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COP 29 Outcomes Webinar Series: Part III: Adaptation and Finance

Theme: COP29 Outcomes on Adaptation and Finance and its implications to countries in East and Southern Africa

Co-organizer: UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Center for East and Southern Africa (RCC EAS Africa) / the Global Green Growth institute (GGGI)

Date & Time: 13 February 2025, 12:00 – 2:00 EAT

Virtual: Registration Link: [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

I. Background

The 29th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP29) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) concluded on 24 November 2024 in Baku, Azerbaijan, marking several landmark decisions to advance global climate action. With significant updates expected on the different processes under the Paris Agreement, including the global goal on adaptation, National Adaptation Plans, Adaptation financing and support to the work of adaptation-related constituted bodies such as the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, it is essential to translate these outcomes into actionable insights for regions highly vulnerable to climate change, such as East and Southern Africa.

This region faces significant challenges such as increased extreme weather events, sea-level rise, and unpredictable rainfall patterns that disrupt agriculture and threaten water resources, biodiversity, and the livelihoods of millions of people. As global attention on adaptation grows, COP 29 outcomes provided important opportunities for countries in East and Southern Africa to access climate finance, forge stronger international partnerships, and implement effective adaptation strategies. This post - COP29 webinar Series on adaptation and finance provide regional stakeholders an inclusive platform to unpack key decisions' implications, discuss regional priorities, and strategize implementation pathways.

II. Objectives

The webinar series aims to:

- Highlight COP29 outcomes on adaptation and resilience, particularly focusing on the global goal on adaptation and adaptation financing including region-specific opportunities and challenges.
- Foster a shared understanding of key outcomes among regional stakeholders and guide parties and non-party stakeholders on the appropriate next steps.
- Identify capacity for implementing COP29 decisions, particularly for climate-vulnerable nations and communities.
- Strengthen regional collaboration and partnerships for enhanced climate action post-COP29.

III. Expected Outcomes:

- Enhanced stakeholder understanding of COP29 outcomes on Adaptation and Finance.



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- Actionable policy recommendations for integrating outcomes into national and regional strategies.
- Understanding of adaptation financing access and opportunities for accelerate adaptation efforts in the East and Southern Region.
- Building capacity for effective participation in Adaptation and building resilience.

IV. Format

- Duration: 2 hours
- Platform: Online via MS Teams

V. Target Audience

- Government representatives and policymakers from East and Southern Region
- UN Country Teams.
- Regional Centers and Organizations.
- Civil society and non-governmental organizations.
- Private sector and businesses.
- Youth, Indigenous Peoples and local communities, and academic institutions.

Organizer: The webinar is presented by the UNFCCC secretariat and its UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Center for East and Southern Africa (RCC EAS Africa), in partnership with the with the Global Green Growth institute.

Moderator: Ms. Lilian Kempango, Regional Adaptation Specialist

Total	Programme
5'	Introduction and Housekeeping <i>Moderator: Lilian Kempango</i>
10'	Welcome Remarks and COP 29 Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>William Otieno, Regional Lead, UNFCCC RCC EAS Africa</i> • <i>Arthur Ssebugga Kimeze, The Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)</i>
30'	COP29 Outcomes decisions on Adaptation and resilience building. <i>Adaptation Division/ UNFCCC Secretariat</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief introduction about COP 29 outcomes on the topics of Global Goal on Adaptation (UAE Global Climate Resilience Framework and the UAE-Belem Work Program), National adaptation plans, Adaptation Financing and Other adaptation and resilience related outcomes. • How do COP 29 outcomes specifically address adaptation needs in East and Southern Africa? • What is next after COP 29 (leading over to more details on this in the panel)
45'	Panel Discussion: Implications of COP29 decisions on acceleration adaptation efforts in East and Southern Africa.



	<p><i>Moderator: Lilian Kempango</i></p> <p><i>Short presentation/interventions by 4 speakers on Adaptation and Finance and the way forward</i></p> <p>1) What is the outlook for the work on the UAE-Belem Work Program on indicators and how can this influence better decisions in implementation of adaptation initiatives? <i>Ms. Dalia Hashweh, Associate Programme Officer, Adaptation.UNFCCC Secretariate Adaptation Division.</i></p> <p>2) What should the support programme for the LDCs on the implementation of NAPs look like? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Mr. Tom Segalama, Team Leader, Nature, Climate, Energy and Resilience (NCRE) Programme- UNDP, Uganda</i> </p> <p>3) What progress was made toward ensuring developing countries have the means of implementations, in particular adaptation finance, to achieve the objectives of the Paris Agreement, and how is the region prepared in accessing Finance for Adaptation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Mr. David Chama Kaluba, Principle Economic at Ministry of Finance and National Planning in Zambia, member of the Adaptation Fund Board (AFB) and the Green Climate Fund Board (GCF).</i> </p> <p>4) • Forward-looking: How can COP29 outcomes inform ongoing efforts on adaptation in the region? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>All Speakers</i> </p>
20'	<p>Audience Question & Answer Session</p> <p><i>Moderator: Lilian Kempango</i></p>
5'	<p>Closing Remarks and Next Steps</p> <p><i>Adaptation Division, UNFCCC secrétariat</i></p>

Technical notes

- Adaptation matters discussed in Baku.
 - Report of the Adaptation Committee
 - Review of the progress, effectiveness, and performance of the Adaptation Committee
 - Global goal on adaptation (<https://unfccc.int/documents/644457>)
 - National adaptation plans
 - Other relevant agenda items
 - Matters relating to the least developed countries. (<https://unfccc.int/documents/644429>)
 - Matters relating to Adaptation Fund (<https://unfccc.int/documents/644448>)