



DRAFT CONCEPT NOTE

Fourteenth Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa (CCDA-XIV)

Theme

*“From Pledges to Implementation: The Belem- Antalya- Addis
Roadmap”*

DATE	LOCATION
7-9 September 2026	Addis Ababa, UNECA

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Annotated Three-Day Programme

Time	Session
DAY ONE: AFRICA'S STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP AND PRIORITIES TO COP31 AND BEYOND	
08:00–09:30	Registration and welcome coffee/tea
09:30–10:30	Session 1: Opening ceremony • Welcoming remark • Opening statement
10:30–11:30	Session 2: Keynote Address: Africa's climate leadership in an era of implementation and transformation (20 min) General Discussion (40 min)
11:30–13:00	Session 3: Africa's strategic priorities from SB64 to COP31 <i>Key issues for discussion</i> • Outcomes of SB64 and implications for Africa • Reform of global climate governance • Africa's negotiating priorities • COP31 priorities
13:00–14:00	Lunch
14:00–15:30	Session 4: Financing Africa's climate action <i>Key issues for discussion</i> • Climate justice and equity • Adaptation finance • Loss and Damage Fund • Reform of multilateral development banks • NCQG implementation • Domestic resource mobilization
15:30–17:00	Session 5: Climate, trade and carbon markets <i>Key issues for discussion</i> • Climate change, AfCFTA and future of African trade • Article 6 and international carbon markets • Carbon credit integrity and Africa's carbon market strategy • CBAM and emerging trade regulations • Financing Trade and Climate Transitions
17:00–	Launching of the GST1 and coffee/tea

Day Two: Climate solutions for resilient and low-emission development	
Time	Session
08:00–09:30	Morning Coffee/Tea
09:30–11:00	Session 6: Accelerating climate implementation through science, innovation and accountability <i>Key issues for discussion</i> • NDCs 3.0 and NAPs implementation and tracking progress • Global Stocktake follow-up and implementation pathways • Enhanced Transparency Framework and accountability systems • Climate data, Earth observation and climate services • Artificial intelligence, digital innovation and emerging technologies • Strengthening the science-policy interface • Capacity development and regional knowledge-sharing
11:00–12:30	Session 7: Scaling Climate Information Services for Resilient Development and Climate Action in Africa <i>Key issues for discussion</i> • Strengthening Africa's climate observation and monitoring systems • Climate information for sectoral adaptation planning • Early Warnings for All • Digital transformation of climate services • Climate services for climate finance • Building climate information ecosystems
12:30–13:30	Lunch
13:30–15:00	Session 8: Just Transitions and Critical Minerals <i>Key issues for discussion</i> • Financing just transitions and clean energy: instruments, terms, and de-risking investment • Critical minerals value addition, beneficiation, and fair benefit-sharing • Regional Just Energy Transition (JET) frameworks and country-level implementation • Domestic resource mobilization, blended finance, and grant-based/concessional instruments • Social dimensions of the transition: jobs, skills, and community benefit-sharing
15:00–15:30	Coffee/Tea
15:30–17:00	Session 7: Circular economy, zero waste and climate action <i>Key issues for discussion</i> • The evidence and case for the circular economy as a catalyst for climate-resilient and low-carbon development in Africa.

	• Positioning the circular economy within Africa's climate diplomacy, negotiation priorities, and implementation frameworks. • Strengthening stakeholder awareness, technical capacity, and coordinated advocacy on circular economy and climate action. • Charting a forward-looking African roadmap for integrating circular economy approaches into climate action towards COP31, COP32, and longer-term climate and development goals.
19:00–21:00	Regional Development Partners Roundtable • Align partner support with Africa's climate and development priorities • Identify opportunities for joint programming and resource mobilization • Promote knowledge sharing and coordination • Strengthen support for COP31 and long-term climate action
Day Three: Climate resilience, adaptation and inclusive development	
09:00–10:30	Session 10: Building Climate-Resilient Societies <i>Key issues for discussion</i> • Global Goal on Adaptation • Climate and health • Climate-resilient food systems • Climate mobility • Urban resilience • Nature-based solutions
10:30–11:00	Coffee/Tea
11:00–12:30	Session 11: Agriculture and Food Security <i>Key issues for discussion</i> • Agriculture negotiations under the UNFCCC • Evolution of agriculture, food security and agri-food-system concepts • Implementation dimension from commitment to real support • Strategic implications and options for Africa • The water-energy-food nexus
12:30–13:30	Lunch

13:30–15:00	Session 12: Climate, peace and security (CPS) <i>Key issues for discussion</i> • Disaster risk reduction and Early warning systems • Promoting conflict-sensitive approaches to climate adaptation and resilience • Integration of CPS into NDC and NAPs
15:00–16:00	Session 13: Closing session • Key recommendations for COP31 • Strategic outlook towards COP32 • Adoption of the Addis Ababa Climate Action Messages
16:00–	Coffee/Tea and networking

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