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## **6th Africa Climate Talks & SDGs Forum**

**Theme: Rethinking financing and ambition for climate action, green growth and development in Africa: a justice issue**

**7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Speke Resort Convention Center  
Kampala, Uganda**

**Provisional programme**

Time	Session	Session Chair
<b>Day One (07-04-2025)</b>		
<b>08:00-09:00</b>	Registration	
<b>Session 1: Welcome and Official Opening</b>		
<b>09:00-10:00</b>	<p><b>HIGH LEVEL OPENING STATEMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Mithika Mwenda</b>, Executive Director, Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Alison Parker</b>, Deputy Regional Director, Eastern and Southern Africa, UNICEF (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Richard Muyungi Chair</b>, Africa Group of Negotiators</li> <li>❖ <b>Barnabas Nawangwe</b>, Vice Chancellor of Makerere University, Uganda</li> <li>❖ <b>Rose Mwebaza</b>, Director, UNEP ROA (tbc)</li> <li>❖ <b>James Kinyangi</b>, Director of Climate Change and Green Growth, African Development Bank (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Harsen Nyambe</b>, Director, ARBE, AUC</li> <li>❖ <b>Cosmas Milton Obote Ochieng</b>, Director, Climate, Food Security and Natural Resources Division, UNECA (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Jacqueline Amongin</b>, EALA MP and Secretary General, African Parliamentarians for Climate Action (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Beatrice Anywar Atim</b>, State Minister of Environment, Republic of Uganda (p)</li> </ul> <p><b>OFFICIAL OPENING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Robinah Nabbanja</b>, Prime minister of Uganda (p)</li> </ul> <p><b>STATEMENT FROM PARTNERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Joachim Beijmo</b>, Head of Regional Development Cooperation, Embassy of Sweden, Ethiopia (tbc)</li> <li>❖ <b>Jan Sadek</b>, Ambassador of the European Union to Uganda (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Sultan Hajiyevev</b>, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Republic of Kenya (tbc)</li> </ul>	<p><b>James Murombedzi</b>, Coordinator, African Climate Policy Centre, UNECA (p)</p>

	❖ <b>Silvio Albuquerque</b> , Brazilian Ambassador to Kenya, (tbc)	
<b>10:00-10:30</b>	<b>Photo Session</b>  <b>Coffee Break</b>	
<b>Session 2: Scenario setting, context analysis, deep-dive into key 2024 highlights, including CCDA XII and COP29 outcomes</b>		
<b>10:30-11:30</b>	<p><b>Keynote address:</b> Governance and institutional arrangements for Agenda 2030 – Review of the UNFCCC Conference of Parties arrangements: Implications for equitable climate governance <b>Patrick Byakagaba</b> (p)</p> <hr/> <p><u>Respondents</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Ruth Ssentamu Nankabirwa</b>, Minister of Energy and Mineral Development, Uganda (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Alex Nimusiima</b>, Makerere University (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Mwanahamisi Singano</b>, Advisor, Women Environmental Development Organisation (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Alex Benkenstein</b>, AUC and South Africa G20 - Environment and Climate Sustainability (p)</li> </ul> <p><i>Plenary Discussion</i></p>	<b>Esther M. Passaris</b> , Member of parliament, national assembly Woman representative, Kenya (p)
<b>Session 3: From Baku to Belem: opportunities and challenges for Africa</b>		
<b>11:30-12:30</b>	<p><b>Session 3.a: Global Goal on Adaptation: Prospects for COP30</b></p> <p><u>Panel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>George Wamukoya</b>, Team Leader of Africa Group of Negotiators Experts Support &amp; Lead Negotiator on Agriculture (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Nbou Mohammed</b>, Climate Change Advisor, United Cities &amp; Local Governments, Africa (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Theletsa Mpholle</b>, AU Youth UNFCCC Negotiators (v)</li> <li>❖ <b>Oliver Bamenju</b>, Cameroon member of parliament (p)</li> </ul> <p><i>Plenary Discussion</i></p>	<b>Kwame Ababio</b> , Senior Programme Officer, AUDA-NEPAD (v)

