



PROGRAMME OF WORK

Dialogue on Advancing Environmental Sustainability, Carbon Markets, Energy Access, and Climate Action in Africa

Speke Munyonyo, Kampala, Uganda | 6 April 2025, Hybrid

09:00 – 17:00 HRS

Zoom link:

TIME	AGENDA ITEMS
09:00 - 0930	<p>Moderator: Dr. Rose Mwebaza, Regional Director, UNEP</p> <p>Welcome remarks: Mr. Leonard Zulu, RC Uganda (2-3 min)</p> <p>Introduction and Keynote Speeches by Africa RCP Vice Chair(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Claver Gatete, Executive Secretary, UNECA (5-7 min) • Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa, Regional Director, UNDP (5-7 min) <p>Overview and objectives of the dialogue: Mr. Said, Director, (UNECA)</p>
09:30 - 09:35	Photo session
09:40 – 10:00	Health Break
10:00 – 12:00	SESSION I: COP 29 KEY OUTCOMES, IMPLICATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR AFRICA
	<p>Moderator: Edward Kilawe (FAO)</p> <p>Synopsis / Key issues: This session on COP29 outcomes, particularly focusing on carbon markets and adaptation, aims to bridge the gap between global agreements and actionable regional strategies for Africa. COP29, despite landmark decisions like the operationalization of Article 6 and the establishment of the NCQG, revealed persistent challenges: inadequate climate finance, slow progress on adaptation, and diluted commitments to fossil fuel phase-out. Key questions for discussion include: How can Africa effectively leverage the finalized Article 6 rules to attract sustainable investments while ensuring environmental integrity? How can the continent navigate the complexities of the NCQG to secure sufficient public grants for climate action, addressing historical injustices? Furthermore, how can Africa accelerate adaptation efforts, operationalization of the Loss and Damage Fund, and ensure that the next round of NDCs reflects ambitious, 1.5°C-aligned targets? Ultimately, how can regional stakeholders collaborate to translate these COP29</p>

	<p>outcomes into tangible, gender-responsive climate action that fosters sustainable development across the African continent?</p> <p>Presenter (s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charles Nyandiga - Regional Technical Lead, (UNDP RSCA) • James Murombedzi - Chief of Section, Economic Affairs, (UNECA) <p>Panelists: (Proposed)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ramiz Alakbarov, RC Ethiopia • Mensur Desie, Director in the Ministry of Planning, Ethiopia • Walters Tubua / William Otieno, UNFCCC - RCC East and Southern Africa <p>Rapporteurs: OIBC 4 Members</p>
12:00 – 13:30	<p>Session II: Carbon Markets and Operationalization of Article 6</p>
•	<p>Moderator: Dr. Matthias Naab, Director, Regional Service Centre for Africa, UNDP.</p> <p>Synopsis / Key issues: This dialogue on carbon market operationalization in Africa, following the COP29 agreements on Article 6, aims to clarify the pathways for African nations to actively participate in and benefit from the evolving global carbon market landscape. With the finalized Article 6 rulebook, the focus shifts to practical implementation, raising key questions: How can African countries navigate the complexities of ITMOs and PACM to attract sustainable investments while ensuring environmental and social integrity? How can the transition from CDM to PACM be effectively managed, and what role does the voluntary carbon market play in this evolving landscape? Furthermore, how can national regulatory frameworks be harmonized to facilitate private sector engagement, address financing challenges, and promote equitable carbon market participation? Ultimately, how can African stakeholders build robust partnerships and networks to capitalize on the opportunities presented by the operationalized Article 6, fostering climate action that supports sustainable development across the continent?</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent Hachileka, Climate Strategies and Policy, Climate Hub, UNDP • Perumal Arumugam, Manager, UNFCCC Mitigation Division (Virtual) <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Catherine Sozi, RC Mozambique • Ms. Irene Chekwoti, Senior Climate Change Officer, Mitigation, Climate Change Department of the Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda • Mr. Andrew Ocama, Coordinator of the Eastern Africa Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance <p>Rapporteurs: OIBC - 4 Members</p>

13:30 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 15:45	Session III: Energy Access
	<p>Moderator: Dr. Mr. James Murombedzi, Chief of Section, Economic Affairs, (UNECA).</p> <p>Synopsis / Key issues: The African energy dialogue aims to address the critical gap between the continent's vast renewable energy potential and the severe lack of energy access, impacting nearly more than 600 million people. Leveraging COP29 outcomes, the dialogue focuses on key questions: How can Africa effectively utilize international momentum to accelerate renewable energy transitions, secure adequate public and private investments, access climate finance, and modernize its energy infrastructure? Specifically, how can carbon markets be used to attract investment, and what strategies are needed to ensure a just and gender-responsive energy transition? Furthermore, how can regional collaboration and partnerships be strengthened to translate policy into tangible action, driving sustainable industrialization and equitable access to clean energy across the continent?</p> <p>Presenter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yohannes Hailu (UNECA) <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Edward Kallon, RC Zimbabwe • Linus A. Mofor, Regional Advisor, Sustainability & Climate UNICEF East and Southern Africa Regional Office (ESARO) • Mr. Julius Namusanga Wamala, Assistant Commissioner Electrical Generation, Electrical Power Department, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, Uganda • Mr. Glenn S. Hodes, Inter-Regional Advisor on SDG Investment DESA Financing for Sustainable Development Office <p>Rapporteurs: OIBC – 4 Members</p>
15:45 – 16:00	Health Break
16:00 – 17:00	SESSION IV: CLOSING
	<p>Moderator: Mr. Said, Director, (UNECA).</p> <p>Presenter: Ms. Rose Mwebaza Regional Director, UNEP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of key take-away points and follow-up actions • Outcome Statement • Closing Remarks by RCP Vice Chairs <p>Rapporteurs: OIBC 4 Members</p>

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