

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

**Day 1: 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022**

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

Welcoming remarks

- Dr. Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

Statements

- H.E Mr. Sameh Shoukry Egyptian Minister for Foreign Affairs and COP27 President Designate
- H.E Mr. Ahmed Shide, Minister of Finance of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.
- H.E Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, Climate Champion
- H.E Dr. Ephraim Shitima, Chair of the African Group of Negotiators
- Dr. Monique Nsanzabaganwa the Deputy Chairperson (DCP) for the African Union Commission
- GFANZ Representative

Keynote remarks (7 minutes):

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

***Break (15 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 1700hrs- Round Tables**

Format for each round table (2 hours)<sup>1</sup>:

- i) Presentation of 'headline' projects (50 mins)
- ii) Discussion on enabling factors (30 minutes)
- iii) Response and questions from potential financing partners (30 minutes)
- iv) Conclusions and the Way Ahead (10 mins)

**Round Table 1**

Energy access, security, stability , and 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

**Day 2: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

**1100-1300 Round Tables**

**Round Table 3**

Digital transformations:

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<sup>1</sup> Some round tables will be held in parallel

***Round Table 4***

The development of African Carbon credit markets

***Lunch Break***

**1400-1800    Round Tables**

***Round Table 5***

The Blue Economy

***Round Table 6***

Water and Cities

**Day 3: 4<sup>th</sup> 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