Africa Climate Week - Virtual Thematic Session

26-29 September 2021

26 Sunday

TIME GMT+3	
9:00 -10:00	
10:00 -11:00	
11:00-12:00	
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14:00-15:00	SIDE EVENTS
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27 Monday

Opening Ceremony 9-10

TRACK 1 (WB/UNFCCC)
Session 1: 10-12 National actions and economy wide approaches: Long term planning and national commitments (NDCs, LTLEDS)
Session 2: 12-14 National actions and economy wide approaches: Green recovery and low carbon, climate resilient development

TRACK 2 (UNDP/UNFCCC)
Session 1: 10-11:20 Integrated approaches for climate-resilient development: Moving from the formulation to the implementation of National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)
Session 2: 11:20-12:40 Integrated approaches for climate-resilient development: Building climate resilience in food systems: the role of ecosystem-based solutions
Session 3: 12:40-14 Integrated approaches for climate-resilient development: Climate risk management: the resilience continuum

TRACK 3 (UNEP/UNFCCC)
Session 1: 10-11:30 Seizing transformation opportunities: Imagining 2050: building pathways to a low-carbon urban built environment
Session 2: 11:30-13 Seizing transformation opportunities: Urban agriculture for climate resilience and food security in cities
Session 3: 13-14 Seizing transformation opportunities: Financing sustainable and inclusive urban development in Africa

- COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action - Opening Plenary 14:00-15:30
- Africa's green crossroads - Choices for a low-carbon manufacturing future 15:30-16:30
- Financing climate ambition through mobilising gender-responsive climate finance 16:30-18:00

- Dialogue: Indigenous Leadership and Nature-based Solutions 14:30-16:00
- NDC Partnership - Turning higher ambition into action - sharing of good practices on mitigation and adaptation in Africa 16:00-17:00

- Research and Innovation for COP26: Pathways to impact in Africa 14:00-15:00
- COP26 Logistics 15:00-16:00

SIDE EVENTS

28 Tuesday

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TRACK 1 (WB/UNFCCC)
Session 3: 10-12 National actions and economy wide approaches: Aligning policy signals
Session 4: 12-14 National actions and economy wide approaches: Strengthening Multi-Level and Inclusive Governance for NDC Enhancement and Implementation

TRACK 2 (UNDP/UNFCCC)
Session 1: 10-11:20 Integrated approaches for climate-resilient development: Strengthening evidence base for implementation of ambitious climate action
Session 2: 11:20-12:40 Integrated approaches for climate-resilient development: Innovative financing and solutions for climate risk management and resilience-building
Session 3: 12:40-14 Integrated approaches for climate-resilient development: On the Quest for Aligning Transboundary and National Water Security through the Paris Agreement

TRACK 3 (UNEP/UNFCCC)
Session 1: 10-11:30 Seizing transformation opportunities: Transport and mobility: Imagining 2050
Session 2: 11:30-13 Seizing transformation opportunities: Transport and mobility: Policies for behavior change and technology development
Session 3: 13-14 Seizing transformation opportunities: Transport and mobility: Financing the Shift to sustainable, low and zero emissions mobility

- Developing and Implementing National Cooling Action Plans in Africa: An Interactive Workshop for Officials and Civil Society -UNEP, Cool Coalition, United for Efficiency- 14:00-16:00
- Africa Regional DNA Forum Meeting 2021 Breakout room 1 -UNFCCC, RCC Lome, RCC Kampala 16:00-18:00

- Enhancing Climate change commitments to improve air quality and human health: Practical experience from across the continent -UNEP/CCAC- 14:00-16:00
- Africa Regional DNA Forum Meeting 2021 Breakout room 2 -UNFCCC, RCC Lome, RCC Kampala- 17:00-18:00

- Smart moves: Advancing electric mobility in Africa -UNFCCC- 14:00-15:30
- Getting ready for Article 6: Lessons from East and West Africa -WAA, EAA, Climate Focus- 16:00 -18:00

- CTCN Regional Forum for NDEs - Africa -CTCN- 14:30-16:30

SIDE EVENTS

29 Wednesday

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TRACK 1 (WB/UNFCCC)
Session 5: 10-12 National actions and economy wide approaches: Making peace with nature / Nature-based solutions
Session 6: 12-14 National actions and economy wide approaches: Climate data and information – engaging all stakeholders on climate transparency and the ETF

TRACK 2 (UNDP/UNFCCC)
Session 1: 10-11:20 Integrated approaches for climate-resilient development: Building inclusivity into the heart of climate-resilience planning and implementation
Session 2: 11:20-12:40 Integrated approaches for climate-resilient development: Partnerships in adaptation in agriculture, forestry and other land use (AFOLU) sector
Session 3: 12:40-14 Integrated approaches for climate-resilient development: Engaging businesses in climate resilient agriculture in Africa

TRACK 3 (UNEP/UNFCCC)
Session 1: 10-11:30 Seizing transformation opportunities: Regional Strategies and National Policy Implementation of Sustainable Energy Solutions
Session 2: 11:30-13 Seizing transformation opportunities: Capacity, Skill Development and Technology Transfer For Sustainable Energy in Africa
Session 3: 13-14 Seizing transformation opportunities: Innovative Financing for Sustainable Energy in Africa

- Scaling up NDC actions – Experience, Challenges, and Opportunities -UNEP, UNEP DTU Partnership, EPA Ghana; MWE Uganda- 14:00-15:20
- The UNEP Global Electric Mobility Programme and the Regional Support and Investment Platform in Africa -UNEP- 15:30-17:00

- High-Level Champions Implementation Lab 14:00-16:00
- Revitalizing Eastern Africa's Institutional Capacity To Engage In Global Carbon Markets -EAA- 16:00-17:30

- Financing Africa's Resilience against Climate Change -AfDB- 14:00-16:00
- Integrated Sustainable Cold Chains in Africa for People and the Planet -UNEP, UNEP U4E, Cool Coalition, SEforALL- 16:00-17:30

- Comprehensive Risk Management: The How-To in Achieving Coherence -UNDRR- 14:00-15:30

Wrap up session 17:30-18:00

SIDE EVENTS

The selected Side Events and Action Hub videos will be added in the official programme of the climate week after the EoI process is closed.
The selected events/organizations will need to be responsible for hosting and delivering the the event in its own platform.
The RCW platform will publish the link to the selected event so that the interested participants will click on the link and automatically be transferred to the platform of the Side Events.

