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## 6th Africa Climate Talks & SDGs Forum

**Theme: Rethinking financing and ambition for climate action, green growth and development in africa: a justice issue**

7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Speke Resort And Conference Center  
Kampala, Uganda

**Draft Programme**

| Time   | Session  | Session Chair   |
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| <b>Day One (07-04-2025)</b>                    |  |   |
| 08:00-09:00                                    | Registration   |   |
| <b>Session 1: Welcome and Official Opening</b> |  |   |
| 09:00-10:00                                    | <p><b>HIGH LEVEL OPENING STATEMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Mithika Mwenda</b>, Executive Director, Pan African Climate Justice Alliance</li> <li>❖ <b>Etleva Kadilli</b>, Regional Director, Eastern and Southern Africa, UNICEF</li> <li>❖ <b>Kevin Kariuki</b>, Vice President for Power, Energy, Climate and Green Growth, African Development Bank</li> <li>❖ <b>Hanan Morsy</b>, Deputy Executive Secretary (Programme), UNECA</li> <li>❖ <b>Ibrahima Cheikh Diong</b>, Executive Director, Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage</li> <li>❖ <b>Rt Hon Kohou Emile</b>, Parliament of Cote D'Ivoire</li> <li>❖ <b>H.E. Hon. Fortune Z. Charumbira</b>, President, Pan African Parliament</li> <li>❖ <b>H.E. Prof. Benedict Oramah</b>, President and Chairman, Board of Directors, Afrexim Bank</li> <li>❖ <b>H.E. Mr. Moses Vilakati</b>, Commissioner, Agriculture, Rural Development and Blue Economy, African Union Commission</li> <li>❖ <b>Hon. Sam Cheptori</b>, Minister, Ministry of Water and Environment, Republic of Uganda</li> </ul> <p><b>OFFICIAL OPENING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Rt. Hon Anita Annet Among</b>, Speaker of Uganda Parliament</li> </ul> <p><b>STATEMENT FROM PARTNERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Joachim Beijmo</b>, Head of Regional Development Cooperation, Embassy of Sweden, Ethiopia</li> <li>❖ <b>Amb. Javier Nino Perez</b>, EU Delegation, Ethiopia</li> </ul> | <p><b>Session Chair:</b><br/> <b>Harsen Nyambe</b>, Director, Sustainable Environment and Blue Economy, AUC</p> |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>H.E. Ruslan Nasibov</b>, Ambassador of Azerbaijan to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia</li> <li>❖ <b>H.E. Jandyr Ferreira Dos Santos</b>, Ambassador of Brazil to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia</li> </ul>  |   |
| <b>10:00-10:30</b>   | <p><b>PHOTO SESSION</b></p> <p><b>COFFEE BREAK</b></p> <p><b>Press conference – Plenary Room</b></p>  |   |
| <p><b>Session 2: Scenario setting, context analysis, deep-dive into key 2024 highlights, including CCDA XII and COP29 outcomes</b></p> |   |   |
| <b>10:30-11:30</b>   | <p><b>Framing Africa’s Just Transition: From Extractive to Regenerative and Reparative Economic and Climate Action Models</b></p> <p><b>Keynote address</b></p> <p><b>Sarah Ssali</b>, Makerere University, Uganda</p> <hr/> <p><b>Review of recent developments and outcomes (10 minutes each):</b></p> <p><b>Key note presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Richard Muyungi</b>, Chair, African Group of Negotiators (AGN)</li> <li>❖ <b>Augustine Njamnshi</b>, Chair, Technical and Political Affairs, Pan African Climate Justice Alliance</li> <li>❖ <b>James Murombedzi</b>, Coordinator, African Climate Policy Centre, UNECA</li> <li>❖ <del><b>Mwanahamisi Singano</b>, Advisor, Women Environmental Development Organisation</del></li> <li>❖ <b>Jihane Elgaouzi and Stuart Mangold / Alex Benkenstein (TBC)</b> AUC and South Africa G20 - Environment and Climate Sustainability</li> </ul> <p><i>Plenary Discussion</i></p> | <p><b>Hon. Jacqueline Amongin</b>, EALA MP and Chair, African Parliamentarians for Climate Action</p> |
| <p><b>Session 3: From Baku to Belem: opportunities and challenges for Africa</b></p>   |   |   |

