis, are already facing the brunt of climate impacts. Challenges posed by limited institutional capacity, perennially constrained resource context will be exacerbated by squeezing out of international support due to multiple global crises. This will constrain NDC implementation and undermine efforts to build a resilient Africa. Through this event, WWF and the AfDB will showcase partnerships and interventions currently underway on the continent to build a resilient Africa and the role that enabling conditions play in successful delivery of NDC implementation for supporting climate resilient development. The session will come up with recommendations and interventions to create and realize the enabling conditions to leverage the integrated approaches for achieving multiple objectives simultaneously.

Side Event #15

Title: Building decarbonized and resilient railways and mobility infrastructure in Africa

Organization: International Union of Railways (UIC); Ministry of Transport of Gabon; SETRAG (Société d'exploitation du Transgabonais (SETRAG); Autorité de Régulation des Transports Ferroviaires (ARTF)

Description:

A Paris-compliant sustainable mobility system will not be possible without the rail and public transport. Considering the low-energy and CO2 intensities of rail transport, shifting passenger and freight activity from more intensive modes such as private cars, trucks and airplanes to rail and public transport is a key strategy for net-zero and resilient future. Investments in railways produce several multiple socioeconomic benefits such as job creation, urban revitalization, cleaner air, among many others that are not always easy to estimate and quantify. The African continent is undergoing dramatic change and there is a growing need for sustainable mobility. The global economy has been thrown into disarray by the impact of Covid-19 and climate change and adaptation needs are more than ever giving rise to unprecedented challenges. In this session, we will hear from experts in the African railway sector on the return on investment in rail and how an enabling policy environment can get us to the sustainable mobility future that we want.

Side Event #16

Title: Green Banking in Africa – the Reality and the Need

Organization: Development Reimagined (DR); African Climate Foundation (ACF); Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)

Description:

The AfDB's African Economic Outlook 2022 estimated that African countries require between \$1.3-\$1.6 trillion until 2030 to implement climate commitments and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). However, Africa receives just 3% of global climate funding. The lack of climate finance tends to be blamed on Africans – lack of “bankable projects”, lack of transparency, ESG or other requirements. Our joint event will convene key stakeholders in Africa's climate finance and banking community to explore the reality of green banking in Africa, with case studies of projects that have been successful. The event will draw on lessons learnt to clarify what is needed from international climate financing mechanisms to unlock quality financing for green energy transitions and to achieve development goals such as Agenda 2063. The aim will be to also help shift the narrative away from Africa as a ‘risky’ environment for large-scale climate investment and towards one brimming with green potential.

Side Event #17

Title: Transformative climate finance for cities: The time is now

Organization: ICLEI Sustainability for Local Governments; African Development Bank; Development Bank of Southern Africa; United Cities and Local Governments of Africa; Alliance for Subnational Development Banks; Global Fund for Cities Development; UN Cities Development Fund

Description:

Transformative finance for cities to effectively seize climate solutions: The UNFCCC estimates that globally, between US\$1.6 and 3.8 trillion in funding is needed annually to transition to low carbon and climate-resilient economies, and the African Development Bank estimates Africa needs between \$7 to 15 billion per year to mitigate the impacts of climate change. Amidst a flurry of global climate finance pledges, the transformative role of local governments in Africa to effectively access finance flows for climate change mitigation- and adaptation-based service delivery and project development is increasingly highlighted. In light of this challenge, multi-stakeholder alliances emerge as a key mechanism to support subnational finance entities and local governments to work together to scale up transformative subnational urban investment for climate action. This enabling role is essential in supporting cities to seize unprecedented finance flows for climate action in African cities. Join ICLEI Africa and partners – African Development Bank, Development Bank of Southern Africa, United Cities and Local Governments of Africa and the Alliance for Subnational Development Banks – in this event as we share innovative practices, tested solutions and lessons learnt, in enabling cities to take climate action by accessing climate finance.

Side Event #18

Title: Harnessing renewable energy for the just energy transition in African cities

Organization: Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa; ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability; GIZ; AECID; AFD; Expertise France

Description:

Africa contributes just 8.8% to global greenhouse gas emissions but is the continent most vulnerable to climate change. In Africa, 35% of total emissions come from the energy sector; thus, renewable energy policies and technologies can significantly reduce these emissions from African cities, which have significant levels of development still to undergo, including overcoming the major inequity of 568 million and 923 million people without access to electricity and clean cooking respectively.

This session aims to bring together Renewable Energy experts, government officials, Development Finance Institutions and private sector partners to discuss the roles of the public and private sector in enabling the Renewable Energy transition. It will also focus on what African cities should be doing to create an enabling environment for funding/investment, provide recommendations for enhancing the uptake of Renewable Energy, and present the innovative approaches and lessons learnt from the work done through the Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa*, a network of 300+ cities committed to taking climate action.

* Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa is a network of 300+ cities, co-funded by the European Union (EU), the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID).

Side Event #19

Title: Climate Finance for The Future: Radically Collaborating to Address the Financing Needs Gap

Organization: YOUNGO (Child and Youth Constituency of the UNFCCC); High-Level Champions; Africa Youth Initiative on Climate Change (AYICC); Green Africa Youth Organization (GAYO)

Description:

The event aims to raise awareness about the findings from the 'Youth Needs for Financing Report', highlight its significance, and build momentum towards the launch of the second report analyzing the availability of climate finance for Youth. Further, it aims to engage in constructive and intergenerational dialogue with experts, state actors, and climate finance providers as to how climate finance should be scaled and made more accessible for young people using Africa as a pilot.

Side Event #20

Title: Tackle Food Loss and Waste in Africa for a Resilient Future

Organization: UNEP; Cool Coalition; FAO; IRENA; ACES

Description:

Around 1/3 of food produced globally is lost or wasted, resulting in economic losses of an estimated \$1 trillion a year. In sub-Saharan Africa, the estimate is roughly 37%* or 120-170 kg/year per capita. Food loss and waste leads to reduced economic returns for farmers, and the water, fertilizers, energy and land used in production also go to waste. Such loss and waste drives expansion into fragile ecosystems, accelerates deforestation, species extinction and contributes to 8-10% of annual GHG emissions. In a continent where so many people are starving, reducing FLW could be one of the leading strategies for Africa, and globally, for achieving a resilient future.

Halving FLW in line with SDG 12.3 is critical to slow climate change, protect nature and increase food security. At this event, countries, companies and cities will unite to commit to FLW reduction as part of their climate strategies.

Side Event #21

Title: Nature and carbon markets: stimulating financial market innovation in Africa

Organization: High-Level Champion; Dalberg

Description:

This session will discuss the lessons learnt from carbon credit markets and the potential for credit mechanisms to play a role in financing beyond carbon. We will explore various efforts to value ecosystem services, biodiversity, resilience and co-benefits, and how credit markets might play a future role in financing nature-based solutions.

Side Event #22

Title: Accelerating Voluntary Carbon Markets in Africa to Unlock Progress for SDG7

Organization: The Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet; High-Level Champions

Description:

Producing carbon credits could be a transformational opportunity for Africa. Voluntary carbon markets have seen strong growth in the last 5 years and are poised for even faster growth over the next decade. However, the carbon market opportunity in Africa is significantly under-realized with only roughly 14% of carbon credits issued between 2002 and 2020 stemming from African countries. Accelerating voluntary carbon markets in Africa could help to bolster nature conservation and restoration, cookstove deployment, renewables build-out and fossil fuel

displacement. This would not only support climate goals but also provide finance for economic development, expand energy access and protect biodiversity. This session will explore how governments, philanthropy, multilateral development banks, development finance institutions, international institutions and the private sector can come together to accelerate voluntary carbon markets in Africa while unlocking critical development benefits such as expanding energy access and supporting job creation.

Side Event #23

Title: An Expanded Innovation Space for Transformative Climate Solutions

Organization: GCoM; UNFCCC- Global Innovation Hub

Description:

This event will lead discussions on a transformative, need-focused, integrated, and solution-oriented approach to innovation, helping LAC practitioner's base climate action pledges and commitments on what science says is needed, as opposed to what is perceived as possible with current technologies

Side Event #24

Title: Accelerating financial flows for nature-based solutions for adaptation

Organization: WRI Africa; UNECA (to be confirmed); FSD Africa (tbc)

Description:

Although investments for NBS for adaptation have been gaining traction at a global level, more work is needed to inspire and scale up NBS adoption in Sub-Saharan Africa. In addition to being one of the most vulnerable regions to climate change, Sub-Saharan Africa's infrastructure deficit is estimated to reach \$350 billion by 2040. Despite initial progress on increasing finance for NBS in Sub-Saharan Africa, adaptation finance is still scaling too slowly to narrow the gap while the costs of climate impact rise. This event will examine the current trends in financing NbS for adaptation on the continent. It will highlight investments and alliances that are overcoming the challenges of investing in NbS for adaptation – and what more needs to be done to leverage its potential. The event will bring together perspectives from critical actors, including the private sector.

Side Event #25

Title: Achieving NDC targets through clean cooking action

Organization: Clean Cooking Alliance (CCA); United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), Climate & Clean Air Coalition (CCAC), Berkeley Air Monitoring Group

Description:

This panel session will highlight the work of the Clean Cooking & Climate Consortium (4C), specifically 4C's work to provide technical support to countries seeking to achieve their climate goals as articulated in their NDCs through clean cooking action. The session will feature members of 4C as well as country representatives that have benefited from 4C's technical support for implementation planning and MRV in the past several months.

Side Event #26

Title: Accelerating just transition through green entrepreneurship: Lessons from Eastern & Southern Africa

Organization: Accelerating just transition through green entrepreneurship: Lessons from Eastern & Southern Africa

Description:

African Centre for a Green Economy (AfriCGE) and International Research Development Centre (IDRC) "The imperative for a low carbon transition is well underway, however, for some stakeholders and communities, a move away from fossil fuels might entail significant job losses and a potential loss of livelihoods.

Considering the high levels of unemployment in most African countries, any transition plans that do not include significant job creation are guaranteed to fail. An effective just transition pathway should promote the creation of decent jobs, anticipating impacts on employment, adequate and sustainable social protection for job losses and displacement.

This event will showcase best practices in East and Southern Africa, where green entrepreneurship has emerged as a key approach to building inclusive local economies. Green entrepreneurs across the continent are at the forefront of accelerating the transition, through innovations which address systemic challenges related to food, water and energy security. The event will also highlight how innovative financing could be used to scale up green innovations.

Side Event #27

Title: Carbon Valley in Africa - at scale engineered removals to drive continental and global change

Organization: Rethinking Removals (which includes many organizations like Valence Solutions, SouthPole, CarbonGap); Climate Action Platform for Africa (CAP-A); potentially energy stakeholders in Kenya (tbc - could include a range of business and parastatal players)

Description:

The world collective needs removals at scale to avert catastrophe. Africa not only offers some of the most attractive locations and cost structures available, but also needs energy-intensive anchor demand to accelerate and expand investment into expanding renewable energy capacity, which in turn can kick-start broader green industrial development and universal energy access.

In this side event, we will put a spotlight on the potential in Africa, share exciting progress and lessons learned from ongoing work in this direction and jointly explore what needs to happen, locally, regionally and globally for Africa to fully capture this potential and contribute at scale to global removal activity.

