

The Africa Climate Resilient Investment Facility (AFRI-RES) – Partnerships for tools and capacities to integrate climate resilience in investments for the SDGs

Proposed side event, 8th session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

Online (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88216430674>)

14:00 – 15:30 (Kigali Time), 28 February 2022

Organizers: ECA/ACPC, World Bank, AUC, AfDB, Nordic Development Fund

Draft Concept Note

Context

The African Climate Policy Centre (ACPC) of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), in collaboration with the World Bank, the African Union Commission, and the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the Nordic Development Fund are proposing a side event at the 8th session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development on the topic of “*AFRI-RES: Partnerships for tools and capacities to integrate climate resilience in investments for the SDGs*”.

African economies depend strongly on climate sensitive sectors – agriculture, water, ecosystems and energy. There are huge investments gaps in these sectors that must be closed urgently if the continent must meet the objectives of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the African Union’s Agenda 2063. Under the current climate crisis, it is urgent to ensure that these investments are climate resilient. This requires strong human and institutional support

Objective

The side event will highlight outcomes of regional and international partnerships in developing the tools and capacity building programme of the AFRI-RES partnership to support member States with the integration of climate resilience in investments in key sectors – agriculture, energy, water, transport, ecosystems, and cities.

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Programme

Time (Kigali Time)	Description
Moderator:	Linus Mofor , Senior Environmental Affairs Officer, African Climate Policy Centre, ECA
14:00 – 14:10	<p>Welcome and opening statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Jean-Paul Adam, Director, Climate Change and Natural Resources Management, ECA • Ms Kanta Kumari Rigauld, Regional Climate Change Coordinator, Africa Region, Environment & Natural Resources, World Bank (tbc)
14:10 – 14:30	<p>Setting the scene: Prof Ken Strzepek, Industrial Economics, Inc</p> <p>Introducing the AFRI-RES Tools and Capacity Development Programme</p>
14:30 – 15:20	<p>Panel discussion</p> <p>Mr Aage Jorgensen, Program Manager, Nordic Development Fund</p> <p>Mr Hisham Osman, Environmental Specialist, Africa Region, Environment & Natural Resources</p> <p>Prof Anthony Nyong, Regional Director, Africa, Global Center on Adaptation (tbc)</p> <p>Ms Maimuna Nalubega, Acting Coordinator, African Water Facility (tbc)</p> <p>Ms Romy Chevallier, Senior Researcher, South African Institute for International Affairs (SAIIA)</p> <p>Mr. Markus Repnik, Director, Systematic Observations Finance Facility (the SOFF), WMO (tbc)</p> <p>Mr Kwame Ababio, Senior Programme Officer, AUDA-NEPAD</p> <p>Pannellists will share experiences of various tools and capacity development programmes aimed at supporting African countries to build resilience to adapt to the increasing impacts of climate change on the continent. The will discuss how effective synergies and partnerships between the various programmes and tools could be optimised for efficient use of resources and highest impact for member states.</p>
15:20 – 15:30	<p>Closing remarks and next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Harsen Nyambe, Director, Sustainable Environment and Blue Economy, AUC (tbc) - Mr Al Hamndou Dorsouma, Director, Climate Change and Green Growth, African Development Bank (tbc) - Mr Linus Mofor, Senior Environmental Affairs Officer, African Climate Policy Centre, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa