

## Third Africa Climate Talks

Climate change and development in Africa: African perspectives on climate-resilient recovery from COVID-19

**Second session<sup>1</sup>**

*Climate change, COVID-19 and development in Africa and its small island developing States (SIDS) – from vulnerability to building resilience*

17 and 18 May 2021

10 a.m.–1 p.m. (GMT-1, Praia time)

2–5 p.m. (GMT+3, Addis Ababa time)

### Programme

Time	Description
<b>Day 1: 17 May 2021 (Times are Praia local time)</b>	
<b>10–10.15 a.m.</b>	<p><b>Session 1: Welcome and opening statements</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: James Murombedzi, Officer-in-Charge, Africa Climate Policy Centre (ACPC), Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judite de Nascimento, Chancellor, University of Cabo Verde</li> <li>Jean-Paul Adam, Director, Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resource Management Division, ECA</li> </ul>
<b>10.15–11.00 a.m.</b>	<p><b>Session 2: Riding the combined climate, COVID-19 and economic storm: regional and global perspectives</b></p> <p><i>Chair: James Kinyangi, ClimDev-Africa Special Fund Coordinator, African Development Bank</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Linus Mofor, Senior Climate Change and Energy Expert, ACPC, ECA</i></p>

<sup>1</sup> For the second session of the Third Africa Climate Talks, interpretation will be available in English, French and Portuguese.



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	<p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stuart Mangold, Technical Representative, African Ministerial Conference on the Environment</li> <li>• Viriato Cassama, Minister of Environment and Biodiversity, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)-designated national authority of Guinea Bissau</li> <li>• Giza Gaspar Martins, National Director of Environment, UNFCCC-designated national authority of Angola</li> <li>• Alexandre Nevsky, National Director of Environment, UNFCCC-designated national authority of Cabo Verde</li> <li>• Augustin Ngenzirabona, Director General, Geographical Institute of Burundi and UNFCCC focal point for Burundi</li> <li>• Joseph Intsiful, Senior Climate Information and Early Warning Systems Specialist, Green Climate Fund</li> <li>• Yaya Bangoura, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) focal point and UNFCCC alternate for Guinea</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
11.00–11.05 a.m.	<i>Health break</i>
11.05 a.m.–12.10 p.m.	<p><b>Session 3: First climate change. Now COVID-19. The North-South divide continues. What then for Africa? What expectations from the twenty-sixth Conference of the Parties to UNFCCC (COP 26)?</b></p> <p><i><b>Chair:</b> Leah Naess Wanambwa, Senior Policy Officer, African Union Commission</i></p> <p><i><b>Moderator:</b> James Murombedzi, Officer in Charge, ACPC, ECA</i></p> <p><b>Voices from the frontline - Panel 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mithika Mwenda, Executive Director, Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance</li> <li>• Wills Agricole, Principal Secretary for Climate Change and Energy, SIDS Climate Commission</li> <li>• Maria da Luz Lima, President, Cabo Verde National Institute of Public Health</li> <li>• Saliem Fakir, Executive Director, Africa Climate Foundation</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abel Musumali, CEO/Founder, Eastern and Southern Africa Youth Climate Change Alliance</li> <li>• Nisreen Elsaid, Chair, Sudan Youth Organization for Climate Change</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
<p><b>12.10–12.55 p.m.</b></p>	<p><i><b>Chair:</b> Jolly Wasambo, Programme Coordinator, African Union Commission</i></p> <p><i><b>Moderator:</b> George Wamukoya, Team Leader, African Group of Negotiators Experts Support</i></p> <p><b>Voices from the frontline - Panel 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ousseni Anrifiddine, National Parks Agency of the Comoros</li> <li>• Chinma George, CEO, Climfinance Consulting</li> <li>• Paul Holthus, CEO, World Ocean Council</li> <li>• Kouassivi Bougonou Djeri-Alassani, Head of Division, Water Governance and Policies, Economic Community of West African States</li> <li>• Raphael Stefano, Co-Founder, SYAH Rodrigues</li> <li>• Satish Kumar Belliethathan, Lecturer, Centre for Environmental Sciences, Addis Ababa University</li> <li>• Divine Ntiokam, CEO and Founder, Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
<p><b>12.50–1 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Day one wrap-up</b></p> <p>Antonio Palazuelos Prieto, Consultant, ACPC, ECA</p>

