

## Speaker Briefing: Towards COP27: African Regional Forum on Climate Initiatives to Finance Climate Action and the SDGs

Your session title: **ROUNDTABLE 1: Energy Access, Security, Stability, Just Energy Transition and Transport**

### Session logistics:

- **When:** 2nd August, 2pm-3:30pm (local time - GMT+3, Ethiopia)
- **Where:** virtual and in-person (at United Nations Conference Centre, UNECA complex, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia - room to be confirmed on site).
- **Virtual speaker dial-in:** you will be sent a zoom link and be made a panellist.
- **Session format:** presentations of three projects and panel discussion.

### Additional information:

- **Full event agenda:** [here](#)
- **Event page:** <https://tinyurl.com/2md5yvfu>
- **Useful information for in-person speakers:**  
<https://www.uneca.org/united-nations-conference-centre-addis-ababa-uncc-aa/information-participants>

### Preparation before your session

- **Please register** for the event and you are welcome to listen to other sessions:
  - In-person:  
<https://www.uneca.org/content/self-sponsored-participant-registration>
  - Virtual:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlvd-qppzwtH9DIgD4X812pFsQuZ5pt6SOOf>
- **Pre-reading:** we will provide you with information on the projects that will be presented at the session in advance and request you familiarise yourself with this.
- **Speaker briefing call:** Speaker briefing call is scheduled for 11am 29/07/2022, but please do contact your session contact points with questions.

### Purpose of the regional forums:

- Your session is part of a three-day Africa regional forum, which is part of a regional forum series we are running in the lead up to COP27.
- The forums aim to bring together policymakers and the private sector, particularly private finance, and broader stakeholders to work together more closely on scaling-up capital to emerging markets and developing economies.

- The forums have a particular focus on projects rooted in regional priorities and a compendium of projects will be available at COP27.
- The target audience for the forums and your session include public and private financial institutions, asset owners, asset managers, banks, insurers, development banks, governments and policymakers, private enterprises and innovators seeking funding. The audience includes financial institutions in the Race to Zero and the Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero.

#### **Your session objectives:**

- This session aims to inspire the target audience to accelerate financing of suitable projects in Africa, with a focus on energy access, security, stability, just energy transition and transport.
- It will include an exchange on the need for financing of these areas and share examples of potential projects for the continent.
- It will also unpack key challenges that new initiatives/projects and financiers face and how these can be overcome.

#### **Session speakers:**

Moderator:

SE4All /Glenn Pearce-Oroz, Director International relations and special projects

Project presentations:

Dr. Kamugisha Kazaura, Director Infrastructure and Energy of the African Union Commission (in-person)

Mr. Amine Idriss Adoum, Director Implementation and Programme coordination (AUDA-NEPAD) - (virtual)

Response leads:

Dr Dalia Abdelkader, Chief Sustainability Officer, CIB (virtual)

Annika Brouwer, Sustainability Specialist, Ninety One (virtual)

Sophie Odupoy, KOKO Networks (virtual)

Mr fortune Mojapelo Bushveld Minerals (virtual)

#### **Session contact points (for questions on the session):**

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#### **Content - background for your session:**

- UNECA's recent analysis has identified major public finance gaps in investments in Africa due to competing demands for limited public resources. This gap can be covered by private sector investments which can be leveraged using innovative blended finance models.
- Current actions to combat energy poverty and ensure energy justice fall short. It is therefore urgent and critical that private sector investments in clean energy (and indeed climate action) are scaled up and accelerated. The private sector also has a

key role to play in deploying low-carbon infrastructure and new technologies that meet Africa's access goals for both large-scale on grid projects but also innovations that reach the last mile.

- With public finance solely being woefully inadequate, innovative financial instruments will be the key to unlocking finance on these topics on the continent.

**Session flow (90 minutes in total, with 5 minute buffer time)**

Section and timing	Session chair	Speaker	Suggested content
Welcome and Introduction 10 minutes	SE4All /Glenn Pearce-Oroz, Director International relations and special projects	-	Introduction to speakers. Session background and purpose.
Project presentations			
Project presentation 10 minutes	The session chair will introduce the presenter, pass to them to present pass to the presenter and may ask a quick follow-up question after the presentation.	Dr. Kamugisha Kazaura, Director Infrastructure and Energy of the African Union Commission (in person)	Fund rationale and key information.
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[Buffer time] 5 minutes			
Response leads:			
5 minutes	Session chair will ask Dr Dalia: What work do you have underway in developing countries/Africa/this theme? What are your initial reflections on the projects? What do you look for in suitable investments?	Dr Dalia Abdelkader, Chief Sustainability Officer, CIB (virtual)	Brief background on your firm and work in the area; reflections on the projects - theme/suitability; and what you look for in suitable projects and investments.
5 minutes	Session chair will ask Annika: What work do you have underway in developing countries/Africa/this theme? What are your initial reflections on the projects? What do you look for in suitable investments?	Annika Brouwer, Sustainability Specialist, Ninety One (virtual)	
5 minutes	Session chair will ask Sophie: What work do you have underway in	Sophie Odupoy, KOKO Networks (virtual)	Brief background on KOKO Networks, reflections on the recently signed \$25M investment

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	Session chair will ask fortune: What work do you have underway in developing countries/Africa/this theme? What are your initial reflections on the projects? What do you look for in suitable investments?	Mr fortune Mojapelo Bushveld Minerals (virtual)	
Buffer time 5 minutes			
Questions for all speakers/moderated audience Q&A  20 minutes	The session chair could ask each presenter/response lead: <i>What is needed to get these potential projects over the line to financiers? What do you (project presenters) need from financiers? Who needs to take what action towards COP27 and beyond?</i>	Attendees	[Not scripted]
Wrap-up conclusion  5 minutes	The session chair will highlight key takeaways and call to action for next steps. Please highlight that a	5 minutes	

	compendium of projects will be released towards COP27.		
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