

**Proposed programme of work for
“Towards COP27: African Regional Forum on Climate Initiatives to Finance
Climate Action and the SDGs”**

Day 1: 2nd August 2022

Opening segment (1 hour 30 minutes): 0900-1030hrs

Welcoming remarks

Moderator: Ambassador Dr. Mohamed Gad Egypt's Ambassador to Ethiopia and its Permanent Representative to the African Union

Welcoming remarks (5 mins each)

Dr. Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (confirmed)

Statements

- H.E Mr. Sameh Shoukry Egyptian Minister for Foreign Affairs and COP27 President Designate (pre-recorded video)
- H.E Mr. Ahmed Shide, Minister of Finance of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.
- H.E Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, UN Climate Change High-Level Champion for COP27 and UN Special Envoy on Financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (confirmed)/ in-person
- H.E Dr. Ephraim Shitima, Chair of the African Group of Negotiators (confirmed)/ In Person)
- Dr. Monique Nsanzabaganwa the Deputy Chairperson (DCP) for the African Union Co.
- Mark Carney, Co-Chair, Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero, UN Special Envoy for Climate Action (Pre-recorded video)

Keynote remarks (7 minutes):

- H.E Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations

Break (30 mins)

1100hrs- 1230hrs- *Panel 1- Financial vehicles for Just transition finance*

Key themes- just transition/ mobilization of new financial resources/ enhancing access to climate finance/ the use of de-risking tools/ Green bonds to finance infrastructure/ Deployment of blended finance

Lunch Break

1400hrs 1530hrs- Round Tables

Round Tables Guidelines

Format for each round table (90 minutes)¹:

- i) Presentation of 'headline' projects (30 mins)*
- ii) Discussion on enabling factors (25 minutes)*
- iii) Response and questions from potential financing partners (30 minutes)*
- iv) Conclusions and the Way Ahead (5 mins)*

Round Table 1

Energy Access, Security, Stability, Just Energy Transition and Transport

Round Table 2

Food Security and Climate Smart Agriculture, and Land Restoration,
Adaptation and Building Resilience and Ecosystem Based Approaches

¹ *Some round tables will be held in parallel*

Day 2: 3rd August 2022

0900- 1030- Panel on Upscaling investment in adaptation, in ecosystem based approaches and disaster risk reduction Loss and damage (45 mins)

Key themes: ecosystem based approaches, debt for climate adaptation swaps, carbon credit markets, risk insurance

Break

1100-1230 Round Tables

Round Table 3

Digital transformations:

Round Table 4

The development of African Carbon credit markets

Lunch Break

1400-1530 Round Tables

Round Table 5

The Blue Economy

Round Table 6

Water and Cities

Day 3: 4th August 2022

0900-1100 Panel

Profiling and matchmaking Winning Green Businesses/social enterprises in Africa who have a proven track record on the continent, who want to and are ready to scale, and are seeking investment

Break 30 mins

1130-1300 Private Sector Networking Sessions

Key Themes: Closing the gap: addressing bankability and ESG criteria

Lunch break

1430-1630 Plenary

1430-1500 Egypt's COP27 Presidency Africa-focused initiatives

1500-1630 The development of African climate finance infrastructure

Break 30 mins

1700 -1800 Closing Session

Call for Action:

- Interventions from COP27 President
- Interventions from GFANZ
- Interventions from ANCA
- Interventions from African Group of Negotiators
- Interventions from African Union Commission
- Interventions from the UN Climate Change High-Level Champions



UN Climate Change High-Level Champions

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