

13th Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa (CCDA-XIII)

Theme: Empowering Africa's Climate Action with Science, Finance, and Justice

Date: 5–7 September 2025

Adwa Victory Memorial Museum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

DAY 1: 05 September 2025		
Time	Programme	Responsibility
08:00 – 09:00	Registration	
<i>PART I: OPENING AND SETTING THE SCENE</i>		
09:00 – 10:00	<p><i>Session 1: Opening ceremony</i></p> <p><i>Welcome remarks:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benedict O. Oramah, President, Afreximbank (recorded) Anthony Nyong, Director, Climate Change and Green Growth, African Development Bank (AfDB) Claver Gatete, UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) Moses Vilakati, Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy, and Sustainable Environment, African Union Commission (AUC) <p><i>Partner statements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Richard Muyungi, African Group of Negotiators (AGN) Chair Mwenda Mithika, Executive Director, Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) <p><i>Official opening:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fitsum Assefa, Minister of Planning and Development, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia 	<p><i>Master of Ceremony</i></p> <p>Harsen Nyambe, Director, ARBE - AUC</p>
10:00 – 10:30	Group photo, coffee and tea	

10:30 – 12:00	<p>Session 2: 5th Obasi Memorial Lecture: African perspectives on multilateral climate governance: gaps in effectiveness, coordination, and accountability</p> <p><i>Presenter: Seth Osafo, AGN</i></p> <p>Respondent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yemi Katerere, Independent Environmental and Policy Expert, African Civil Society Biodiversity Alliance (p) <p><i>Discussion</i></p>	<p>Moderator</p> <p>James Murombedzi, Coordinator, African Climate Policy Centre, UNECA</p>
PART II: CLIMATE POLICY, GOVERNANCE, AND INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY		
12:00 – 13:30	<p>Session 3:</p> <p><i>The First Global Stocktake (GST-1): Implications for Africa's NDC3.0</i></p> <p><i>Presenter: Yaw Osafo, AGN</i></p> <p><i>Quantifying risk for climate action: Advancing climate risk assessment to quantify loss and damage and strengthen Africa's NDCs</i></p> <p><i>Presenter: Cromwel Lukorito, IPCC Co-Chair, Working Group II</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rose Mwebaza, UNEP Regional Office for Africa (ROA) Joseph Intsiful, Green Climate Fund (GCF) Daisy Mukarakate, UNDP Obed Koringo, CARE International Abderrahmane Sidi El Moctar, Negotiator, Mauritania <p><i>Discussion</i></p>	<p>Moderator</p> <p>Linus Mofor, UNICEF</p>
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch Break	Organizing team
14:30 – 15:45	<p>Session 4: Effective approaches for tackling climate risk in Africa</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ibrahima Cheikh Diong, Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD) 	<p>Moderator</p> <p>James Kinyangi, AfDB</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean Chrysostome Ngabitsinze, Africa Risk Capacity • Julius Ngoma, Civil Society Network on Climate Change (CISONECC), Malawi • Shitaye Astawes, African Disability Forum • Rebecca Julienne, Seychelles • Andrew Mude, AfDB <p><i>Discussion</i></p>	
15:45 – 16:15	Coffee/Tea break	Organizing team
PART III: FINANCING CLIMATE ACTION		
16:15 – 17:30	<p><i>Session 5: Mobilizing public and private finance for the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) on climate finance</i></p> <p><i>Presenter: Martha Bekele, DevTransform</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julius Mbatia Karanja, ACT Alliance • Paulin Basinga, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Africa Office • Alick Muvundika, AGN • Grace Ayele, Republic of Congo <p><i>Discussion</i></p>	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Edith Adera AfDB</p>