Side Event #28

Title: Climate Finance and Capital Markets

Organization: Citi Bank Gabon; UNDP

Description:

The last few years have witnessed a seismic shift in investors' attitudes and demand for climate-related investments in emerging markets. Impact investing, ESG (Environment, Social & Governance), Green Finance and SDGs are among many of the words that have recently populated investment committees and investor conferences as well as boardrooms. Leveraging Citi's resources, experience and research as well as those of third-party entities including UNDP, this side event will address the origin, evolution and outlook of climate finance resources being mobilized through the international capital markets. The session will provide the opportunity to evaluate the progress of climate financing and to appraise the degree of mobilization of private sector capital in support of the climate mitigation and adaptation measures. The event will allow a deep dive of market participants -- issuers, investors, Development Financial Institutions (DFIs) and donors -- and the means and instruments to access private sector capital. The session will also emphasize the importance of data capture and disclosure as it relates to the impact and outcomes of the climate-related investments.

Side Event #29

Title: Promoting Indigenous knowledge, practices and innovations resilient to climate change in Africa

Organization: Climate Change Africa Opportunities- CCAO

Description:

Even though indigenous peoples are among those who have contributed the least to climate change, they are the ones who suffer its most serious consequences. If these peoples are much more vulnerable to climate change, it is because many of them depend on ecosystems that are particularly exposed to the effects of climate change and extreme weather events such as floods, droughts, waves of heat, forest fires and cyclones. Small islands, high altitude regions, humid tropics, coastlines, deserts and polar areas are some of the most affected regions. Indigenous peoples make an essential contribution to the conservation of biodiversity and the protection of forests and other natural resources, and their traditional environmental knowledge can greatly enrich scientific knowledge and adaptation activities at the time of the decision-making related to climate change.

Side Event #30

Title: TechYou: A Greener Future for Our Planet

Organization: Women for a Change, Cameroon: GenEgaliteECCAS

Description:

With young people essential in the fight against climate change, it is worth noting that only together, can we safeguard our environment and protect our planet from harmful pollutions, extractivism and climate change. It starts with you, me and us all; we are the change we want, so I stand with you today to say Yes, we can make climate action a priority. TechYou focuses on the role and impact technology has on our day to day lives, and how through social e-learning and exchange, we can all build and enhance on our knowledge, skills and information on and about climate change, and the various ways and opportunities we can connect, support and empower ourselves and our communities to stand together for climate action and fight against further degradation and unwanted pollution and extractivism of our lands, water and air.

Side Event #31

Title: Towards Net Zero - Accelerating Cement and Concrete Industry progress in Africa

Organization: Global Cement and Concrete Association

Description:

In 2021 the Global Cement and Concrete Association launched its Roadmap to Net Zero by 2050 - the first heavy industrial sector to propose a route to zero carbon. This event will demonstrate how progress to net zero can be made with a focus on the African continent, with tailored solutions to ensure that all relevant stakeholders - cement and concrete companies, city planners, construction firms, policymakers and governments - can play their role in creating a zero carbon, resilient build environment by 2050 in Africa in line with global UN commitments.

Side Event #32

Title: African CSO engagement on Climate Finance for enhancing community resilience

Organization: CARE International; ENDA; PACJA; CISON ECC; Germanwatch; AESVT; JVE

Description:

African CSOs share their national and regional level experiences of engaging with climate finance issues and mechanisms, including the GCF, the Adaptation Fund and others, to ensure

that finance reaches the most vulnerable in developing countries, while promoting equity, justice and inclusiveness of different stakeholders. This includes considerations of gender, youth, indigenous peoples.

Side Event #33

Title: Lutte contre le changement climatique

Organization: Groupement Agro-Pastoral pour un Développement Durable de Yongoro GADY
ACTION CONTRE LE CLIMAT

Description:

Notre action consiste à lutter contre la gestion des risques du changement climatique et la protection de l'environnement à travers les activités des rétablissement économiques.

Side Event #34

Title: Integrating Nature-based Solution (NbS) for Natural Resources management

Organization: Ajemalebu Self Help (AJESH)

Description:

The event aims at showcasing how Nature-Based Solutions contributes to biodiversity protection in the Littoral Region of Cameroon. Discussions will centre around the following elements:

1. approaches to zero deforestation agricultural production (cocoa, cassava and plantains) of small and medium-sized farms and the related value chains as well as the technical capacities of farmers, including youth and women and resilience to climate change;
2. community participatory maps and land use plans integrating biodiversity footprint restoration opportunities, involving the city of Douala in their food supply chains while taking into account the management of natural resources,
3. the implementation of the Douala III Communal Development Plan (CDP) and land use plan underpinning the restoration of degraded landscapes (farms) and sustainable management of the ecosystems.

Side Event #35

Title: Pastoralist the impact of Climate Change prospect and resilience to challenges

Organization: Mbororo Social and Cultural Development Association MBOSCUDA; Game Changer Yaounde; IFAD Yaounde; CORECT Confederation of Traditional Headers Organisation Nigeria; INDES Formation Cameroon

Description:

The Side Event shall be organised and hosted by The Mbororo Social and Cultural Development Association (MBOSCUDA) together with its Partners as mentioned above. The side event will show case the impact of the climate change on pastoralist community, and as well as the potential for the pastoralist contribution for the adaptation and mitigation of climate change through traditional practices. And also, the resilience of the pastoralist to cope with climate change. This will take the form of presentation and sharing experience use PPP.

Side Event #36

Title: Africa youth actions to attaining a resilient world in the final decade of Action

Organization: Pan African Youth Union (a Federation of African 54 Youth Councils); Gabon National Youth Council (GNYC)-State Host; UNECA Youth (Youth Sounding Board, sub regional Office-Eastern Africa); International Interdisciplinary Innovation Center of Life-Alliance

of the Peoples of the World-Africa Office (IPAOW); Vijana Think Tank-Tanzania (VTT); Global Youth Parliament-East Africa (GYP)

Description:

60% of the African population is below age of 35, extreme weather events continue to disrupt lives and livelihood at scale, young people are an untapped resource and largely misunderstood.

The Africa youth climate convention at ACW to bring together Africa wide youths through national youth councils with the aim to collectively gather the voice of Africa's young people on climate actions, to protect and conserve environments and to commit to the frameworks of sustainability and its-precautionary and human-rights based approach, discuss youth-driven regional climate action solutions and forge partnerships that seeks to galvanize young Africans to meaningfully join forces to address climate crisis.

Young people shall (i) Review and reflect on current climate action pacts (ii) Draw entry points for continental youth meaningful engagement in exploring and implementing practical solutions that take into account youths' unique strengths and challenges (iii) Engage African policy makers to raise ambitions and incorporate youth at all levels of decision making as equal stakeholders (iv) Declare and commit to a Africa Youth Climate Action Plan & Priorities 2022-2030.

Side Event #37

Title: Sunset to sunrise: Transforming the workforce to achieve a just and equitable energy transition

Organization: Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC)

Description:

As we look to the future and the significant acceleration of renewables required to carry this energy transition out, workforce must be considered. Ensuring a just and inclusive transition in Africa is essential as the energy sector deals with the phase out of coal and the growth of wind and other renewable industries. Looking at how vulnerable or marginalised stakeholders can be supported in the transition as well as looking at workforce specifics will help Africa drive a Just Transition to net zero. At subnational levels, communities will be affected by the energy transition to renewables and so through effective stakeholder engagement and social dialogue these challenges can be faced with a more holistic view to ensuring the socioeconomic welfare of all those involved.

Side Event #38

Title: Unlocking Finance through Carbon Markets in Africa to support the goals of the Paris Agreement

Organization: Standard Chartered Bank Cameroon

Description:

Standard Chartered is at the forefront of the carbon market debate globally and has led many initiatives looking to both deliver scale and improve quality. High integrity carbon credits can unlock urgently needed finance that wouldn't otherwise be available to reduce and remove billions of tons of emissions. By scaling voluntary carbon markets and allowing a global price for carbon to emerge, companies will have the right tools and incentives to reduce emissions at least cost. To stay on the 1.5°C pathway, all businesses must firstly take deep and urgent cuts in their energy and land-based emissions associated to their value chain, but this will not be sufficient. Climate Change is a major threat in Africa as it is impacting all sectors, ecosystems and the ability of people to cope. The urgency of the climate crisis requires that businesses go a step further and invest in mitigation of emissions beyond their value chains. High quality nature-

based carbon credits can provide a readily available solution to reduce and remove CO2 emissions, benefit local people and generate net biodiversity gain. Many countries desire to achieve emission reduction targets and attract climate finance through the carbon markets and while investments in Africa have been gaining traction, more work is needed to improve quality, consistency and understanding across the globe. We need every tool available working at full speed to channel investment towards a just transition to 1.5°C.

This event will explain how carbon markets work and how they support the goals of the Paris Agreement to unlock finance needed to reduce and remove emissions that wouldn't otherwise happen. It will be an opportunity for businesses, governments and NGOs to learn about what defines a high-quality carbon credit and how finance can be mobilized to support a just transition to net zero.

Side Event #39

Title: Overcoming converging risks: Enhancing resilience in the face of Climate change, armed conflict and pandemics

Organization: International Committee of the Red Cross; International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies; Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre; Gabon Red Cross; African Union

Description:

Increasing climate shocks intersect with prevailing risks like armed conflict and COVID 19 to degrade the resilience of communities. The current food crisis in Africa; largely linked to climate change, throws these dynamics into sharp focus. This crisis calls for short-term efforts focused on emergency relief and early recovery, and also long-term efforts relating to disaster risk reduction, anticipatory action and legal preparedness to bolster community resilience relating to disaster and climate risks. Additionally, a coordinated approach from national authorities, humanitarian and development organizations is needed to upscale efforts focused on overcoming these converging risks.

This session will highlight the increased vulnerability of communities in the context of conflict, climate change and COVID 19. It will also emphasize how partnerships and coordination can enhance community resilience, policy and institutional coherence between climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction, and support effective anticipatory action and financing aimed at building climate resilience in vulnerable communities in Africa.

Side Event #40

Title: The Southern African MRV Hub: A Collaborative MRV approach for Paris Agreement Transparency

Organization: Eswatini Ministry of Tourism & Environmental Affairs; Aether Ltd

Description:

The countries of Southern Africa have been working to meet the requirements of the Enhanced Transparency Framework. Different countries are at different stages of development, however all countries in the region face similar challenges in terms of climate related risks and vulnerabilities and require access to similar datasets.

SADC Member States, in collaboration with Aether, are designing an innovative approach to regional climate change transparency, the Southern African MRV Hub. The Hub will establish well-connected subnational, national and regional expert networks that can continuously improve the provision of evidence and expertise on climate action and its wider impacts to decision makers to accelerate action that is effective and contributes to well-balanced societies, strong economies and protects the natural environment.

Join us for a lively discussion of the Southern African MRV Hub's objectives, practicalities and plans for the future.