12:30-13:30	<p><b>Session 3.b: Implications of outcomes and decisions of COP29 on health and NDC 3.0: harnessing social services opportunities to enhance climate ambition</b></p> <p><b>Presentation:</b> GST1/NDCs  <b>Yaw Osafo</b>, AGN Lead Negotiator on Global Stock-take (p)</p> <p><b>Presentation:</b> NDCs &amp; health  <b>Ama Essel</b>, AGN's lead coordinator for Response Measures (v)</p> <p><u>Panel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Githinji Gitahi</b>, CEO-AMREF Health Africa (tbc)</li> <li>❖ <b>Sidi Moctar</b>, AU Youth UNFCCC Negotiator (v)</li> <li>❖ <b>Eria Serwajja</b>, Makerere University (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Abu Monday</b>, Climate &amp; Sustainable Devt. Network (tbc)</li> </ul> <p><i>Plenary Discussion</i></p>	<p><b>Linus Mofor</b>, Regional Adviser, Sustainability &amp; Climate, Eastern and Southern Africa, UNICEF (p)</p>
13:30-14:30	Lunch Break	
14:30-15:30	<p><b>Session 3.c: African solutions to African challenges: Africa Adaptation Acceleration Program (AAP) Partnership Forum VI</b></p> <p><b>High Level Opening remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Beatrice Anywar Atim</b>, State Minister of Environment, Republic of Uganda (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Frederieke Quispel</b>, Dutch Ambassador to Uganda (tbc)</li> </ul> <p><b>Framing remarks:</b>  <b>Charles Nhemachena</b>, Regional Director for Africa, GCA (p)</p> <p><b>Presentation:</b> AAP as a tool for scaling investments in Adaptation.  <b>Aikaterina Myserli</b>, Senior Program Officer, Infrastructure and Nature Based Solutions, GCA (p)</p> <p><u>Panel:</u></p>	<p><b>Amanda Archibong-Doukoure</b>, Senior Partnerships Manager, GCA (p)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>James Murombedzi</b>, Chief of the Climate Change Section, UNECA (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Stephen Wakasenza</b>, Project Coordinator, AfDB Unit, Uganda Railways Corporation. (tbc)</li> <li>❖ <b>Jim Vianney Mugunga</b>, Executive Director, PPP Unit, Ministry of Finance. (tbc)</li> <li>❖ <b>Joash Moitui</b>, Adaptation Specialist, AAAP Unit, African Development Bank (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Fortunate Elizabeth Nandera</b>, Chair of the Youth Adaptation Forum, Uganda (p)</li> </ul> <p><i>Plenary Discussion</i></p>	
<b>15:30-16:30</b>	<p><b>Session 3.d: Accelerating climate resilience social services (WASH, health, education, nutrition) to enhance NDCs, NAPs and LT-LEDS ambition: solutions and perspectives from COP29</b></p> <p><u>Panel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Joyce Mpalanyi Magala</b>, Country Director, WaterAid (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Isaac Oindo</b>, Manager Carbon Financing – Evidence Action (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Simon Odong</b>, WASH Sector lead, UNHCR (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Brenda Achiro</b>, Country Director, Water for People (tbc)</li> <li>❖ <b>Patra Latit</b>, WASH Manager, UNICEF (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Phoebe Kasoga</b>, Country Director, Plan International (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Judith Peace Achan</b>, Member of Parliament, Uganda (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Hon. Augun Silas</b>, Chair WASH, Uganda Parliament (tbc)</li> <li>❖ <b>Kidanemariam Jembere</b>, Water, climate and sanitation Advisor, AUC (tbc)</li> <li>❖ <b>Caroline Rwivanga</b>, Member of the Rwanda Parliament (p)</li> </ul> <p><i>Plenary Discussion</i></p>	<b>Yunia Musaazi</b> , UWASNET, Uganda (p)
<b>16:30-17:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
<b>17:00-18:00</b>	<b>Session 3.e: Is the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD) fit for Africa?</b>	<b>Martha Bekele</b> , Dev Transform (p)

