



10th Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa (CCDA-X)

Theme: Just Transitions in Africa: Transforming Dialogue into Action

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Pre-Event Concept Note

Event Title	Locally Led climate Adaptation Finance in Africa-African Voice on Adaptation Finance challenges and opportunities for scaling up mobilisation
Event Date & Time	25.10.2022 TBC
Room	TBC
Online Link	TBC
Event Sponsor	African GCF NDAs Network (AfDAN)
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Summary

This side event will interrogate and highlight challenges and opportunities African countries are facing in accessing adaptation finance to support locally led adaptations actions at local level. It will analyse the roles of key actors in adaption climate finance value chain (governments, ministries, development partners, NDAs/Focal Points, private sector and civil society's) role in the "New African Climate Finance Paradigm Belt" aimed at accelerating climate adaptation finance mobilisation in scale, predictable and sustainable manner for enhancing just transition to adapt and resilient green-blue economy in Africa and ensure no one is left behind in terms of governance and benefits sharing vertically and horizontally at the local level. The event will brings together leaders from governments, think tanks, civil society, academia, and the private sector to elucidate, engage and come up with a solid framework for faster mobilisation and deployment of climate resources at scale and universally among African Countries.

Background

There is an urgent need for African countries to come together to learn from each other in to access climate finance and the strengthening of the network is timely and welcomed. Currently there are concerns that many African countries especially members of LDCs, especially small island state which are highly vulnerable to climate change and are increasingly

to facing challenges in accessing Climate finance from financing mechanisms such as GCF, AF, GEF etc. This event organised by AfDAN, is very important, as it would champion the continental agenda of enhanced access to climate finance from various sources. African countries are not at the same level in terms of preparedness for accessing adaptation finance, hence, sharing ideas on removing challenges in accessing climate finance is urgent. At the country level, there are countries where the GCF-NDAs/ focal points are domiciled at different ministries with the UNFCCC focal points, thereby creating challenges in effective coordination, access, and communication, hence the need for a Knowledge Sharing Platform.

In 2018, Kenya convened a few countries alongside Bonn SABSSTA which led to a series of meetings, reflections, and search for solutions to establish an African climate finance narrative of Africa most affected must have ease of access to climate finance for a just transition. In November 2022, the twenty Seventh UN Climate Change Conference of Parties (COP 27) will return to Africa offering the continent an opportunity to use collective power to secure a great deal for the continent. The Glasgow Climate Pact signed at COP26 failed to deliver on many critical issues for Africa, but it also offered several opportunities to work toward an African-focused COP27 in Egypt. The shared voice during the side event, will no doubt translate into a collective power that will contribute to ease of access and enhanced mobilisation of resources for Africa. The event will expand coherence of African climate finance positions with needs and priority actions that are Locally Led by African Countries (LoLAC) with targeted support from the development partners to increase the climate adaptation finance ease of access, availability and sustainably.

Objectives

- a. Enable African countries showcase implementation efforts, challenges, and opportunities
- b. Drive ambitious implementation of the Paris Agreement through Financing Locally Led Climate Adaptation Actions (FLLoCA)
- c. Highlight the role of Africa GCF NDAs Network in supporting Africa countries efforts to accelerate mobilization and ease of access to climate finances
- d. Enable peer-peer learning, south-south-north exchange through sharing of experiences and best practices
- e. Advocate for new channels for climate adaptation finance for Africa

Format

- *Panel discussion.* PACJA, AfDAN, and SEI will convene a two-hour panel of leading voices on climate finance to share insights and perspectives
- *Plenary debate.* Physical and online participants will contribute to strong voice, key actions, and clear road map for ease of access to climate finance, increased finance ambition and fulfilling USD 100 billion per year by 2020 and fast track a new quantifiable finance target for just transition.

Speakers

<p>Peter Odhengo Co-Convenor of AfDAN and Director and Founder Greening Kenya Initiative Trust</p>	<p>Welcoming Remarks and Role of AfDAN in championing and creating a universal voice of enhanced finance mobilization for accelerated just transition in Africa</p>
<p>Amb. Seyn Nafu Co-Convenor and Team Leader Africa Adaptation Initiative</p>	<p>Mechanisms through which African continent can leapfrog huddles to fast track a just transition for all by 2030</p>
<p>Dr. Chris Kiptoo (Ph.D.) Principal Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Kenya</p>	<p>High Level Keynote Remarks (tbc)</p>
<p>Augustine B Njamnshi <i>Chair, Political and Technical Affairs Committee (PACJA), Coordinator (ACSEA)</i></p> <p>Marlene Achoki Care International</p> <p>Mbaye Diagne, Africa Group Of Negotiators</p> <p>Martha Bekele, Development Initiative</p>	<p><i>Enhanced financing as a mechanism for accelerated just transition by experts in Africa and the Global North</i></p> <p><i>The role of Civil society organisations on championing increased access to climate finance of a Just transition</i></p>
<p>Bob Natifu Uganda UNFCCC Focal Point Mulumeh Hedeto Ethiopia (tbc) Ms. Keineetse Lepekoane (tbc) Ministry of Finance and Economic Development</p>	<p>Moderator and Scene-Setter <i>Access to Finance in Africa opportunities and challenges</i></p>

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