



GCF Regional Dialogue with Africa

"Towards a Resilient Africa: Advancing Regional
Solutions for Climate Action, Sustainable Growth and
Inclusive Development"

Agenda

Dates: 29 September – 1 October 2025

Location: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Venue: United Nations Conference Center (access from Gate 2)

DAY 1 – MONDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2025

SETTING THE SCENE

Time	Topic
08:45–09:15	REGISTRATION & NETWORKING
09:15–09:45	OPENING SESSION Venue: Conference Room 2 Moderator: Mr. Sudhansu Sarronwala, Director of Communications, GCF GCF.10 Introduction Video Welcoming remarks: H.E. Mr. Seyoum Mekonnen, State Minister, Ministry of Planning and Development, Ethiopia Opening remarks: Ms. Catherine Koffman, Director of the Africa Region, GCF
09:45–10:45	SESSION 1.1: NEW GCF (reforms/regionalization/efficient GCF) Moderator: Mr. Sudhansu Sarronwala, Director of Communications, GCF Speakers: - Ms. Catherine Koffman, Director of the Africa Region, GCF - Mr. Seyni Nafo, Co-Chair, GCF Board
10:45–11:15	GROUP PHOTO, COFFEE BREAK
11:15–12:00	SESSION 1.2: High-Level Roundtable Session (African Ambassadors and Champions for GCF) Moderator: Mr. Andrew McElroy, Media Senior Specialist, GCF Keynote address: Mr. Seyni Nafo, Co-chair, GCF Board Speakers: - AU-Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Development - The Great Green Wall - Atlantic SIDS Representative
12:00–12:45	SESSION 1.3: Investment Platforms: Greening the Africa Free Trade Area: Pathways to Sustainable Trade and Development and AGII Moderator: [name, title] Speakers: - Mr. Frédéric Perron-Welch, Trade and Environment Policy Expert, UNECA - Mr. Shakil Beedassy, GCF Coordinator, AfDB - Ms. Roslyn Ngono, AfTCA Senior Investment Specialist
13:00–14:30	LUNCH
14:30–15:30	SESSION 1.4: Harnessing Synergies for a Climate-Resilient and Equitable African Economy (Infra/Urban/Transport/Energy) Moderator: Mr. Mihir Sorti, Senior Sustainable Mobility Specialist, Africa region, GCF Speakers: - Mr. Jitu Soni, Climate Parliamentarians Network, Tanzania - Mr. Billy Katontoka, national Coordinator, Ministry of Green Economy & Environment, Zambia - Mr. Stanley Kinemelo, Manager, Monitoring and Evaluation, CRDB



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15:30–16:00	COFFEE BREAK
16:00–17:15	SESSION 1.5: From Barriers to Breakthroughs: The Role of the Private Sector in Africa's Climate Transformation Moderator: Ms. Ivette Crespo, Climate Investment Specialist, GCF Speakers: • Ms. Mousumi Ganguly, Project Officer, GCF • Ms. Liisa Andersson, Manager – Green Finance Center, Finance in Motion • Mr. Kingsley Adofo-Addo, Head, SME Banking, Commercial Banking Department, Ecobank Ghana
17:15–17:30	WRAP-UP DAY 1: Key takeaways Presenter: Ms. Catherine Koffman, Director of the Africa Region, GCF
18.00–20.00	WELCOMING DINNER RECEPTION BY THE HOST COUNTRY Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel



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DAY 2 – TUESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 –