	<p>❖ <b>Presentation: Cromwel Lukorito</b>, Chair, IPCC Working Group II (p)</p> <p><u>Panel:</u></p> <p>❖ <b>Julius Ngoma</b>, Coordinator, Civil Society Network on Climate Change, Malawi (p)</p> <p>❖ <b>Amjad Abashar</b>, Africa Director, UNDRR (tbc)</p> <p>❖ <b>JulietGrace Luwedde</b>, Project Manager, Youth Negotiator Academy (p)</p> <p>❖ <b>Alphonse Muia</b>, African Youth Climate Assembly (AYCA) (v)</p> <p>❖ <b>Charles Mwangi</b>, PACJA (p)</p> <p>❖ <b>Zachary Atheru</b>, Director IGAD-ICPAC (p)</p> <p><i>Plenary Discussion</i></p>	
<b>18:00-19:00</b>	<p><b>Session 3.f: Litigation: Implications of the ICJ consultations on the responsibilities of states for climate action</b></p> <p><u>Panel:</u></p> <p>❖ <b>Ahmed Ad-dirdeiry</b>, Associate Legal Officer, African Union Commission (p)</p> <p>❖ Ministry of Justice, Uganda (tbc – Hon Jacqueline)</p> <p>❖ <b>Ronnel Inonge Sisamu</b>, Legal Adviser, ETTIM (v)</p> <p>❖ <b>Justice David Mugo</b>, Judge of High Court in Kenya, member of the Pan-African Association of Judges of the Environment, Land and Labour (PAAJELLA) (p)</p> <p>❖ <b>Emmanuel Marfo</b>, Director for West and Central Africa, Climate Parliament (p)</p> <p><i>Plenary Discussion</i></p>	<b>Jacqueline Amongin</b> , EALA MP and Secretary General, African Parliamentarians for Climate Action (p)
<b>Day Two (08-04-2025)</b>		
<b>08:30-09:00</b>	<b>Key messages from day one discussions</b>	<b>Yosef Amha</b> , Economic Affairs Officer, UNECA
<b>09:00-10:00</b>	<b>Session 3.g: Revisiting the geopolitics and political economy of what the just and orderly</b>	<b>Augustine Njamshi</b> , Chair, Technical and

	<p><b>energy transition means for Africa's development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <u>Panel:</u></li> <li>❖ <b>Eugene Nforngwa</b>, Thematic Lead- Energy &amp; Just Transition, African Coalition for Sustainable Energy and Access (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Margaret Athieno Mwebesa</b>, UNFCCC focal point Uganda (v)</li> <li>❖ <b>Niina Johanna Kylliainen</b>, Regional Adviser, Sustainability &amp; Climate, Middle East and North Africa, UNICEF (tbc)</li> <li>❖ <b>Robert Muthami</b>, Embassy of Sweden in Nairobi (p)</li> </ul> <p><i>Plenary Discussion</i></p>	Political Affairs, PACJA (p)
<b>10:00-11:00</b>	<p><b>Session 3.h: The New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance (NCQG): What now for Africa?</b></p> <p><b>Presentation:</b> “Framing Africa’s Just Transition: From Extractive to Regenerative and Reparative Economic and Climate Action Models”</p> <p><b>Sarah Ssali</b>, Dean, School of Women and Gender Studies, Director, ARUA Centre of Excellence in Identities, Senior Editor, Advances in Global Health Journal (SDG5), Makerere University, Uganda (p)</p> <p><u>Panel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Peter Odhengo</b>, Coordinator, AFDAN, Kenya</li> <li>❖ <b>Olufunso Somorin</b>, Principal Regional Officer, AfDB (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Martha Bekele</b>, DevTransform (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Othniel Yila</b>, Commonwealth National Climate Finance Adviser, Uganda (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Eunice Musiime</b>, Akina Mama (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Julius Karanja Mbatia</b>, ACT Alliance &amp; AGN negotiator (p)</li> </ul> <p><i>Plenary Discussion</i></p>	<b>Mwanahamisi Singano</b> , Advisor, Women Environmental Development Organisation (p)
<b>11:00-11:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	