Side Event #41

Title: Promoting Indigenous Knowledge in Agriculture: A Community Driven Climate Change Resilience Approach

Organization: Solidaridad East, Central, and Southern Africa

Description:

Despite increasing recognition of the importance of indigenous knowledge in achieving climate change resilience in agriculture, when designing and implementing interventions indigenous knowledge approaches are sometimes underemphasized and yet their integration presents fertile ground for community-based and driven climate adaptation and mitigation. Join Solidaridad as we showcase how our focus on embedding and preserving culture and promoting indigenous low-carbon practices is facilitating uptake of sustainable interventions that ensure the inclusion of the most marginalized groups, including women and youth across East, Central, and Southern Africa. How have we cultivated an environment where the views of various key stakeholders including NGOs, governments, CSOs, and the private sector compliment rather than substitute community beliefs and practices? We share our lessons harvested with the aim to catalyze the integration of indigenous knowledge into development initiatives to accelerate Africa's progress on achieving smallholder farmers' resilience to climate change.

Side Event #42

Title: Showcases initiatives for addressing climate change in Africa

Organization: Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection

Description:

Recognizing the transformative role of universities, youth, private sector, the Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection will facilitate a side event at the Africa Climate Week 2022 through its African Green Universities and Youth Education Network as well as the African Youth Climate Hub initiative. This side event will provide a platform for regional dialogue to promote effective resilience building amongst young people at local, national, and regional levels in Africa. It will also explore and promote the role of African stakeholders in building community resilience to climate change impacts through capacity building, concrete initiatives, and start-ups.

The side event will feature a panel discussion, projects presentations and an open Q&A discussion session. It is a space for African stakeholders where they will have the opportunity to share their experiences and exchange knowledge and best practices engaging in resilience building.

Side Event #43

Title: Green Finance: From Niche to Resurgence, Resilience, & Results

Organization: Igugu Global; The Nature Conservancy

Description:

The "Green Finance: From Niche to Resurgence, Resilience, & Results" dialogue is being hosted by Igugu Global, Africa's Green Deal Room. The objective of the series is to map climate transition paths in Africa's trade, infrastructure, and the financial markets, and facilitate greater engagement on this topic between project owners and developers, and institutional investors.

This dialogue is focused on articulating the rapidly changing global green finance landscape and Africa's position in it. Panelists are requested to discuss the following issues:

- The green finance market growth
- The political economy of green finance: incentives accelerating deal flow in sectors with high points of climate leverage
- The inevitable policy response and driving consistent climate disclosures to tap Africa's green financial markets
- What is the opportunity and how do stakeholders catalyze the transition?

Side Event #44

Title: The Loss and Damage Finance Facility. Why and How?

Organization: Christian Aid; CAN International

Description:

This session will discuss achieving the establishment and operationalization of a Loss and Damage Finance Facility (LDFF) that delivers on the needs of African countries at speed and scale by explaining the why and how. The session will launch the LDFF report by CAN International, Christian Aid; Heinrich Böll Stiftung (Washington, DC); Practical Action & Stamp Out Poverty explaining why the LDFF is necessary before turning to an analysis of the governing arrangements and core operational functions for the LDFF. This session will finish off with recommendations and a way forward to COP27 and beyond with the Glasgow Dialogue delivering concrete actions.

Side Event #45

Title: Human Mobility and Green Economy Development in a Changing Climate in West and East Africa

Organization: Human Mobility and Green Economy Development in a Changing Climate in West and East Africa

Description:

Human Mobility and Green Economy Development in a Changing Climate in West and East Africa the International Organization for Migration (IOM); the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)'s, East African Development Bank (EADB)'s and Banque Ouest Africaine de Développement (BOAD)'s Regional Collaboration Centres (RCC) in Kampala and Lomé "The event seeks to advance understanding on the links between climate change, inclusivity in climate action and enablers for green economy. Specific attention is given to how climate resilient economic development and green economy opportunities could both reduce the need to migrate, as well as provide opportunities for migrants and how this can be achieved.

The side event is organized to enhance dialogue and action among stakeholders addressing the challenges and opportunities raising from climate change related migration and regional green economy transition. The event aims to accelerate the development of regular migration pathways, promote sustainable development and improve inclusion of vulnerable groups in the green economy transition in the context of changing climate by offering information for data-driven policy development and facilitating knowledge exchange between different actors.

Side Event #46

Title: Climate economy modelling to inform policymaking

Organization: GIZ

Description:

Macro-economic models are widely used tools to inform policy making by simulating the impacts of specific policy measures on the economy. However, the integration of climate change into economic models in planning by Ministries, Government Departments and Agencies (MDAs) has not received enough attention.

To ensure coherent planning and strategic decision making, it is necessary to include the effects of climate change and the impacts of specific climate policies on the economy into modelling frameworks.

Experiences from finance, planning or environment Ministries on integrating climate change into macro-economic models for political planning from Nigeria, Rwanda and Uganda will be shared. Additionally, the challenges and experiences of effective dialogue between science and policy will be discussed with members of the international Climate Economy Energy Modelling Network ("CliEEN").

Side Event #47

Title: Limiting loss and damage through enhanced adaptation action in Africa: exploring mechanisms and opportunities

Organization: Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS); Africa Development Bank (AfDB); United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)

Description:

Africa will be confronted with most severe detrimental effects of climate change due to adverse impacts and low adaptive capacities. Existing evidence indicate that considerable adverse effects of climate change will still be experienced under all global emission reduction scenarios, causing loss and damage. This justifies the need for strengthened adaptation action, which has also been indicated to contribute to reducing loss and damage. In this relation, it becomes necessary to enhance understanding of the link between adaptation and loss and damage including complementary benefits that can be realized from investing in them. This side event will facilitate discussions on the role of adaptation in addressing (future) loss and damage and explore opportunities, mechanisms and scalable practices for advancing and sustaining such adaptation co-benefits among African countries. It will also discuss the needed support for aligning actions and investments for enhancing adaptation and addressing loss and damage in Africa.

Side Event #48

Title: Looking to COP27 from the regional level: critical asks and solutions from the ground

Organization: Global Resilience Partnership; together with HLC; R2R; and regional partners (Haurou Commission; Slum Dwellers International; Climate Wise Women; Resurgence)

Description:

Building resilience requires urgent but continuous action and investment in view of the already ongoing and increasing impacts of climate change. This session will connect context-specific discussions that have been taking place as part of Regional Resilience Hubs in the lead up to the main Resilience Hub at COP27. Resilience Hub is not simply an event space at COPs, but a 'connector' for a diverse community of actors from businesses, investors, cities, civil society, research institutions, community-based organizations, grassroots federations and many other actors engaged in driving efforts on adaptation and resilience. This event will deliver exactly that - be a connector and advance action on the ground to help achieve the goal of making 4 billion people resilience, as part of Race to Resilience objective and overall, Paris Agreement. This will feed into COP27 Hub and other ongoing processes, such as Global Goal on Adaptation and Global Stocktake.

Side Event #49

Title: Climate Crisis as Human Crisis: Aligning Africa's Resilience Action for People and Planet

Organization: Nigerian Conservation Foundation; International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Description:

The African region is currently at the edge of the climate crisis with less or no adaptive resources in policy and practice to build resilience for the increasing population of 1.4 billion. As part of the race to a resilient world, this event will showcase the impact of efficient state and non-state actors' collaboration in building resilience across climate risk sectors towards delivering one of the most vulnerable continents out of imminent human crisis. It will popularize innovative nature-based and people-centred solutions in attaining low-emission pathway and how these reduce vulnerability and risks to people's health, regional economy, and strengthened livelihood across the region.

Side Event #50

Title: Solutions to unlock finance for locally led climate action in Africa

Organization: SouthSouthNorth

Description:

Locally Led Adaptation (LLA) is crucial to progressing transformative, inclusive resilience, and requires cross-sectoral and multi-stakeholder approaches to bring to fruition. In addition, locally led climate action requires a significant increase in finance and changes to available delivery mechanisms and instruments. Evidence shows that less than 10% of finance reaches the local level, despite the opportunities that LLA present. This action-orientated dialogue explores new strategies and solutions for increasing finance to where it is needed most. The multi-stakeholder dialogue will act as a kick-off event for the Africa Regional Hub under the COP27 Resilience Hub. The COP27 Resilience Hub is home to the Race to Resilience, with regionally contextualized actions and solutions elucidated in this event being amplified to a global audience at COP27.

Side Event #51

Title: Landscape and community first approaches to climate finance: case studies from Ghana, Mozambique and Zimbabwe

Organization: Landscape Resilience Fund; South Pole, Carbonsink

Description:

The urgency to address the causes and impacts of climate change is stronger than ever. Although the completion of the Paris rulebook at COP26 marks a crucial step in global climate action, the finance and implementation gaps remain important for both mitigation and, especially, adaptation. African communities and ecosystems are disproportionately impacted by climate change, despite bearing the least responsibility for the problem. Our continent's development and environmental protections are strongly linked to the global clean energy transition and coordinated action on climate resilience and capacity building. In the Landscape and community first approaches to climate finance event, representatives from the Landscape Resilience Fund, South Pole, Carbon Sink and partners will discuss multistakeholder, concrete approaches to addressing the climate finance gap in Africa. Crucially the panelists will outline how each of their work streams center around local communities as the primary drivers of building resilience, protecting ecosystems and ramping up climate mitigation action. The event

features initiatives from community-based climate projects, adaptation finance through Climate Funds, and public-private partnerships to deliver multiple benefits beyond mitigation (e.g., jurisdictional and community-owned REDD+).

Side Event #52

Title: REDD+ Nesting: How will different Forest Carbon Standards support nested approaches?

Organization: Conservation International

Description:

Establishment of a well-defined and comprehensive nesting framework will be critical in ensuring that different actors can engage in REDD+ processes and investments at different scales within a jurisdiction. Various countries are in the process of setting up frameworks/systems that will ensure implementation of REDD+ in their jurisdictions. They are also striving to balance between meeting their NDC targets, attracting climate finance and implementing their national REDD+ strategies/action plans. Furthermore, some have existing REDD+ projects that are not aligned to the national framework. Many countries desire to achieve emission reduction targets and attract climate finance from multiple sources through REDD+. This will be realized by application of forest carbon standards. How these standards will interplay with each other whether in a jurisdictional or nested programme is unclear. This side event will seek to bring together experts from the forest carbon standards that support nested approaches, government officials with experience in building nesting frameworks and other practitioners with relevant experience.

Side Event #53

Title: Road to COP27: Scaling up Joint Action for Comprehensive Disaster and Climate Risk Management

Organization: United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR); Global Network of Civil Society Organizations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR); The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ)

Description:

The Bali Agenda for Resilience, key outcome of the recent 7th Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, calls for adopting integrated approaches to climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction. To be ahead of the growing climate and disaster impacts and risks, we need to ensure connectivity and interoperability of interventions and synergize initiatives, sectors and approaches at all levels and scales. For this to be effective, we must take a whole of society approach and meaningfully create space to listen to local voices and lived experiences from those living on the frontline of risk.

The proposed event aims to generate actionable, replicable, and scalable integrated DRR and CCA approaches that will contribute to long-term resilience building. This will build on identified good practices from African countries and communities on integrated approaches and comprehensive disaster and climate risk management.

