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Presentation on the
**AFRICA CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT NON-STATE
ACTORS STEERING COMMITTEE (ACAS-NSA-SC)**

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Setting the scene:

- The AR6 Synthesis Report indicates climate change effects have caused damages to lives and livelihoods with most vulnerable communities (largely in Africa) least responsible for climate change continuing to be disproportionately affected.
- Some regions in Africa are already warming beyond 1.5 degrees and the effects of climate change are becoming more severe in the recent times.
- The continent is particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change due to high dependency on climate-sensitive sectors such as agriculture, forestry, water and fisheries.
- The continent is home to many globally-significant ecosystems, such as tropical rainforests, and its natural resources support global food production and energy systems.
- Huge adaptation gap exists and current global financial flows for adaptation are insufficient for, and constrain implementation of, adaptation options, especially in developing countries.



Significance of the ACAS

- Mandated by CAHOSCC at the 36th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the African Union.
- ACAS will focus on key areas including just energy transition, sustainable agriculture, and climate finance.
- Complementary support by all partners to the African Group of Negotiators, in particular the African Union Commission, the AFDB and the ClimDev Africa Programme.
- Actors spearheading other traditional annual convergences in the continent have aligned their intention to rally around the ACAS, viewing the moment as a chance to unify African efforts

Key Events

- The 11th edition of Climate for Development in Africa Conference (CCDA-XI), the flagship initiative spearheaded by ClimDev Africa, (Precursor event of the Summit)
- The Africa Climate Week (ACW), led by the UNFCCC to be held parallel to the Summit (September 4 – 8, 2023 in Nairobi)
- The African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN), scheduled during the same month.
- Sectoral-thematic events associated with the Summit
- The first Conference for Agricultural Adaptation Acceleration in Africa (C4A) will be held during the period.
- The African Green Climate Fund (GCF) NDAs Network (AfDAN), Roundtable for Focal Points and Direct Entities (DEs) in Africa to review the continent's climate Finance landscape.



Strategic African Pursuits

African aspirations and priorities should be reflected in COP28 decisions, cultivated through a robust process of engagement.



Enhancing the effectiveness of Africa's engagement in overall international dialogue on climate change, to secure more wins for the Continent.



Addressing the “elephant in the room” regarding the just transition and its multiple definition, ensuring the unpackaging of the concept is realistic to African context and narratives.



A demonstration of genuinely greater ambition and accountability by the North in deep emissions reduction, and provision of adequate finance for both adaptation and L&D.



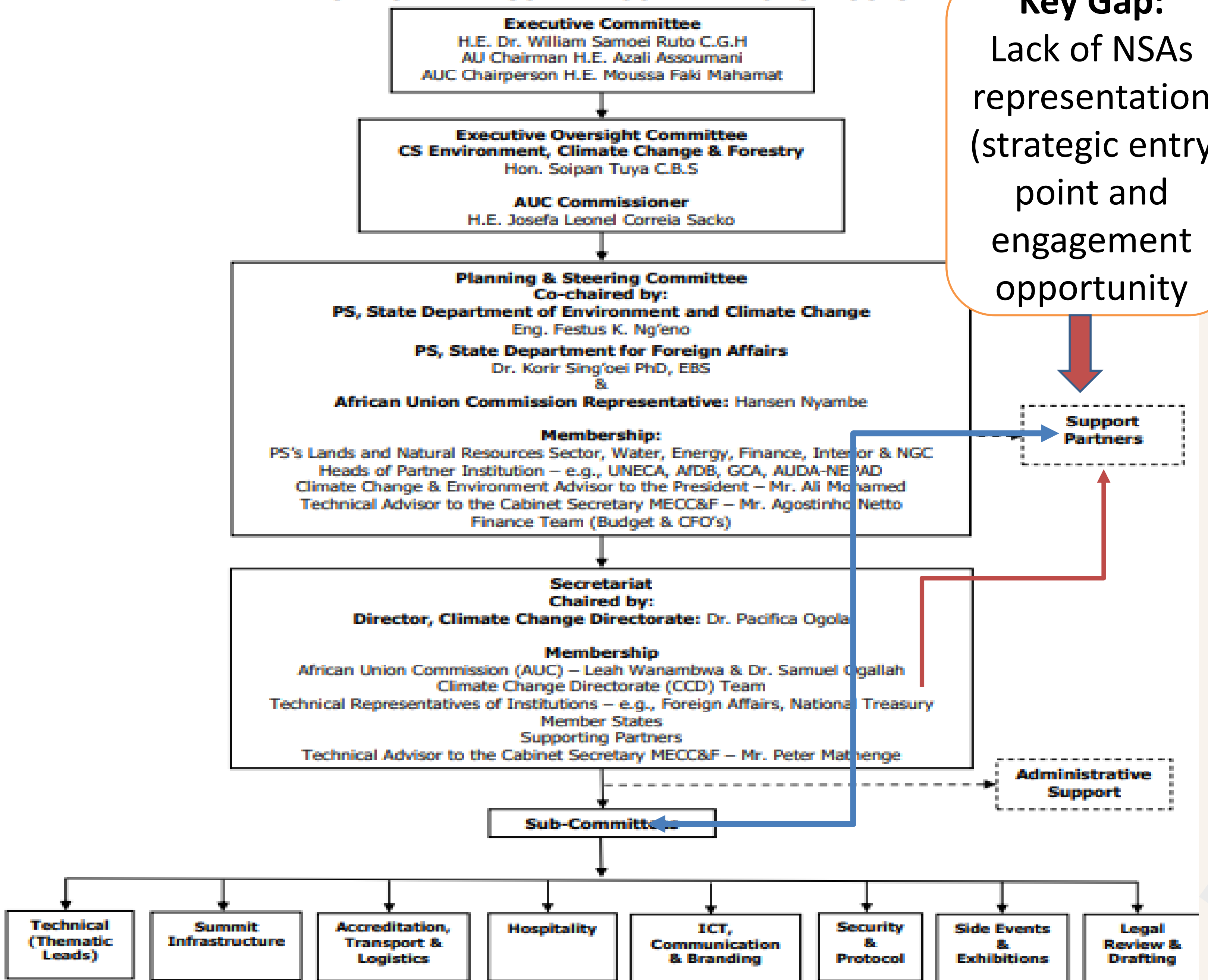
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Role of Non-State Actors in driving climate Action in Africa