Session 4: Other critical issues of Significant Relevance to Governance of Climate change		
11:30-12:30	<p><b>Session 4.a: The geopolitics of green transitions: Leveraging Africa's critical energy transition minerals to fulfill the Africa Mining Vision and Agenda 2063</b></p> <p><u>Panel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Ruth Ssentamu Nankabirwa</b>, Minister of Energy and Mineral Development, Uganda (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Marit Y. Kitaw</b>, Interim Director, Africa Minerals Development Centre (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>John Sloan</b>, UNECA (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Yusuf Daya</b>, Director, Afrexim Bank (v)</li> <li>❖ <b>Matthias Reusing</b>, First Counsellor/Policy Advisor, EU Delegation to the African Union (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Catherine Mulinde</b>, Makerere University (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Caroline Aguti</b>, Assistant Commissioner for Health, Safety and Environment, Uganda (p)</li> </ul> <p><i>Plenary Discussion</i></p>	<p><b>Yemi Katerere</b>, Independent Environmental and Policy Expert, African Civil Society Biodiversity Alliance (p)</p>
12:30-13:30	<p><b>Session 4.b: The climate, peace and security nexus: experiences and lessons across Africa</b></p> <p><u>Panel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Sheku Tejan Sesay</b>, Conflict Management Directorate (CMD), AUC (v)</li> <li>❖ <b>Ngone Diop</b>, Director, Sub-Regional Office for West Africa, ECA (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Joyce Takaindisa</b>, Alliance Bioversity-CIAT (v)</li> <li>❖ <b>Tendai Kasinganeti</b>, Climate, Peace and Security Advisor, UNOAU (p) `</li> <li>❖ <b>Galine Yanon</b>, Regional Adviser, Sustainability &amp; Climate, West and Central Africa, UNICEF (v)</li> <li>❖ <b>Tinkasimire Barnabas</b>, Chairperson, SDGs Forum, Uganda (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Emmanuel Marfo</b>, Director for West and Central Africa, Climate Parliament (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Solomon Ngoze</b>, Climate Adaptation Specialist, AfDB (p)</li> </ul> <p><i>Plenary Discussion</i></p>	<p><b>Samson Ogallah</b>, Senior Climate Change Advisor, AUC (p)</p>
13:30-14:30	<b>Lunch Break</b>	



14:30-15:30	<p><b>Session 4.c: Market and non-market mechanisms: Opportunities and challenges for climate action in Africa</b></p> <p><b>Presentation:</b> Baku outcome on Article 6 and its implications for Africa  <b>El Hadji Mbaye Diagne</b>, Directeur Général, Afrique - Energie – Environnement and Lead Negotiator on Article 6 (v)</p> <p><u>Panel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Yemi Katerere</b>, Independent Environmental and Policy Expert, African Civil Society Biodiversity Alliance (p)</li> <li>❖ Linda Mwesiwa</li> <li>❖ <b>Daisy Mukarakate</b>, Regional Climate Policy Advisor, UNDP, Addis Ababa (v)</li> <li>❖ <b>Anne Samante</b>, Programmes Manager, MPIDO (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Julien Desmedt</b>, EU Director General for Climate Action (DG CLIMA) (v)</li> <li>❖ <b>William Otieno</b>, Regional Lead Regional Collaboration Centre East and Southern Africa, UNFCCC (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Frank Mugagga</b>, Makerere University (tbc)</li> </ul> <p><i>Plenary Discussion</i></p>	<p><b>Irene Chekwoti</b>, The East Africa Alliance on Carbon Markets, Uganda (p)</p>
<b>Session 5: The Road Ahead: Concretizing our collective influence plan</b>		
15:30-16:30	<p><b>Session 5.a: Key pillars of our common plan of action for Africa Climate Summit and COP30</b></p> <p><u>Panel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>James Murombedzi</b>, Coordinator, African Climate Policy Centre, UNECA (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>James Kinyangi</b>, African Development Bank (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Mithika Mwenda</b>, Executive Director, Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Yusuf Daya</b>, Director, Afrexim Bank (v)</li> <li>❖ <b>Kwame Ababio</b>, Senior Programme Officer, AUDA-NEPAD (v)</li> <li>❖ <b>Rose Mwebeza</b>, Director, UNEP-ROA (tbc)</li> <li>❖ <b>Alex Byarugaba</b>, Chairperson, Natural Resources Committee, Uganda (p)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Linus Mofor</b>, Regional Adviser, Sustainability &amp; Climate, Eastern and Southern Africa (p)</p>

	<i>Plenary Discussion</i>	
<b>16:30-17:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
<b>17:00-18:00</b>	<p><b>Session 5.b: Adoption of Recommendations</b></p> <p><b>Presentation:</b> Synopsis of the ACTs dialogues  <b>David Lesolle</b>, University of Botswana</p> <p><u>Closing session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Mithika Mwenda</b>, Executive Director, PACJA (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>James Kinyangi</b>, Director of Climate Change and Green Growth, African Development Bank (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Cosmas Milton Obote Ochieng</b>, Director, Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources Division, UNECA (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Joseph Ntakirutimana</b>, Speaker of East African Legislative Assembly (p)</li> <li>❖ <b>Thomas Tayebwa</b>, Deputy Speaker of Uganda Parliament (tbc)</li> <li>❖ <b>Robinah Nabbanja</b>, Prime minister of Uganda (tbc)</li> </ul>	<p><b>James Murombedzi</b>,  Coordinator, African  Climate Policy Centre,  UNECA (p)</p>