GCF OPERATIONAL MODALITIES: FACILITATING ACCESS TO CLIMATE FINANCE

Time	Topic
09:00–09:15	Recap Day 1 and objectives of Day 2 Venue: Conference Room 2 Presenter: Mr. Euan Low, Climate Impact Area Lead (Energy and Industry), Africa Region, GCF
SCHEDULED BILATERALS IN DESIGNATED ROOMS	
09:15–10:00	SESSION 2.1: The Revised Readiness Strategy as a Strategic tool for Building Climate Investment Pipeline Moderator: Ms. Chiheny Kangara, Regional Manager, Africa Region, GCF Speakers: • Ms. Lilis Suharti, Finance Management Officer, GCF • Mr. Kingsley Adofo-Addo, Head, SME Banking, Commercial Banking Department, Ecobank Ghana • Mr. Abdulbari Shaeban, Portfolio Management Officer (Readiness), Africa Region, GCF
10:00–11:00	SESSION 2.2: Revised Accreditation Framework Moderator: Mr. Keith Mudadi, Project Officer, Africa Region, GCF Speakers: • Ms. Solongo Khurelbaatar, Accreditation Specialist, GCF • Mr. Euan Low, Climate Impact Area Lead (Energy and Industry), Africa Region, GCF
11:00–11:15	COFFEE BREAK
11:15–12:15	SESSION 2.3: Driving Climate Action for Africa's Agriculture-Ecosystems Nexus Moderator: Mr. Gabriel Boc, Senior Agriculture and Food Security Specialist, Africa Region, GCF Speakers: • Mr. Assan Ng'ombe – Senior Climate and Resilience Specialist, AGRA • Ms. Annie Wakanyi – Director, Global Government Partnerships, One Acre Fund • Mr. Shakil Beedasy – GCF Coordinator, African Development Bank (AfDB) • Ms. Meryem Andaloussi – Head of Environment Science, Agency for Agricultural Development of Morocco • Dr. Moctar Sacande – Senior Forestry Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations
12:15–13:00	SESSION 2.4: Design to Deliver Impact/Results: Concept Note Development process Moderator: Mr. Anil Gupta, Senior Ecosystems Management Specialist, Africa Region, GCF Speakers: • Mr. Kevin Horsburgh, Climate Science Lead, GCF • Mr. Euan Low, Climate Impact Area Lead (Energy and Industry), Africa Region, GCF • Mr. Sean Foden, Senior Program Officer, World Wildlife Fund • Dr. Mandy Barnett, Chief Director, South African National Biodiversity Institute
13:00–14:30	LUNCH Bilateral meetings



14:30–16:00	SESSION 2.5.1: Deep dive: Readiness planning for NDAs Venue: Conference Room 2 Moderator: Mr. Ibrahima Bamba, Regional Manager, Africa Region, GCF Speakers: • Ms. Lilis Suharti, Finance Management Officer • Mr. Abdulbari Shaeban, Portfolio Management Officer (Readiness), GCF • Mr. Abakar Mournou Abdoulaye, Chad NDA • Mr. Gilson Pina, Cabo Verde NDA	SESSION 2.5.2: Environmental and Social Safeguards for high-quality projects Venue: Conference Room 3 Moderator: Mr. Mwansa Lukwesa [title] Speakers: • Mr. Nick Ireland – Director, Climate Change, Save the Children Australia • Mr. Christian Manzi Ministry of Environment, Rwanda Representative
16:00–16:30	COFFEE BREAK	
16:30–17:30	SESSION 2.6.1: Country Platforms Venue: Conference Room 2 Moderator: Mr. Kevin Horsburgh, Climate Science Lead, GCF Speakers: • Ms. Natalia Mrowczynska, Strategy Officer, GCF • Ms. Mahitab Elramal, Manager, Carbon Certificates Marketing Department, Ministry of Environment, Egypt • Mr. Muhammed Sayed, Specialist, Climate & Environment Finance Unit, Development Bank of Southern Africa • Mr. Liban Obsiye, Executive Director, National Climate Fund, Somalia • Ms. Roselyn Ngeno, Senior Investment Specialist, Africa Continental Trade Agreement Secretariat	SESSION 2.6.2: Building Climate-Resilient Health Systems in Africa: Partnerships for Action Venue: Conference Room 3 Moderator: Mr. Patrick Gitonga, Senior Health & Climate Specialist, GCF Speakers: • Mr. Nick Ireland – Director, Climate Change, Save the Children Australia • Ms. Fiona Ward – Headquarters WASH Specialist UNICEF • Mr. Gerishom Gimaiyo, Director of Health, Africa Regional Office, Rockefeller Foundation • Mr. Joseph Ngwachi Wangendo, Senior Technical Officer, Strategy and Partnerships, Africa CDC • Mr. Mark Edington, Head of Grant Management, the Global Fund
17:30–17:45	WRAP-UP DAY 2: Key takeaways Venue: Conference Room 2 Presenter: Mr. Joseph Intsiful, Senior Climate Information and Early Warning Systems Specialist, GCF	