Side Event #54

Title: Inclusive green finance and climate resilient value chains in the smallholder sector

Organization: International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Description:

Advancing towards climate resilience in Africa! IFAD will host a side event featuring two climate resilience-focused initiatives in Africa targeted toward the rural poor. Panel debates will spotlight

successful, innovative solutions designed through the Inclusive Green Finance Initiative (IGREENFIN) to mobilize climate finance (green loans at 0 percent with longer tenors) and provide technical assistance that is expected to accelerate the adoption of climate change adaptation practices and enhance mitigation by investing in gender-sensitive agricultural value chains of the Great Green Wall (GGW). Alongside the GGW initiative, the Adaptation for Smallholder Agriculture Programme (ASAP) provides grant resources for developing innovative adaptation methods through efficient water, resilient infrastructure, renewable energy, climate-resilient food production systems, and knowledge dissemination. The event will provide an opportunity to identify synergies for collaboration with other organizations and underline the need for increased private investments in Africa channeled towards profitable and climate-resilient value chains.

Side Event #55

Title: Gaps and opportunities for weather and climate services to enhance resilience in Africa

Organization: Met Office plus partners

Description:

The Weather and Climate Information Services (WISER) programme has been delivering transformational change in the quality, accessibility and use of weather and climate information services in Africa since 2015. WISER will be expanding in East, West, Southern and North Africa to support improved resilience of people, and the adaptive capacity of countries to prepare for and respond to the effects of climate change. The programme is currently in its inception phase. Panelists would share insights such as the needs and opportunities for weather and climate services in Africa, and how working collaboratively across the weather and climate system is needed to improve the resilience of the most vulnerable. Integrating co-production, gender, equity and social inclusion in project and programme design would be explored as areas of focus. Audience participation is encouraged to foster new partnerships to collectively address the climate risks in the region.

Side Event #56

Title: Assessing the viability of the current global climate finance landscape in the realization of gender and climate justice

Organization: Akina Mama wa Afrika; Hivos; Community Technology Development Trust

Description:

The session will be structured in two parts. In the first part, the panel will assess the global climate finance landscape from a gender perspective. In the second part, using evidence from experiences in the global South, particularly women and indigenous groups, the panel will discuss the political economic factors, both visible and invisible, that influence access to climate finance. The goal is to unpack the pragmatic needs of rural women, indigenous peoples, and local communities who are at the frontline of the climate crisis, and to share actionable and regenerative solutions grounded in nature, communities' lived experiences, and Global South women's perspectives. We believe that by locating a Global South perspective in the global climate finance governance landscape, then climate actors, both state and non-state, public and private will better center the needs of the most marginalized in defining the New Collectively Quantified Goal on climate finance.

Side Event #57

Title: Coastal resilience through mangrove restoration

Organization: Blue Forest

Description:

There are 38 countries in Africa that live along the coast. Most of them are blessed with mangrove forests. Yet those same forests are being rapidly degraded due to commercial and industrial activities. Thanks to the rise of carbon markets, those forests now hold huge potential. They can help protect coastlines and make communities more resilient against climate change. They can also generate revenues which can be used to improve livelihoods. This workshop will outline the 4-step process for local communities to leverage their mangrove forests to improve the lives of their communities and make them more climate resilient.

Side Event #58

Title: Access to Climate Finance and Structuring a Gender-Responsive Loss and Damage Finance: The Role of African Women

Organization: Centre for 21st Century Issues; Pan African Climate Justice Alliance PACJA; Women Development Organization WEDO; BOTHENDS

Description:

It is crystal clear that the poorest countries, majorly in Africa and especially the women, who contribute the least to global climate change, are bearing the bulk of climate-induced losses and damages. These populations are also marginalized in accessing climate finance. This amounts to gross climate injustice and undermines the fundamental rights of the poorest and vulnerable populations on the planet. This side event will showcase the efforts and work of the Centre for 21st Century Issues and its partners in mobilizing the active participation of African women for gender-responsive climate finance and access to the Green Climate Fund through the GCF African Gender Monitors Program as well as the advocacy to actualize Loss and damage finance in UNFCCC Climate Negotiations. The side event will also highlight entry points and opportunities available for African women to access climate finance to scale up their locally-led solutions and the proposed Glasgow Loss and Damage Finance to respond and recover from climate shocks. Furthermore, the side event will come out with a position paper on the local women accessing climate finance across Africa as an advocacy statement to COP27 in Egypt.

Side Event #59

Title: Women led climate-smart projects for a resilient future

Organization: APCOP Worldwide LLC

Description:

The side event will look at how gender-sensitive finance is contributing to uplifting resilient communities and enhanced climate mitigation. It is well documented that investing in women, is the smartest investment a country can do. This is because of the multiplier effect that investing in gender equity will have not only on economic growth but also on social development and environmental conservation. Based on that, this event goes a step further and looks at how financial resources are being spent by women, particularly young entrepreneurs; the importance of disaggregated data by gender; as well as showcases relevant examples of the impact of women-led climate-smart projects.

Side Event #60

Title: Towards a greener building sector

Organization: Global Green Growth Institute

Description:

Gggi to present the ongoing initiative on green building and energy efficiency in cote d'ivoire

- Develop a Green Building minimum compliance system for the country,

- Develop a national financial vehicle to increase private sector investment in green building and infrastructure.
- And finally, elaboration of the green city strategy for Abidjan district.

Side Event #61

Title: Towards a Multi-sectoral approach in addressing impact of Climate Change on Health
Organization: AMREF; Global Emerging Patogent Treatment Consortium (GET); Centre for 21st Century Issues (C21st); Lagos State Ministry of Health; Lagos State ministry of The Environment

Description:

Climate change affects the social and environmental determinants of health – clean air, safe drinking water, food sufficiency and secure shelter. It is thus generally agreed that countries with weak health infrastructure – mostly in developing countries – will be least able to cope without assistance to plan and respond to prevailing as well as potential health concerns. The climate crisis also threatens to deepen existing health vulnerabilities and create new ones including the geographic spread of climate-sensitive communicable and non-communicable diseases. The impacts of climate change are also evident at the systems level, particularly within health services and the provision of universal Health Coverage (UHC), eroding progress towards its three dimensions of (i) coverage of the people in need of care, (ii) cost of treatment, and (iii) the care services available. The side event will initiate a multi-sectoral dialogue on climate change and health in Africa as well as discuss finance to address the impacts of climate change on health with a focus on one health and universal health coverage.

Side Event #62

Title: US Forest Service supporting Congo Basin Countries efforts to report GHG emissions and removals under the Enhanced Transparency Framework of the Paris Accord

Organization: USDA forest service

Description:

The Paris Agreement requires countries to report biennially on a range of information relating to their emissions/removals and on progress with meeting their nationally determined contributions (NDCs) under the enhanced transparency framework (ETF) through biennial transparency report (BTR). To support efficient reporting and decision making on climate action, countries need to have operational institutional arrangements and systems to measure, report and verify GHG emissions and removals and measures to reduce emissions and enhance removals. The countries of the Congo basin have been working on putting in place institutional arrangements to support their transparency (MRV) system (primarily focusing on GHG inventory activities). The advent of the REDD+ process, coupled with REDD+ readiness funds, has seen countries make significant progress in measurement and reporting in the forest sector but much needs to be done to ensure comprehensive MRV in all sectors of primary sources of GHG emissions. Congo basin countries face specific challenges with regard to the development of sustainable long-term transparency systems to support climate action – mainly sustainable institutional set-ups, data availability and technical capacity. Countries have struggled with 4-year reporting cycle of national communications (NCs) and 2-year reporting cycle of biennial update reports (BURs) as evidenced by the fact that most of the Congo basin countries are still in the process of preparing their third NCs and first BUR. The enhanced transparency framework (ETF) involves greater detail and frequency of reporting. The ETF requires reporting every two years, providing at minimum a complete inventory of greenhouse gases, tracking key indicators for NDC progress, with additional options to also report on progress with and barriers to adaptation,

as appropriate, and on support needed and received. The work involves more resources and more complex methodological standards than countries have faced previously. Confronted with these challenges, the US Forest Service through various programs (SilvaCarbon, Climate Fellows, CARPE) have been supporting countries in the Congo basin in setting up robust monitoring systems to track emissions and removals and build institutional and human resource capacities to ensure sustainability. The proposed session will review and share lessons learned from the different US Forest Service initiatives in the Congo basin aimed at supporting countries to improve on their reporting under the Enhance Transparency Framework (ETF) of the Paris Agreement.

Side Event #63

Title: Vers le renforcement du cadre opérationnel de l'initiative BCRUP

Organization: CGLU Afrique Ce Side Event, sera structuré autour de trois temps à savoir

Description:

L'état d'avancement de l'initiative et l'identification des leviers pour renforcer l'engagement des partenaires ; Quel cadre de gouvernance pour améliorer l'opérationnalisation de l'initiative BCRUP; Quel cadre de partenariat pour structurer les synergies avec les autres initiatives climatiques.

Side Event #64

Title: Dialogue structuré sur les priorités des Gouvernements locaux à la COP27: Mise en œuvre de la Déclaration de Kisumu

Organization: PNUE; CGLU Afrique; Ministère de l'Environnement du Gabon

Description:

Ce Side Event, structuré autour d'un dialogue multi niveau, se penchera sur la déclinaison opérationnelle émanant des 5 priorités mises en avant par les élus locaux à savoir: La gouvernance multi niveau; L'adaptation / la résilience; L'atténuation; Le renforcement des capacités; L'accès à la Finance Climat y compris à travers la compensation Carbone.

Side Event #65

Title: Placer les autorités locales au cœur de l'adaptation et de la résolution des problèmes d'eau des villes africaines

Organization: CGLU Afrique

Description:

Cette session, qui s'inscrit dans le prolongement des travaux de la Table ronde des Maires Africains pour la sécurité de l'eau, initiative lancée par CGLU Afrique et l'OCDE lors du 9ème Forum Mondial de l'eau à Dakar, se penchera sur les dispositions et moyens à mettre en œuvre pour accélérer la mise en œuvre du plan d'action de la Table ronde. Pour se faire, 4 questions clés encadreront le débat à savoir: Comment favoriser la résilience de l'eau dans les villes africaines et lutter contre l'impact du changement climatique, grâce à des instruments économiques et réglementaires; Comment améliorer la justice en matière d'eau, en protégeant les personnes vulnérables contre les catastrophes liées à l'eau?; Comment mettre en œuvre des solutions innovantes basées sur la nature pour l'adaptation au climat?; Quel cadre partenarial financier pour accélérer le plan d'action de la Table ronde des maires pour la Sécurité de l'eau ?

Side Event #66

Title: Vers la valorisation énergétique des déchets solides en Afrique

Organization: CGLU Afrique

Description:

Ce Side Event, sera une occasion pour lancer le débat autour de trois questions centrales sur les déchets en Afrique, à savoir La valorisation énergétique; La valorisation matière; La valorisation organique. Il permettra ainsi, de structurer l'engagement des collectivités locales dans l'initiative sur les déchets 50% de réduction à l'horizon 2050.

