



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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Provisional Programme of Work

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.
- Opening Remarks: Ms. Ellen-Richard Madisa, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry of Botswana, Chair of the 29th ICISOE Bureau of Southern Africa.

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.

13:10-13:25 Session 1: Presentation of highlights from the Issues Paper: “Financing the transition to Inclusive Green Economies (IGE) in Africa: Imperatives, Opportunities and Policy Options”

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 Poonosamy, 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

<https://www.uneca.org/eca-events/virtual-high-level-policy-dialogue-southern-africa-56th-session-uneca-conference-african-ministers>

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