Virtual High-Level Policy Dialogue for Southern Africa

56th Session of UNECA Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

Theme:

Financing the Transition to Inclusive Green Economies in Africa: Imperatives, Opportunities and Policy Options

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13:00 to 15:00

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13:00-13:10 Opening Session

**Moderator:** Ms. Bineswaree Bolaky, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECA Subregional Office for Southern Africa,

- Welcome Remarks: Ms. Eunice G. Kamwendo, Director, ECA SRO-SA.

**CHAIR OF THE MEETING:** Ms. Ellen Richard-Madisa, CHAIR OF THE 29TH Inter-Governmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts (ICSOE) BUREAU of Southern Africa.


**Presenter:** Mr. Linus Mofor, Senior Environmental Affairs Officer, Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources Division, UNECA.

Comments and Q&A (5 minutes)

13:25 -14:50 Session II: Imperatives, Opportunities and Policy Options

Imperatives and Opportunities
13:25-14:00  Why is it imperative for Southern African countries to accelerate a transition towards IGE? What are the major challenges and opportunities for doing so?

**Guest Expert** (7 minutes)

- Ms. Rose Mwebaza, Regional Director, Regional Office for Africa, UNEP.

**Discussants** (5 minutes each)

- H.E Paula Cristina Francisco Coelho, Secretary of State for Climate Action and Sustainable Development.
- Mr. Douty Chibamba, Permanent Secretary, Zambia, Ministry of Green Economy and Environment.
- Mr. Ken Poonoosamy, Chief Executive Officer, Mauritius, Economic Development Board.
- Dr. Mao Amis, Executive Director, African Center for Green Economy, South Africa.

Open discussion (8 minutes)

**Policy Options and Best Practices**

14:00 -14:40

How can Southern African countries finance their transition towards IGE? What innovative financing options can be deployed? What are best practices to learn from?

**Guest Expert** (7 minutes)

- Prof. Desta Mebratu, Extraordinary Professor, Stellenbosch University, South Africa.

**Discussants** (5 minutes each)

- Zimbabwe, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development.
- Ms. Nangula Uaandja, Chief Executive Officer, Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board, Namibia.
- Mr. Mpho Ches Lechesa, Managing Director, Map Map Capital Partners.
• Dr. Addisu Lashitew, Assistant Professor, McMaster University, Canada

Open discussion (13 minutes)

14:40-14:50  Session III: Summary of key issues and recommendations

The Chair summarizes the key issues and recommendations of participants

14:50-15:00  Closing Session

• Remarks by Ms. Eunice Kamwendo, Director, SRO-SA
• Closing remarks by the Chair.

The event webpage with the link to register is available at


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