Side Event #67

Title: Carbon pricing as an NDC/LT-LEDS implementation tool: the experience of CIACA in Africa

Organization: UN Climate change; RCC Kampala; RCC Lome

Description:

To solve the climate crisis, economists agree on the need to price carbon. This event intends to give an insight into what is being done in Africa and beyond in the field of carbon pricing and carbon markets.

Side Event #68

Title: Capacity Building for Youth Climate Action and Entrepreneurial Leadership in Africa

Organization: UNFCCC (RCC Dubai, Kampala, Lomé / AGYLE); Fundación Avina; IDRC; UN University

Description:

This is the second session of an event series (LACCW, ACW, COP27) that aims to provide a platform for youth and youth-related stakeholders to share recommendations and views on capacity building efforts to enhance youth leadership in climate action. By so doing, taking the pulse for youth capacity, exploring challenges and showcase solutions across Africa and Latin America. Focusing on the role played by young leaders through research, training and green innovation. This session will present a stock on youth leadership in Africa. It will consist of a series of short presentations on good practices and approaches across the region related to building capacities for engaging youth in green entrepreneurship and climate processes at the national and local level – both as capacity builders and recipients. Followed by a discussion on how to better support actions required to strengthen youth leadership.

Side Event #69

Title: Ratcheting up the Energy Transition for Climate Action in Africa

Organization: International Renewable Energy Agency, Egypt Ministry of Electricity and Renewable Energy

Description:

The realization of climate and development priorities in Africa requires widespread action, along with a careful assessment of progress made against the set targets. Stocktaking of regional and local initiatives is a pre-requisite for ratcheting up multi-sectoral energy transitions with a view to boosting climate ambition to align with a 1.5°C pathway, consistent with the Paris Agreement. The GST outcome should provide policy direction within the global climate process to course-correct in areas of insufficient ambition.

In line with this, and with a view to supporting ambition that feeds into the overall GST process under the UNFCCC, as well as COP27 preparations in the short-term, IRENA and the Ministry of Electricity and Renewable Energy (Egypt) are co-hosting a side event at the Africa Climate Week to translate African climate pledges and multi-sectoral ambitions into urgent actions.

Side Event #70

Title: De zero BUR ao primeiro BTR em 2024 - reflexões sobre passos a tomar pelos países lusófonos

Organization: Lusophone Cluster by the Partnership on Transparency in the Paris Agreement (PATPA); Germany; Belgium; CBIT Global Support Programme; UNDP / Climate Promise

Description:

O ETF (Enhanced Transparency Framework; Regra de Transparência do Acordo de Paris) prevê que os países apresentem um Relatório Bienal de Transparência (BTR) a cada dois anos a partir de dezembro de 2024. Isto significa que os países passarão do atual Relatório de Atualização Bienal (BUR) para um novo formato. Entretanto, cerca de 70% dos países lusófonos ainda não apresentaram o primeiro Relatório Bienal de Atualização (BUR). A questão-chave é como esses países se prepararão para atender às novas exigências, sem ter a experiência anterior de produção bienal de relatórios. Durante esta sessão, serão apresentadas e discutidas as oportunidades de financiamento para elaborar os BTR via mecanismos do GEF, partilhando em particular as preocupações dos países lusófonos. Todos os países que desejarem podem solicitar um financiamento do GEF para desenvolver um BTR e são convidados a aproveitar a atual rodada da janela de financiamento GEF. Aqueles que não apresentaram previamente um BUR são elegíveis para a primeira modalidade (BTR apenas) ou para a segunda se desejarem fazer uma comunicação nacional (NC) em conjunto com o BTR. O Núcleo Lusófono convida principalmente técnicos envolvidos na implementação das NDC e na apresentação de relatórios à UNFCCC para partilhas suas visões sobre os desafios e soluções sobre o tema. Esta sessão será realizada em português.

Side Event #71

Title: Transformative climate adaptation, land use, and human health in Africa, a NEXUS approach

Organization: Center for Development Research ZEF, Bonn University; Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), South Africa

Description:

Improper land use is one of the key contributors to climate change. On the other hand, a total shift in land use is a consequence of transformative adaptation measures for climate change. Human health, another tenet of this link, is instantly harmed. Understanding this node is a key factor in adopting long-term adaptation and resilience strategies for better human health and well-being.

In Africa, climate adaptation plans and land planning are more random and misdirected in vulnerable communities, although they are mostly done to seek immediate, short-term benefits. This is accompanied by concurrent effects that have a variety of negative or positive implications for human health. Direct and indirect effects on human health are likely under various climate and land-use scenarios. Therefore, it is necessary to evaluate synergies and trade-offs between various climate measures in terms of land use from one perspective and the effect on human health from another perspective.

At this event, a NEXUS approach to understanding the relationship between transformative climate adaptation, land use, and human health in Africa will be discussed.

Side Event #72

Title: Africa Regional Monitoring Reporting and Verification (MRV) Experience sharing dialogue

Organization: UNDP; UNFCCC; NDC Partnership

Description:

The objective of the event is to enhance sharing of experiences among countries regarding the use of the existing MRV tools, how these tools can be aligned with Article 6 reporting requirements and identify the capacity support required for functional MRV tools to be utilized. Specific objectives include the following;

1. Share experiences on the use of existing MRV tools that have been developed to enhance reporting on NDCs and overall climate actions
2. Create a platform to share experiences among countries on MRV and the alignment of the MRV to article 6 reporting requirements under the Paris agreement
3. Identify the capacity support available for developing functional MRV systems at national level

Side Event #73

Title: Update on COP26 Health and Climate Programme

Organization: WHO Regional Office for Africa, WHO Headquarter, WHO country office for Gabon, UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), UNFCCC RCC Lome and the Students for Environmental Education & Discovery (SEED)

Description:

The side event is co-organized by the World Health Organization, the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, UNFCCC RCC Lome and the Students for Environmental Education & Discovery, with the aim of:

- Presenting the COP26 Health Programme and country commitments on building climate resilient and environmentally sustainable low carbon health systems;
- Informing on the new launched ATACH Initiative and the ongoing WHO AFRO and HQ technical support package for the implementation of the COP26 health commitments on building climate resilient and low carbon health systems;
- Inviting new countries to make commitments on climate resilient and environmentally sustainable low carbon health systems;
- Promoting the multisectoral approach (health, environment, Met service, Scientific Research....) for a better implementation of CoP26 commitment, tacking stock of the achievement in the AFRO region for multisectoral work;
- Advocating for education and capacity building of youth on climate change and its impact on human, mainly in the health sector.

Side Event #74

Title: Capacities needed for the horizontal and vertical integration of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)

Organization: Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB)

Description:

The horizontal and vertical integration of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) provide opportunities for greater policy synergies, efficiency, and coherence, at the same time, there is also a need to build capacities to mobilize such opportunities related to different integration approaches. Aligning climate and development agendas and integrating NDCs across the board could enhance horizontal policy coherence. Integration of NDCs at different levels of governance, namely regional, national, and local, could enhance vertical policy coherence. To discuss such approaches, through this side event series the PCCB in collaboration with the PCCB Network seeks to facilitate the exploration of what capacities are needed for horizontal

and vertical integration of NDCs. The series seeks to provide a space to share experiences and exchange knowledge, case studies, and best practices related to policy coherence and specifically to the role of capacity-building in the horizontal and vertical integration of NDCs.

Side Event #75

Title: Implementing carbon markets and mobilizing private sector finance through nature-based solutions in Africa

Organization: Eastern Africa Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance

Description:

COP26 was successful in delivering decisions on Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, ushering in new carbon market opportunities under cooperative approaches and the new mechanism under article 6.4. There is, however, much to be done at the international and national level on operationalizing it to enable countries to implement carbon market activities that contribute to Nationally Determined Contributions. For countries to participate, significant capacity building is required on institutional arrangements, legal frameworks, and infrastructure around registries to track Article 6 activities. Further to this, country interest in developing activities on the ground is going beyond the low-hanging fruit of energy access projects to having large-scale nature-based solutions, an area that the private sector is keen on supporting. This event aims to discuss capacity building needs and initiatives taken by governments toward implementing carbon market activities and how private sector finance can be mobilized to facilitate this.

Side Event #76

Title: Greening Uganda's Public Financial Management Polices for a Resilient Future: Macroeconomic Modelling/Forecasting and fiscal planning

Organization: Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MOFPED)

Description:

Climate Change is one of the biggest challenges of our time. At macroeconomic level planning, the dire effects have been; reducing domestic revenue and economic growth rate while increasing government expenditure. As a result, many economies in Africa are having a high debt burden with very minimal fiscal space.

Accordingly, as we strive for 1.5 degrees there is need for national actions and economy-wide approaches which itself requires effective involvement of Ministries of Finance and pertinent agencies. The ultimate goal is to have well evaluated actions that advance climate action while minimizing future economic shocks, provided for in the budget.

Uganda's Ministry of Finance has attempted to integrate climate change impacts and actions into macroeconomic reports, budgets and procurement processes. We intend to share this experience. During the time slot we shall have presentations on; Climate change parameters in economic models, Budget tagging, Natural capital accounting and Green procurement procedures.

Side Event #77

Title: The transformative potential of the Great Green Wall Initiative in the Southern African Development Community region

Organization: UNCCD; Commonwealth Secretariat; SADC; AUC; AUDA-NEPAD

Description:

With a strong focus on galvanizing climate action and implementation, this event will focus on how to upscale, mobilize and facilitate Great Green Wall Initiative (GGWI) SADC actions to transform livelihoods and landscapes in the region as a buildup to COP27. The event will raise

awareness and profile the GGWI SADC vision, thematic tracks, regional targets and roadmap. Panel discussions among Ministers from SADC Member states, heads of Continental, Regional and International institutions will focus on how to drive action across the Member States', communities and economies as a means to accelerate prosperity and the realization of SADC development frameworks, strategies and programmes, Agenda 2063, and the SDGs in the region through ecosystem restoration and climate actions among others.

The African-led Great Green Wall Initiative (GGWI) aims to restore the continent's degraded landscapes and transform millions of lives by enhancing livelihoods, biodiversity and addressing climate change. The GGWI was launched in 2007 by the African Union with an initial focus on the Sahel region. The SADC Secretariat and the AUC launched the inception phase for the GGWI in the SADC region in 2016 following its endorsement by the SADC Ministers of Environment and Natural Resources Meeting in 2015.

Side Event #78

Title: Addressing barriers to NDC implementation and Article 6 readiness: Insights from West Africa

Organization: West African Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance (WAA)

Description:

As West African countries implement mitigation actions and mobilize the private sector to achieve their NDCs, barriers for mitigation activities become apparent: Insufficient technical capacities, lack of access to finance, and institutional/political barriers impede the rapid implementation of mitigation activities. To address them, countries are dealing with questions, such as: What capacity is needed at the national level to integrate climate finance and market mechanisms to achieve the NDC objectives? How can countries create an enabling institutional and political framework for carbon market activities? What improvements are needed on both the supply and demand side of climate finance to facilitate access to it? This side event will show examples of how East and West African countries approach these questions. Particular attention will be given to how regional and international capacity building efforts can help countries to address them.