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DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2025

REGIONAL DIALOGUE OUTCOMES

Time	Topic	
09:00–09:15	General Recap (Brief Dialogue overview) Venue: Conference Room 2 Presenter: Mr. Gabriel Boc, Senior Agriculture and Food Security Specialist, GCF	
SCHEDULED BILATERALS IN DESIGNATED ROOMS		
09:15–10:15	SESSION 3.1: Monitoring and Evaluation: MEL Capacity Building Initiative Moderator & Presenter: Mr. Claudios Hakuna, Data Management Specialist, GCF	
10:15–11:00	SESSION 3.2: Catalyzing Regional Climate Solutions: UNECA Partnerships and Pathways for GCF Impact in Africa Moderator: United Nations Economic Commission for Africa [provide names] Speakers: Seychelles, Cabo Verde, Comoros, Guinea Bissau, Mauritius) 1 regional partner or commission (e.g. IOC 1 or 2 ambassadors engaged on ECA and GCF work (e.g. Permanent Reps in Addis)	
11:00–11:15	COFFEE BREAK	
11:15–12:15	NDA SESSION 3.3.1: Enhanced Country-ownership, Direct access and locally-led climate action Venue: Conference Room 2 Moderator: Ms. Ramona Calin, Locally led Climate Action Specialist, GCF Speakers: - Mr. Z. Elijah Whapoe, National Coordinator, Environmental Protection Agency, Liberia - Mr. Peter Odhengo, Senior Policy Advisor, Climate Finance, National Treasury, Kenya - Mr. Shekhu Kanneh, Chief Director, Environment Protection Agency, Sierra Leone - Mrs Khaoula Jaoui, Director, Climate Department, Observatoire du Sahara et du Sahel - Mr. Becquet Polycarpe Bationo, Head of Research and Fundraising, Fonds d ‘Intervention pour l’Environnement - Ms. Saima Nalimanguluke Ashipala, Chief Risk Officer, Development Bank of Namibia	AE SESSION 3.3.2: Tools and techniques for demonstrating climate impact – Theory of Change and Climate Rationale Venue: Conference Room 3 Moderator: Mr. Kevin Horsburgh, Climate Science Lead, GCF Speakers: Development Bank of South Africa (DBSA). b. MoF Ethiopia.



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12:15-13:00	SESSION 3.4.1: How to deal with complaints about GCF projects Moderators: Ms. Olga Vasiliev and Sue Kyung Hwang, IRM, GCF Speakers: • Mr. Kouame Mathieu, ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development • Ms. Kimaren Riamit, Indigenous Livelihoods Enhancement Partners (TBC)	SESSION 3.4.2: Access, Ownership, and Inclusion: Lessons from GCF Evaluations Moderator: Archi Rastogi [title] Speakers: • Dr. Mandy Barnett, Chief Director, South African National Biodiversity Institute • Ms. Baky Buba, REPALEAC Cameroon
13:00-14:30	LUNCH Bilateral meetings	
14:30-15:30	Session 3.5: Funding Tools for Water Projects Venue: Conference Room 2 Moderator: Ms. Mousumi Ganguly, Project Officer, GCF Speakers: • Mr. Harold Mogale, Climate Finance Specialist, Development Bank of South Africa • Representative from Ministry of Finance, Ethiopia • Mr. Kevin Horsburgh, Climate Science Lead, GCF • Ms. Ivette Crespo, Climate Investment Specialist, GCF	
15:30-16:30	Session 3.6: Open Mic (Q&A) Moderator: Mr. Andrew McElroy, Media Senior Specialist, GCF	
16:30-17:00	SESSION 3.7: REGIONAL DIALOGUE CLOSING PLENARY Presentation of GCF Dialogue in Africa Outcomes Presenter: Mr. Sudhansu Sarronwala, Director of Communications, GCF Closing remarks: Ms. Catherine Koffman, Director of the Africa Region, GCF	
17:30-19:30	CLOSING DINNER RECEPTION HOSTED BY GCF Venue: United Nations Conference Center	