**Day 2: 18 May 2021**

<p><b>10-10.45 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Session 4: From vulnerability to resilience through the green/blue economy. What will it take? Challenges and opportunities for Africa, especially for African SIDS and coastal economies</b></p> <p><i>Chair: Isaurinda Baptista, Dean, School of Agrarian and Environmental Sciences, University of Cabo Verde</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Mahamadou Nassirou Ba, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECA</i></p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Osvaldina Silva, Vice-Chancellor, Technical University of the Atlantic</li> <li>• Miguel Belló Mora, CEO, Atlantic International Research Centre</li> <li>• Chris. Kiptoo, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Kenya</li> <li>• Gatkuoth Kai, Technical Coordinator, African Union Commission</li> <li>• Amos Makarau, Director, Regional Office for Africa, World Meteorological Organization</li> <li>• Gina Bonne, Officer in Charge, Indian Ocean Commission</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
<p><b>10.45–11.30 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Session 5: Breakout sessions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What should Africa seek to leverage from COP26, and how can that be done?</li> </ul> <p><i>Moderator: Comlan Médard Ouinakonhan, Director of Climate Change Management and UNFCCC focal point, General Directorate of Environment and Climate of Benin</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Africa’s voice and agency in the global climate governance and geopolitical landscape – lessons from Africa’s journey in the UNFCCC process during the time of COVID-19 and beyond</li> </ul> <p><i>Moderator: David Lesolle, Lecturer, University of Botswana</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building resilience: innovative ideas for African solutions to Africa’s climate and recovery challenges</li> </ul>

	<p><i><b>Moderator:</b> Tabi Joda, Founder, GreenAid</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One for all, and all for one. What constitutes climate justice and a just recovery/transition for Africa?</li> </ul> <p><i><b>Moderator:</b> McLay Kanyangarara, Climate Change Adviser, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tapping the green/blue economy for African SIDS and coastal economies: challenges and opportunities beyond COVID-19</li> </ul> <p><i><b>Moderator:</b> José Luiz Onofre, UNFCCC focal point for Sao Tome and Príncipe</i></p>
<p><b>11.30–11.35 a.m.</b></p>	<p><i><b>Health break</b></i></p>
<p><b>11.35 a.m.–12.15 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Session 6: Reports from the breakout sessions</b></p> <p><i><b>Moderator:</b> Ailton Gomes Moreira, Professor and Researcher, University of Cabo Verde (TBC)</i></p> <p><b>Discussants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ulisses Cruz, Environmental Engineer, SYAH Cabo Verde</li> <li>• Mika Odido, Coordinator for Africa, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization</li> <li>• Simplicie Tchinda Tazo, Expert Chair, African Ministerial Conference on Meteorology</li> <li>• Bruk Tekie, Consultant</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
<p><b>12.15–12.25 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Session 7: Reflections on key messages from the second session of the Third Africa Climate Talks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ulla Andrén, Head of Regional Development Cooperation in Sub-Saharan Africa, Embassy of Sweden in Ethiopia</li> <li>• Paul Desanker, Manager, UNFCCC</li> <li>• Philip Osano, Director, Africa Centre, Stockholm Environment Institute</li> </ul>

<b>12.25–12.40 p.m.</b>	<b>Session 7: Closing statements</b> <i>Moderator: James Murombedzi, Officer-in-Charge, ACPC, ECA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Isaurinda Baptista, Dean, School of Agrarian and Environmental Sciences, University of Cabo Verde</li><li>• Jean-Paul Adam, Director, Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resource Management Division, ECA</li><li>• Gilson de Pina, National Director of Planning, Ministry of Finance of Cabo Verde</li></ul>
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