- Amplify a unified voice and position of African Governments on our collective aspirations and priorities towards COP28.
- Champion Africa's common strategies and plans in participation in other global coalitions based on ideologies, regions and interests; LDC Group, VCF, G77&China, SIDs, etc.
- Clearly formulate processes for reforming the global funding architecture to have in place mechanisms that are accessible to African Governments, CSOs and communities at the frontline of the climate crisis.
- Explore new avenues for extra-ordinary partnerships and collaborations to foster sustainability of the collective influence and effort within the Summit and beyond.

AFRICAN CLIMATE SUMMIT GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE



Strategy for engagement

Pre-summit

- Seeking deeper engagement with the Kenyan government (Summit host), identify and engage potential allies actively involved in agenda setting.
 - Work with African Union, the Summit convenor, and larger ClimDev-Africa Initiative to ensure the Agenda of the Summit Aligns with Africa Climate Change Strategy, and the continent's collective pursuit for a unified voice.
 - Use robust initiatives such as the Pan African Summit on Climate Policy and Equity, and the Nairobi Summer School on Climate Justice as platforms for popularizing the Summit and need for Africa's collective harmony.
 - Outreach across the continent to popularize the Summit as a singular African rallying point for COP28, by setting milestones for Designated National Platforms in all countries.
 - Work with media networks to focus attention to the Summit as Africa's "must-go" forum ahead of the COP28.
 - Ensure the African Group of Negotiators' year-long conversations identify the Summit as crucial in consolidating a collectively agreed Position that informs the AMCEN and CAHOSCC.
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In-Summit Engagement

- Agenda setting Sectoral/thematic Pre-events embedded in ACW, CCDA, Conference on Africa Agricultural Adaptation Acceleration.
- Forge and implement joint events with UNECA, AU, AfDB and seek to secure spaces in events organized by other governments.
- Entrench our engagements in country-specific dialogues and convenings, running parallel with the Summit.
- Craft a robust media engagement strategy at a Pan African level and for media networks in Africa and globally.
- Possibly, host the Gala Night of the ACCER Awards and additional Reward Scheme to recognize/celebrate outstanding champions in Africa and globally.



Key Deliverables for the SC

- Strategic engagements to deliberate on the details of the Summit, identify their role and ensure continued engagement of NSAs.
- Define the action agenda of NSAs towards, during and beyond the Summit, including offering continuous assessment, analysis and review of the effectiveness of our influence actions.
- Support planning in all key processes, explore how to participate, and make relevant contributions to other related events such as CCDA, ACW, etc.
- In promoting inclusion, proactively engage, and seek representation, in the planning of the Summit.
- Individually and, where applicable, collectively, raise resources to support the Summit and associated events.
- Volunteer and/or second Staff to support various aspects of the Summit, both at Kenyan level and at AU level.
- Mobilize institutional communication platforms to leverage our collective communication for effective convening of the Summit



Stakeholder Engagement Map

Regional/international
Civil Society organizations
and coalitions

Faith-based
Organizations

Academia and
Research

Indigenous Peoples
Organizations

Youth Organizations

African SMEs, private
sector

Cities and Local
Authorities

Trade Unions

Gender/Women
Organizations

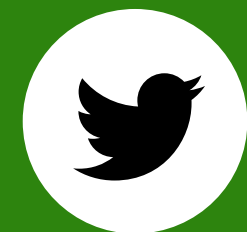
Foundations, Philanthropies and
Financial Institutions



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