Side Event #79

Title: Regards croisés - artistiques & politiques - sur la crise climatique et le rôle de la jeunesse dans l'adaptation au changement climatique

Organization: UNDP GABON; YOUTHCONNEKT GABON

Description:

Crossed views - artistic & political - on the climate crisis and the role of youth in the fight & adaptation to climate change:

A round table composed of a government official, a conscious artist and two young leaders around the importance of youth representation in climate governance and how they can participate and influence discussions on climate action. This event will be accompanied by a series of poignant photographs on the impact of climate change on people in the South.

Side Event #80

Title: Assessment of Air Pollution and Climate Change for Sustainable Development in Africa: Achieving Agenda 2063

Organization: African Union Commission; UNEP; Climate and Clean Air Coalition; Stockholm Environment Institute

Description:

The upcoming African Union Commission, UNEP, Climate and Clean Air Coalition and Stockholm Environment Institute Integrated Assessment of Air Pollution and Climate Change, for Sustainable Development in Africa outlines pathways which can reduce GHG emissions, Short-lived Climate Pollutants (SLCPs) and other air pollutants and simultaneously prevent hundreds of thousands of premature deaths per year across Africa from improved air pollution, while achieving regional climate benefits and progress towards the Africa-wide development goals outlined in the Africa Union's Agenda 2063. The assessment has been developed by over 100 scientists and experts from Africa and internationally, and outlines 37 concrete, specific measures that can transition Africa to a low-emission, health-positive and resilient trajectory. This session will include presentation of the key results of the assessment for different sectors and a panel discussion highlighting necessary next steps and financing to turn the key outputs from the Assessment into practical action.

Side Event #81

Title: Financing for REDD+ Sovereign Carbon Credits

Organization: Coalition for Rainforest Nations

Description:

Forest preservation efforts are measured and reported on a national scale to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), which verifies and publishes the reductions in emissions. Businesses and individuals can access these national emissions reductions and enhancement of removals through the REDD.plus platform. This side event will introduce the CfRN REDD.plus Platform that rainforest countries could use to meet Art 6.2 Compliance. The REDD+ Mechanism is critical for a sustainable future, and the REDD.plus platform contains answers to frequently asked questions about purchasing emissions reductions that count toward the Paris Agreement. Article 6.2 establishes an accounting framework for the international transfer of mitigation outcomes in order to meet the respective NDCs, based on cooperative approaches between Parties. This side event will cover how CfRN countries can benefit from the REDD.plus platform, as well as how Article 5 fits into the requirements for the Article 6.2 Review Report's consistency review.

Side Event #82

Title: Linking Carbon Markets and Climate Finance for Sustainable Energy Access in Africa

Organization: BMWK; Perspectives; Climate Focus; IETA

Description:

The event will launch a new comprehensive study on the potential of carbon markets and climate finance to finance sustainable energy access in African NDCs. The event will draw on evidence and real-world case studies from East and Western Africa (best practice GCF and carbon market initiatives). The objective is to convey how these financing instruments need to align to the new circumstances of the Paris Agreement Rulebook, but also cater to priorities defined in host country NDCs. Lead authors and regional experts from frontrunner countries will share key messages and reflections and discuss with the audience. The event will also consider the relevance of key insights emerging NDC and Article 6 readiness activities led by UNFCCC, development partners, and regional initiatives such as the Eastern and West African Alliances on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance.

Side Event #83

Title: Rôles de la forêt tropicale du Bassin du Congo, des réserves de biosphère, et sites du patrimoine mondial dans la résilience au changement climatique et la mise en œuvre des ODD en Afrique centrale

Organization: UNESCO; UNOCA; BAD

Description:

La Semaine Africaine du climat sera l'occasion pour l'UNOCA, l'UNESCO et la BAD de renforcer, en vue de la COP 27, le dialogue et la coopération avec diverses institutions afin de faire progresser l'action climatique, lutter contre les inégalités sociales et investir dans un développement qui soit bon pour l'humanité et la nature.

Side Event #84

Title: L'apport de l'Observation Spatiale dans la lutte contre les changements climatiques au Gabon

Organization: AGEOS

Description:

Depuis 2009, le Gabon s'est lancé dans un vaste programme de diversification de son économie en se basant sur les trois piliers : le Gabon vert, le Gabon des services et le Gabon industriel. Cette volonté de diversification de son économie se matérialise par le développement de secteurs, comme les mines et l'agro-industrie, qui ont potentiellement un fort impact sur les ressources naturelles du pays et particulièrement sur les forêts. Dans cette optique, l'Etat gabonais a entrepris des réformes majeures du secteur forestier avec la mise en place des parcs nationaux, la réforme du code forestier et du code de l'environnement. Afin de suivre et connaître avec précision l'impact des changements climatiques, le Gabon s'est doté de plusieurs outils technologiques de pointe dont l'AGEOS.

Side Event #85

Title: Livestock: from villain to hero for climate resilience in Africa

Organization: Kenya Government, State Department of Livestock; CGIAR (represented by International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) & Alliance for Bioversity International and CIAT (ABC); Supporting Evidence-Based Interventions (SEBI) – Livestock; African Group of Negotiators Experts Support, AGNES

Description:

The livestock sector is often cited as the most intensive emitter of greenhouse gases within agriculture production systems. However, all too often, climate change discussions focus only on the negative impacts of GHGs from livestock on climate while ignoring the numerous benefits that sustainable livestock systems bring to the environment and rural livelihoods. For almost a billion families in Africa, livestock are a crucial source of food, income, and cash reserves while also providing important environmental services. This event will showcase context-specific case studies of Africa's livestock sector can contribute to climate resilience, rural development, and global food security. Further, it will highlight how participatory approaches and capacity building can contribute to scaling sustainable and climate-resilient livestock practices that meet producers' adaptation needs while often achieving mitigation co-benefits along the way.

Side Event #86

Title: Strategic legal initiatives to protect the climate and our common future

Organization: Stop Ecocide Foundation; Stop Ecocide International; Rebalance Earth; Republic of Vanuatu

Description:

We are witnessing a rising frustration globally with the failure to implement the multilateral environmental agreements and pledges which already exist. Legal parameters would hold government and corporate actors to account, acting as a creative constraint and provoking the urgent new thinking and innovation we know is needed. Making “ecocide” - severe and either widespread or long-term harm to nature - a crime could provide a legal guardrail to steer us back from the precipice by setting an outer boundary to deter, prevent and sanction the worst threats to ecosystems and keystone species. Meanwhile, a clear legal advisory opinion on the responsibilities of states with respect to climate change could set out what citizens should expect from their policymakers and why. Together these avenues can frame the duties and responsibilities that could bridge to a liveable world for the children of all species, including our own.

ANNEX C – Action Hub

See the Action Hub videos online in the [ACW 2022 Programme](#).

Action Hub #1

Title: The Climate Africa Now Podcast

Organization: KQ Hub Africa with support from Africa-Europe Foundation

Description:

African activists are frequently excluded from speaking on international platforms about global issues such as climate change, despite Africa being disproportionately affected. For instance, a common case is the erasure of Ugandan activist Vanessa Nakate at the COP26 UN climate summit another classic example of how western media portrays ‘white saviour’ solutions to the problem, reinforcing the need for real global South involvement. The Climate Africa Now Podcast: Climate Africa Now Podcast is a weekly audio-visual podcast series highlighting, engaging young climate advocates, influencers and policymakers in empowering conversations that connect all aspects of the climate emergency in Africa. The podcast seeks to explore in dialogue issues around - the individual and the systemic, the scary and the exciting – to deepen communities understanding of the most critical issue of our time as told by African Climate Champions and Activists.

Action Hub #2

Title: Le bocage sahélien: une solution pour une agriculture sahélienne durable et résiliente

Organization: ONG TERRE VERTE

Description:

Le bocage sahélien est un milieu équilibré créé par l'Homme où il associe l'arbre, la culture et l'élevage et où l'Homme et la Nature vivent en harmonie. Au Sahel, la première vocation du bocage est de garder l'eau là où elle tombe par des aménagements de diguettes, de mares et de haies vives, afin d'atténuer l'action érosive des eaux de la mousson et de maintenir la biodiversité d'un milieu extrêmement fragile. Les périmètres bocagers permettent ainsi de résoudre les problèmes liés à la dégradation de l'environnement. Dans le bocage, les champs sont entourés d'une double protection: une diguette en terre doublée d'une haie vive. Au point bas du champ est aménagée une petite mare d'infiltration des eaux excédentaires du ruissellement Le résultat est la récupération de toutes les eaux pluviales sans érosion et une hausse des rendements agricoles ce qui permet de développer une résilience solide.

Action Hub #3

Title: The State of Adaptation in Africa – Showcasing preliminary key findings of the AAI State of Adaptation in Africa Report

Organization: Africa Adaptation Initiative; United Nations Development Programme

Description:

The proposed event will aim to present preliminary key findings of the State of Adaptation in Africa Report which builds on the findings from previous adaptation synthesis reports to achieve the overall goal of identifying lessons learned from the implementation of adaptation actions. It will provide specific recommendations for different stakeholders on how to build on these successes and lessons to advance the implementation of adaptation. The report will take a sectoral and thematic deep-dive analysis and highlight emerging areas and enablers that provide the potentiality of strengthening the continent's adaptation capacity for increased resilience. It will respond to the following questions:

- What is the level of scientific knowledge of climate, climate change, and variability in Africa?
- What is the existing thematic and sectoral evidence on the state of adaptation in Africa?
- What are the drivers of successes and gaps in adaptation in Africa?
- What are the lessons learned in the implementation of adaptation in Africa and recommendations for achieving adaptation targets?

Action Hub #4

Title: The Role of Satellite Communications in Disaster Management: Resilience and Climate Action

Organization: Access Partnership; Fair Tech Institute

Description:

As the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) showed in its report from August 2021, the immediate effects of global climate change are widespread, rapid, and getting worse. In the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, policymakers are encouraged to increase investment in physical and social infrastructure as a key enabling condition to enhance the resilience of societies.

The event will shed light on the various economic consequences of increasing global natural disasters and present the state of current disaster communication systems in Africa. The adoption of new strategies and technological solutions – as a crucial component of disaster preparedness – would allow the less connected to communicate during emergency situations, ensuring that emergency communications are more accessible for better rescue responses.

Action Hub #5

Title: Green Corridors of Gabon: the role of railways in protecting and enhancing biodiversity in Africa

Organization: International Union of Railways (UIC); Ministry of Water and Forests, the Sea and the Environment of Gabon; SETRAG (Société d'exploitation du Transgabonais (SETRAG)

Description:

The railway plays a vital role in connecting people, businesses but can also play a role in connecting wildlife. The Trans-Gabon Railway serves as a vital link in the Gabonese economy, with its trains spanning more than a kilometer to carry manganese to Owendo for export. It is built on difficult terrain, with waterlogged embankments causing numerous derailments. In this session, the Minister of Water and Forests, the Sea and the Environment of Gabon and a railway operator will speak to the importance of the Trans-Gabon Railway and the efforts being made to respect nature and its ambition to let the local fauna and flora flourish.