DAY 2: 06 September 2025		
Time	Programme	Responsibility
09:00 – 09:15	<i>Session 6:</i> Key messages from day one	<i>Chief rapporteur</i>
09:15 – 10:30	<p><i>Session 7: From aid to ownership: Catalyzing African-led investment for climate solutions</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edith Adera, AfDB • Eugene N. Nforngwa, Africa Coalition for Sustainable Energy and Access (ACSEA) 	<p>Moderator</p> <p>Kwame Ababio, African Union Development</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Asmany Asfour, Alliance of Private SectorCharles Mwangi, PACJAJulius Kamau, Director, Climate Change and Energy, Equity BankMartha Bekele, Development Transform <p>Discussion</p>	Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee/Tea break	
PART IV: ADAPTATION, RESILIENCE AND LOSS AND DAMAGE		
11:00 – 12:15	<p>Session 8: Adapting for stability: Linking climate adaptation to peace, security, and migration management in fragile contexts</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Johnson Nkem, UNDP/ UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)Solomon Ayele Dersso, Amani AfricaMekuria Argaw Denboba, Horn of Africa Regional Environment Centre and Network, Addis Ababa University (HoA-REC&N-AAU)AUC (peace and security)AfDB (Fragile states) <p>Discussion</p>	<p>Moderator</p> <p>Tendai Kasinganeti, United Nations Office to the African Union (UNOAU)</p>
12:15 – 13:30	<p>Session 9: Sustainable solutions: Scaling up nature-based and technology-enabled solutions for climate adaptation, resilience and biodiversity protection</p> <p><i>Field-Proven Ecosystem-Based Adaptation in Africa: Lessons from ALBATROSS and Global Reflections on Scaling Climate Adaptation</i></p> <p><i>Presenter: Soichiro Yasukawa, Chief of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Unit, UNESCO</i></p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Yemi Katerere, African Civil Society Biodiversity AllianceJames Kinyangi, ClimDev-Africa Special Fund, AfDBFaith Ngige, Kenya Platform for Climate GovernanceJuliet Nangamba Luo, Akina Mama wa AfricaTheletso Mpholle, Young Negotiator, Kingdom of Lesotho/theletsampholle@gmail.com	<p>Moderator</p> <p>Satish Kumar Belliethathan, The Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union (NABU)</p>

	<i>Discussion</i>	
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30 – 15:45	<p><i>Session 10: Africa's green future: Powering inclusive energy access and just transition pathways</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haruna Kachalla Gubja, GIZ Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP) • Eugene N. Nforngwa, Africa Coalition for Sustainable Energy and Access (ACSEA) • Nsama Chikwanka, Publish what You Pay, Zambia • Guido Nunes-Mujica, Anthropocene Institute • Fatima Denton, Director, United Nations University, Institute for Natural Resources in Africa (UNU-INRA) • Marit Kitaw, UNECA <p><i>Discussion</i></p>	<p><i>Moderator</i></p> <p>Robert Lisinge, UNECA</p>
15:45 – 16:15	<i>Coffee/Tea break</i>	
16:15 – 17:30	<p><i>Session 11: Climate change and health "Reclaiming the Climate-Health Nexus: Securing Human Wellbeing Through Integrated, Just, and Resilient Systems in Africa"</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yonas Atella, Africa Research & Impact Network • Caroline Muthoni, PS Health, Kenya • Martin Muchangi, AMREF • <i>AfDB (TBC)</i> 	<p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <p>Lilian Khalai Mulaa, NSA Climate & Health Cluster</p>

DAY 3: 07 September 2025		
Time	Programme	Responsibility
09:00 – 09:15	Session 12: Key messages from day two	Chief rapporteur
PART V: KEY MESSAGES FOR GLOBAL CLIMATE GOVERNANCE		
9:15 – 10:30	<p>Session 13: Africa's Common Position for COP30</p> <p><i>Presenter: Richard Muyungi, AGN Chair</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCQG (AGN) • Kulthoum Omari, Africa Adaptation Initiative (AAI) • Charles Mwangi, PACJA <p><i>Discussion</i></p>	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Cosmas Milton Obote Ochieng, UNECA</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee/Tea break	
11:00– 12:00	<p>Session 14: Outcome statement and key messages</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>	<p>Moderator</p> <p>James Murombedzi, UNECA</p>
PART VII: CLOSING		
12:00 – 13:00	<p>Session 15: Closing statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Augustine Njamnshi, Pan-Africa Climate Justice Alliance • Afreximbank • Alex Mubiru, African Development Bank • Hanan Morsy, UNECA • Harsen Nyambe, African Union Commission • Mekonnen Seyoum, State Minister of Planning & Development Ministry, Ethiopia 	<p>Moderator</p> <p>AUC</p>
13:00	Lunch	