* This overview schedule dated 2 September 2021 is expected to change as details of the event are finalized.

TRACK 1

Day 1 AM: Long term planning and national commitments> The sessions to be organized under this theme may include but are not limited to ambitious climate action and long-term climate plans covered in the region's NDCs and/or long-term low GHG emission strategies; implementation of NDCs/LTEDS, including with support.

Day 1 PM: Green recovery and low carbon, climate resilient development > The sessions to be organized under this theme may include but are not limited to low carbon, climate resilient development in the region, in the context of green recovery efforts. Discussing government as well as non-Party stakeholder approaches.

Day 2 AM: Climate information, tracking progress and monitoring> The sessions to be organized under this theme may include but are not limited to governments reporting/tracking under the Paris Agreement; subnational climate reporting; non-Party disclosure of climate information; and the use of data for climate ambition.

Day 2 PM: Multi-level governance> The sessions to be organized under this theme may include but are not limited to integrated (long-term) national planning and integrated national policy making; whole-of-government and society approaches for implementing climate action; and enhanced engagement of all stakeholders.

Day 3 AM: Nature-based solutions> Making peace with nature The sessions to be organized under this theme may include but are not limited to actions in key sectors, including nature-based solutions that are aligned with environmental limits; scaling up nature-based solutions; developing a common vision for land, climate and biodiversity.

Day 3 PM: Aligning policy signals>The sessions to be organized under this theme may include but are not limited to integrated approaches that address the climate

TRACK 2

Day 1: Managing climate change risk comprehensively in key systems including through NAPsThe sessions to be organized under this theme may include but are not limited to formulation and implementation of NAPs (including as an opportunity for resilient recovery from COVID-19), building climate resilience in key systems: e.g. food security, water, health, ecosystems, nature-based solutions, cosystems and nature-based solutions. Ecosystem-based solutions to adaptation and resilience-building (including links to biodiversity), managing residual impacts on climate change.

Day 2: Integrated support for acceleration of climate-resilient development - from assessment to the design and implementation of programmes The sessions to be organized under this theme may include but are not limited to the latest available data, information, tools and models for risk and vulnerability assessment to underpin the formulation and implementation of NAPs in Africa, supporting project development and access to financing in African countries, collaborative financing approaches to de-risk investments in climate change adaptation, promoting coordination and policy coherence at different governance levels: sub-national and national, private sector engagement and building climate resilience - Project development and access to financing, coherence and synergy between different frameworks, post-COVID19 recovery alignment.

Day 3: Partnerships and collaboration for broader climate action and mobilization for climate-resilient development The sessions to be organized under this theme may include but are not limited to building inclusivity into the heart of planning processes /inclusive and responsive adaptation planning and implementation (focus on women, youth, local communities and indigenous peoples), access to adaptation finance – role and opportunities from regional development banks.

TRACK 3

Day 1: Urban environments (Imagining 2050) The objectives of the session to be organized under this theme are highlighting the main current challenges and opportunities for a sustainable urban and peri-urban future in Africa, such as emissions from the buildings and construction sector, delineating the transformation pathway for cities and built environment to contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation, build resilience by restoring ecosystems and ensuring the well-being of inhabitants, identifying actions, policies and investments needed to transform cities and the built environment by 2050, outlining transformations that need to happen and the levers for change, proposing a vision for sustainable cities in Africa with concrete examples of ongoing city-level action, including the use of sustainable materials, passive designs, nature-based solutions, emphasizing the importance of sustainable cities for the climate, people's health and prosperity, and to achieve the SDGs.

Day 1: Urban environments (Policies for behaviour change and technology development) The objectives of the session to be organized under this theme are highlighting policies and technology needed to enable change in key sectors, including: Integrated urban planning for inclusive and sustainable urban and peri-urban areas in Africa, nature-based solutions for resilient cities and built environment, circular economy in cities and its potential to job creation, risk reduction, resilience, the importance of multi-level governance to enable action in urban and peri-urban areas, the role of youth in leveraging and driving change.

Day 1: Urban environments (Finance) The objectives of the session to be organized under this theme are highlighting innovative business models and financing mechanisms in the region that can be replicated to achieve climate and resilience goals by 2050, outlining how post-covid recovery funds can play a role in accelerating the transformation of cities.

Day 2: Transport and mobility (Imagining 2050) The objectives of the session to be organized under this theme are highlighting the way forward, costs and benefits to achieve a 2050 with sustainable mobility, electric transport and renewable energy in Africa, presenting existing regional cooperation mechanisms to join efforts in the transformation and increase the ambition of climate action, highlight the challenges and opportunities in rural mobility and connectivity, and their impacts on rural livelihoods, agricultural markets connectivity and economic development, showcase opportunities and best practices to improve urban mobility systems, incorporate new clean technologies and offer citizens better alternatives for their travel in cities, explaining how knowledge