Action Hub #6

Title: Building Women's Resilience to Climate Shocks through Stress Tolerant Maize in Africa: Constraints and Prospects

Organization: University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Nigeria (UNILORIN); The Ohio State University, Columbus, USA (OSU); and International Institute for Tropical Agriculture (IITA)

Description:

To promote sustainable economic development, there is a need to pay more attention to solutions to environmental and climate risks through inclusive innovation technologies that are gender-sensitive, growth and resilience oriented. In view of this a USAID-funded project under Advancing Local Leadership, Innovation and Networks (ALL-IN) Research Programme with the

collaboration of International Institute of Tropical Agriculture is addressing the power of advanced agricultural innovation technologies, such as Stress Tolerant Maize varieties (STM), in building the economic resilience of smallholder farmers. This action hubs showcases some of the documentaries from the field experiences, revealing the constraints and the potentials of the STM technology in improving the resilience of the rural smallholder farmers. Special attention is given to female farmers and a gender-disaggregated experimental subjects of random controlled trials were conceptualized and implemented to reveal the social, cultural and economic norms of the Africa economy.

Action Hub #7

Title: Insect farming for a climate-resilient Africa

Organization: Rockefeller Foundation; International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology; The Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations

Description:

Africa's population will reach 2.5 billion by 2050 increasing the food and protein demand by 60%. Rapid urbanization in Africa has resulted in accumulation of >125 million tonnes of urban waste every year, but less than 5% of it is recycled, leaving the rest as major sources of greenhouse gases. Insect farming can effectively recycle this organic waste into rich proteins for food and feed and produce nutrient rich insect frass fertilizers for crop productivity. Insect farming is environmentally sustainable, with very low ecological footprints and water requirements. Insect proteins are an excellent substitute for conventional plant-based proteins such as soybean, which are cultivated in large tracts of arable land, which otherwise could contribute to global food security. Hence, Insect farming has enormous potential towards our goal for a climate-resilient Africa. The event will showcase how this potential is harnessed through public-private partnership under the 17 Rooms Partnership Initiative.

Action Hub #8

Title: Investments in climate resilient infrastructure and value chains: Case for Smallholder farmers

Organization: International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Description:

The Adaptation for Smallholder Agriculture Programme (ASAP) channels climate finance to small-scale farmers, empowering them to invest in much-needed climate change adaptation measures. ASAP is a flagship Programme and a multi-donor trust fund managed by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). ASAP investments cover over 20 countries in Africa, aiming to increase adaptive capacity and resilience of rural populations. Through the Action Hub, IFAD and partners will showcase innovative and successful gender-sensitive approaches to increase resilience for the rural poor with case studies from Mozambique, Rwanda, and Niger. Success stories and innovations in building resilience against climate shocks along agricultural value chains, sustainable watershed management, efficient water utilization, and climate-proofing infrastructure initiatives will be showcased through videos and short interviews. The event will provide an opportunity to share lessons, identify synergies for collaboration and partnerships to increase climate finance flows to smallholders, and build their resilience against climate risks.

Action Hub #9

Title: Strengthening Climate Change Resilient Economic Capacity and Environmental Protection Role of Ethiopian Women through Integrated approaches

Organization: Union of Ethiopia Women and Children Association (UEWCA), Farm Africa and SIDA

Description:

Project Description: The project “Building Climate Change Resilient Economic Capacity and Environmental Protection role of Ethiopian Women through Integrated approach” is carried out from December 2016 to December 2020 in 12 Woredas of Five Region of Ethiopia in partnership with 12 member Organizations. The intervention is executed with the financial (SEK 27,000,000 or 80.6 million ETB) and technical support obtained from Swedish International Development Agency (Sida)/ Embassy of Sweden in Ethiopia and Farm Africa respectively. Major Project Accomplishments and Results are: Awareness of the Community on the causes of climate change, adaptation and mitigation mechanisms (Knowledge on the cause and impacts of Climate Change and knowledge on Climate change manifestations), Livelihoods Diversification (Increasing production and productivity, Promotion of Small-scale irrigation, Village Level Saving and Loan Association (VSLA), Fuel saving stoves and biogas plants, Integrated watershed management, Increased Production and Productivity of Crops, Change in Annual Income of the Beneficiaries). Though the project finalized recently, the evaluation found evidence of its contribution to longer term processes that were triggered as a consequence of the assets creations for women and poor community members, the mentality changes on Climate Change, Adaptation Mitigation and CSA influenced by the activities promoted by the project. There is evidence that the project (mainly the discussions with government partners and the case story above) contributed to improve ownership of project activities and government experts and officials' decision-making capabilities.

Action Hub #10

Title: Building a Sustainable future for a Healthy, Green and Safe Environment for All

Organization: Youth Go Green Network Liberia (YUGNET-LIBERIA)

Description:

Building a Sustainable Future for a Healthy, Green and Safe Environment" is an Innovation that seeks to promote recycling of waste materials into usable and sustainable produce. We want to invite expert to educate young people on how they can get involved into the Green-Entrepreneurs which will not only reduce our emissions to 1.5°C but also it will help to tackle poverty thereby creating some means of employability for many across the country and Africa beyond. This initiative when supported will help us transform waste materials into replace fossil fuels and be used to provide solar and mechanical energy without the use of fossil fuels which will significantly contribute to the emissions target of 1.5°C before 2030.

Action Hub #11

Title: Enforcing Community- Led Conservation Leadership around Ebo forest within the Guinean Forest of West Africa Hotspot

Organization: AJESH (AJEMALEBU SELF HELP)

Description:

The overall aim of the project is to contribute to the amelioration of land governance and natural resources management across the Yabassi Key Biodiversity Area (YKBA). To achieve this, the project will undertake a key stakeholder analysis within the concerned communities, to underpin their engagement in the management stream and make each, a specific actor in the delivery of

project activities. The project will follow a Participatory approach thus allowing communities make contribution in mapping and planning on use of their lands. This will help reinforce the process of community conservation initiatives that will enhance the conservation of the Ebo forest massif specifically and the Yabassi KBA in general.

Action Hub #12

Title: Animal impact tool to rehabilitate degraded areas

Organization: Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural research; Somali Pastoral Agro-pastoral Research Institute; kebridahar University

Description:

This is to show how animal impact tool plays a role in rehabilitating degraded areas by improving the soil physico-chemical status (soil structure, soil fertility, water retention and infiltration) and enhance the coming back of the vegetation cover from the existing soil seed bank. This at the end will ameliorate both environmental and livelihood resilience. Moreover, the carbon sequestration in the soil and in the vegetation, biomass is worth mentioning to show how vegetation cover contributes to the existing global climate change we are facing now. The species composition and diversity is also to be a point of discussion as far as the pastoral arid and semi-arid areas are concerned. This is a very efficient and effective means that we need to adopt in the tropics as far as rehabilitating of degraded areas and managing of grazing areas of the pastoral communities is concerned.

Action Hub #13

Title: Renewable energy transition for sustainable development and building resilience to energy poverty in Sub Saharan Africa: progress on technology and enabling frameworks

Organization: International Renewable Energy Agency

Description:

An energy system centered on renewable energy can help resolve many of Africa's social, economic, health and environmental challenges. A profound energy transition is not only feasible, but also essential for a climate-safe future in which sustainable development prerogatives are met. Renewables are key to overcoming energy poverty, providing needed energy services without damaging human health or ecosystems, and enabling a transformation of economies in support of development and industrialization. IRENA will showcase how it supports countries in Africa achieve a just and inclusive energy transition that promises substantial gains in GDP, employment, and human welfare in each region of the continent.

Action Hub #14

Title: Attaining a resilient world through the institutionalization of the Livestock Early Warning System (EWS)

Organization: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Description:

The Livestock EWS combines field forage and livestock body condition monitoring data, remote sensing data, and simulation modeling to produce livestock forage availability and body conditions status of the herd monthly. Livestock body conditions have a direct link to milk and meat availability, good body conditions are associated with improved livestock production while poor condition is the reverse. The livestock body condition has a direct correlation with the household food availability and income hence a key determinant of the food security status of pastoral communities.

Action Hub #15

Title: One Million Cisterns for the Sahel Initiative

Organization: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Description:

The communities of the Sahel suffer from a protracted climate crisis with a decreasing availability of water. Lack of infrastructures, salty and inaccessible groundwater in some areas add to the difficulties. The ambition of 'One Million Cisterns for the Sahel' Initiative is to promote and facilitate the introduction of rainwater harvesting and storage systems for vulnerable communities, especially women. The objective is to enable millions of people in the Sahel access to water, have a surplus to enhance their family agricultural production and domestic use, improve their food and nutrition security and strengthen their resilience. The initiative promotes an integrated approach and is currently in 8 countries of West Africa/Sahel: Burkina Faso, Chad, Gambia, Bissau Guinea, Mali, Niger, Senegal and Togo. This space will highlight the approach description, results, impacts and success points of the initiative.

Action Hub #16

Title: Applicabilité de l'accord de Paris sur la CDN par les Pays signataires (cas de la RDC)

Organization: ONG EPANUTRI; ANYL4PSD Nouveau Pacte pour la Nature et les Personnes

Description:

Dans le cadre de l'Accord de Paris, il est demandé aux pays de mettre à jour leurs CDN tous les cinq ans. Au vu de l'écart important entre les réductions des émissions nécessaires pour limiter le réchauffement de la planète à 1,5 °C et les réductions des émissions actuellement prévues, tous les pays ont été invités.

Action Hub #17

Title: Agroécologie, une des solutions concrètes

Organization: Association nouveaux mondes; Association des jeunes entrepreneurs agronomes des Hauts-Bassins

Description:

Ca sera le lieu pour nous de faire valoir les mérites des pratiques agroécologiques qui pour nous répond considérablement à la lutte contre le changement climatique.

Action Hub #18

Title: Role of Youth for climate justice in Africa

Organization: Mouvement de Jeunes Pour la Protection de l'environnement MJPE-RDC

Description:

Presentation of the "Fossil Free Virunga" campaign, exchanges and sharing of experience on the engagement of African youth in climate action

Action Hub #19

Title: Climate change education the pathway to a resilient development

Organization: Environmental Education for a Better Earth; Vision for Peace Cameroon

Description:

Climate change is not practically considered as a call for concern among young people, despite its visible impacts in development. This is because of the lack of knowledge/information and emphasis on climate change education. Despite being a signatory to the Paris Agreement

African is still lacking behind in the implementation of article 12 which talks on promoting climate education and capacity building. Due to the prevailing climate crisis, the agenda 2030 Sustainable development goals, and the impact of climate change, young people have a greater part to play in securing their future. A majority of youth are not aware of their right for a better planet. This is because of the lack of appropriate Climate change education. This event is meant to show how a well-structured program on climate literacy can empower young people in schools and communities with the appropriate climate information and sustainable practices.

Action Hub #20

Title: Towards NetZero; Timber products and its sustainable trade

Organization: BLACKCAMEL ENERGY LTD

Description:

Timber product trading is considered as an environmentally unfriendly business by most people globally. Timber utilization is being ranked as a high risk to climatic change due to its unregulated practice, false beliefs and wrong teachings. It is being constituted as a threat for sustainability of forest management high carbon emission and the climate. In timber production-supply-consumption cycle, the fear of guilt is written on the producer and the consumer faces. Illegal logging is also a huge part and can hardly be digitally controlled in the phase of forest felling, where it is difficult to identify and control all possible cases. The self-belief that the percentage of carbon emission is calculated as the total number of harvested timber and their products is hugely alarming. Data capturing is also a huge problem due to extreme technicalities and bogus training. Seeking to correct all the ills regarding timber harvest and timber products. BlackCamel Energy Ltd is working on establishing a platform that will correct all this misinformation and also create an atmosphere that will make both the producer and the consumer of the timber and her products free of guilt. The platform which will work in tandem with sustainable forest management will make sure NetZero's aim is being achieved without undermining the economy of the forest.

Action Hub #21

Title: African youth at the forefront of change

Organization: Extinction Rebellion Africa

Description:

The challenge to achieve a resilient world requires a collective action from all of us and with youth being in the frontline, we can build a future that we want. Our program is as follows: 1) We plan to have a presser; 2) Showcase how youth are thriving for change in all forms.

Action Hub #22

Title: Enabling enhanced ambition through Article 6 of the Paris Agreement

Organization: ACT Commodities

Description:

With the Guidelines on Article 6 having been agreed to at COP26 in Glasgow, an increasing number of countries is exploring how they could leverage this mechanism to facilitate increased ambition, technology transfer and finance. This session will give a brief overview of the mechanisms itself and present the case study of ACT's "Transformative Cookstove Activity in Rural Ghana" - an Article 6 piloting projects currently being developed in close collaboration with the Swiss and Ghanaian governments.

Action Hub #23

Title: Daring to invent the inspiring model of Green Schools through a School Leadership Program

Organization: International Student Environmental Coalition (ISEC Chad)

Description:

Particular emphasis will be placed on students, through a School Leadership Programme, which will consist of selecting young leaders from secondary schools to be appointed as "Eco-Eco-Delegates" through a rigorous competition and selection process based on the excellence of the academic record, vision and leadership of the committed candidates. Through this programme, the selected Eco-delegates will be instrumental in implanting a culture of activism in their respective schools via Eco-cells to sensitize and convince their peers and teachers to adhere to the noble cause they are carrying. They will have access to a platform and spaces to not only be heard but also listened to through dedicated television and radio broadcasts to exert their green influence beyond their schools, communities and national boundaries, and promote the values of environmental sustainability to reach a large audience, including decision makers on the continent.

Action Hub #24

Title: Climate in the Balance Sheet: Defining Ambitions and Accelerating Implementation with Natural Capital Accounting

Organization: Environmental Incentives, LLC

Description:

As leaders develop economy-wide initiatives to limit global average temperature rise, there is an urgent need to accurately value nature's contribution to climate change mitigation and adaptation. This session will feature an exciting case study of integrating natural capital accounting into regional collaborative decision making and action planning across Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda. The Economics of Natural Capital in East Africa Program, funded by USAID and implemented by Environmental Incentives and Anchor Environmental Consultants pioneered an evidence-generation and policy action capacity building approach in partnership with the East African Community. The project conducted a landscape-level assessment of the economic value of natural capital across six countries and engaged stakeholders to develop national and local actions to protect transboundary wildlife areas. Speakers will discuss findings from the study and action plan and outline their vision for raising ambition to implement inclusive economy-wide approaches to address climate change.

Action Hub #25

Title: «From Art to Activism». Live Painting & Photography Exhibition from Gabonese Artists - Corail King and Naomi Mukadi

Organization: YOUTHCONNEKT GABON

Description:

As we continue to see great changes in society, we also feel its adverse impacts on our land and culture. In Gabon as everywhere else, we've seen many communities suffer from the impacts of deforestation, oil & mines extraction. Indigenous communities are the world leaders in climate action, but they are also among the most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. During this Action Hub, let's showcase how we can strengthen the bridge between young people, environment, culture and tradition.

Action Hub #26

Title: Launch of the report “Building a Sustainable Future for Central Africa in a Post-COVID 19 Work: The Role of Natural Capital”

Organization: WWF & ECCAS Commission

Description:

The report “Building a Sustainable Future for Central Africa in a Post-COVID 19 Work: The Role of Natural Capital” explores the key vulnerabilities of the ECCAS region exposed by the COVID 19 pandemic, a description of the economies of the region, its natural capital endowments, ecosystem degradation and implications for human well-being and the need to chart a new pathway to prosperity. Launching the report at the African Climate Week is aimed at drawing the attention of stakeholders on the role of the Congo Basin, Africa’s largest tropical rainforest curbing the excruciating impacts of climate change.

Action Hub #27

Title: Enhancing Climate Change Resilience in Africa: Exploring African Union Climate Policies and programmatic initiatives

Organization: African Union, Africa Centre of Meteorological Application for Development (ACMAD), World Meteorological Organization, and European Union, UNDRR

Description:

Africa contributes less than 4% of global greenhouse gas emissions but is one of the most vulnerable to climate variability and change. The continent’s vulnerability to climate change is exacerbated by multiple natural and meteorological hazards such as floods, droughts, extreme heat and cyclones. To enhance Africa’s capacity to better plan and implement climate actions, the Assembly of Africa Heads of States and Government, in February 2022, adopted a 10-year Climate Change and Resilience Development Strategy and Action Plan to address climate change challenges in Africa. The AU climate strategy has underscored programmatic response to the urgent climate crises. This event will build a discussion around current policy and programmatic efforts to address climate change impacts in Africa, mainly from Africa Multi-hazard Early Warning and Early Action Systems (AMHEWAS) Programme, Urban Resilience Programme, and CLimSA Program, highlighting the 2021 state of climate report for Africa.

Action Hub #28

Title: Enabling faster and efficient NDC support through Advocacy and Partnerships

Organization: AfDB; UNECA; AUC; GGGI; NDC-P; UNDP; UNFPA; UNEP; IFAD; The Commonwealth Secretariat

Description:

At COP26 the Africa NDC Hub Partners launched a report on Africa’s NDCs journey and the imperative for climate finance innovation. At COP27 the partners will launch a follow-up report to inform decision makers on crucial actions and opportunities for climate action and development on the continent. This will expand on the findings of the previous report and be informed by outcomes of COP26, and the African Union’s African Climate Strategy and Green Recovery Action Plan within the border context of the priority areas set by the COP27 Presidency. It will be based on nine thematic areas: resilience and adaptation; LT-LEDs; green recovery; climate finance; translating NDCs into investment plans; private sector engagement; energy transition; inclusion; and nature-based solutions. The side event will (i) take stock of Africa’s updated NDCs and their challenges and opportunities, and (ii) garner stakeholders’ views on the proposed priority areas of the report.

Action Hub #29

Title: Showcasing climate action and support in the Africa region

Organization: UNFCCC

Description:

This event will aim to share information on the modalities, status of work on GST1 and provide an opportunity for discuss climate action and support within the context of Africa, including challenges, barriers, solutions and opportunities. The first GST started at COP26 in Glasgow and will conclude at CMA5 (2023). GST1's technical dialogue met for the first time in June 2022 (Bonn), with the second and third meetings scheduled for November 2022 (Sharm El-Sheikh) and June 2023 (Bonn). The modalities (themes, components and overall design) of and sources of input for the GST process are outlined in Article 14 of the Paris Agreement and decision 19/CMA.1. The outcome of the GST will inform Parties in updating and enhancing their NDCs (actions and support), as well as international cooperation for climate action.

Action Hub #30

Title: Accelerating and scaling up climate action through National Climate Funds

Organization: UNDP - United Nations Development Programme

Description:

Tackling the complex challenges exacerbated by climate change requires significant financial resources, innovative tools, and strategies. Based on the latest NDC submissions, African countries will need to mobilize 2.8 trillion USD between 2020 and 2030, where 2.5 trillion USD should come from external sources. Considering the significant amount of finance needed and the complexity in accessing existing resources, a mechanism that has been gaining in prominence is the establishment of National Climate Change Funds as vehicles to engage in accessing, mobilizing, pooling, and coordinating. In this vein, the Climate Promise provided support to several countries to develop NDC financing strategies, many of which recommend the establishment of national climate funds. This event aims to bring together countries to showcase examples of nationally established climate funds, discuss and share building blocks to develop institutional and legal arrangements, financial instruments and approaches conducive to mobilizing funding, discuss challenges, and the ways forward.

Action Hub #31

Title: Enabling and fast tracking PoAs under Article 6.4

Organization: UNFCCC secretariat and Foundation "Future of the Carbon Market"

Description:

The operationalization Art. 6.4 mechanism requires the availability of GHG mitigation methodologies. The broad set of existing CDM methodologies may provide a good basis for a prompt start. However, an important technical work, for instance on baselines, additionality and the contribution to sustainable development is needed to adapt them to the Art. 6.4 requirements. Without a significant effort put urgently on this work stream, the entire process of operationalizing Article 6, especially Article 6.4. could be delayed. An integral component of this work would involve exchange with host countries to understand their perspectives as Art 6 mechanisms envisage enhanced involvement of host countries.

The Foundation Future of the Carbon Market, established in 2011 by KfW Development Bank with funds provided by Germany's Federal Ministry of the Environment (BMU) through its International Climate Initiative is supporting the work on selected CDM methodologies that

include aspects of programming, standardization, and upscaling for alignment with the Paris Agreement.

Action Hub #32

Title: Strengthening adaptation and climate resilience in Africa through NDCs: Empowering countries to raise climate ambition

Organization: UNDP - United Nations Development Programme

Description:

With its adverse effects, climate change is impacting all regions worldwide, especially the most vulnerable. Among others, the African region is one of the most affected by this phenomenon. As a response, UNDP's ambitious Climate Promise provided financial and technical support to 120 countries globally, including 44 Sub-Saharan African countries, to revise or update their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). This support helped build capacity for planning and preparing the ground for implementing the countries' NDCs and submitting their revised NDCs under the Paris Agreement. The objective of this event is to showcase UNDP's service offer to support the NDC revision/update process and how that helped leverage national efforts to raise climate ambition in Africa and support climate planning and investment processes CP phase 1. On the other hand, we could highlight UNDP's offer to provide countries with continuous support for enhanced NDC implementation to move from pledge to impact (CP2).

Action Hub #33

Title: Hybrid Dialogue: The just transition in the African context

Organization: AfDB; African Climate Foundation; Neyen Consulting

Description:

This session will describe the particularities of a just transition in the African context. Specifically, this session will explore what is needed for a just transition in Africa. Panelists will address key aspects to ensure a successful just transition implementation in the continent, including the need for reliable, adequate and quality financing, just transition roadmap development and the importance of country contexts, and increased regional and global cooperation. Case studies examples from the continent and beyond will be presented to highlight key lessons in just transition. The goal of this session is to deepen the overall understanding of just transition in the African context and to open a discussion about effective and just transition planning.

Action Hub #34

Title: Scaling Climate Action Through Climate Technology and Innovation by Small-and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) in African

Organization: AfDB, Natural Eco capital

Description:

Scaling Climate Action Through Climate Technology and Innovation by Small-and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) in African

Action Hub #35

Title: Aligning NDCs, LTS And SDGs Implementation for Green Growth, Climate Action in Africa

Organization: African Development Bank; Global Green Growth Institute

Description:

Aligning NDCs, LTS And SDGs Implementation for Green Growth and Climate Action in Africa