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| <p><b>11:30-13:00</b></p> | <p><b>Session 3.a: What will it take for the Global Goal on Adaptation and adaptation finance outcomes of COP29 to work for Africa?</b></p> <p><u>Panel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Kulthoum Omari</b>, Special Advisor, Africa Adaptation Initiative</li> <li>❖ <b>George Wamukoya</b>, Team Leader of Africa Group of Negotiators Experts Support &amp; Lead Negotiator on Agriculture,</li> <li>❖ <b>Nbou Mohammed</b>, Climate Change Advisor, United Cities &amp; Local Governments, Africa</li> <li>❖ <b>Theletsa Mpholle</b>, AU Youth UNFCCC Negotiators</li> <li>❖ <b>Hon Oliver Bamenju</b>, Cameroon Parliament</li> </ul> <p><b>Session 3.b: Perspectives on implications of outcomes and decisions of COP29 on health and NDC 3.0: harnessing social services opportunities to enhance climate ambition</b></p> <p><b>Presentation: Yaw Osafo</b>, AGN Lead Negotiator on GST</p> <p><u>Panel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Githinji Gitahi</b>, CEO-AMREF Health Africa</li> <li>❖ <b>Sidi Moctar</b>, AU Youth UNFCCC Negotiator.</li> <li>❖ <b>Linus Mofor</b>, Regional Adviser, Sustainability &amp; Climate, Eastern and Southern Africa, UNICEF</li> <li>❖ <b>Abu Monday</b>, Climate &amp; Sustainable Devt. Network</li> </ul> <p><i>Plenary Discussion</i></p> | <p><b>Session Chair:</b><br/>Kwame Ababio, AUDA-NEPAD</p> |
| <p><b>13:00-14:00</b></p> | <p><b>Lunch Break</b></p>   |   |
| <p><b>14:00-15:00</b></p> | <p><b>Session 3.c: African solutions to African challenges: Africa Adaptation Acceleration Program (AAP) Partnership Forum VI</b></p> <p><b>High Level Opening remarks:</b><br/><b>Kevin Kariuki</b>, Vice President, Power, Energy, Climate and Green Growth, African Development Bank.</p>  |   |

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|                    | <p><u>Panel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Edith Ofwona Adera</b>, AAAP Coordinator, African Development Bank.</li> <li>❖ <b>James Murombedzi</b>, Coordinator, African Climate Policy Centre, UNECA</li> <li>❖ Youth Representative</li> <li>❖ Norway Ministry of Foreign Affairs representative</li> <li>❖ <b>Selamawit Desta Wubet</b>, Global Lead for Climate Diplomacy, Global Center on Adaptation.</li> <li>❖ <b>Kakembo Brian</b>, Sustainability Director, Centre for Inclusive Green Skills (CIGS)</li> </ul> <p><i>Plenary Discussion</i></p>   |   |
| <b>15:00-16:00</b> | <p><b>Session 3.d: Accelerating climate resilience social services (WASH, health, education, nutrition) to enhance NDCs, NAPs and LT-LEDS ambition: solutions and perspectives from COP29</b></p> <p><u>Panel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Joyce Mpalanyi Magala</b>, Country Director, WaterAid</li> <li>❖ <b>Isaac Oindo</b>, Manager Carbon Financing – Evidence Action</li> <li>❖ UNHCR Country Representative, Associate WASH Officer, UNHCR</li> <li>❖ <b>Brenda Achiro</b>, Country Director, Water for People</li> <li>❖ <b>Patra Latit</b>, WASH Manager, UNICEF</li> <li>❖ <b>Hon. Amira Saba</b>, Member of the Egyptian Parliament</li> <li>❖ <b>Chair WASH</b>, Uganda Parliament</li> <li>❖ <b>Kidanemariam Jembere</b>, Water, climate and sanitation Advisor, AUC</li> </ul> <p><i>Plenary Discussion</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Session Chair:</b><br/>Hon Caroline Rwivanga, Rwanda</li> </ul> |
| <b>16:00-16:30</b> | <b>HEALTH AND TEA BREAK</b>   |   |
| <b>16:30-17:30</b> | <p><b>Session 3.e: Is the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD) fit for Africa?</b></p>   | <p><b>Session Chair: Sam Ogallah</b>, Senior Climate Change Advisor-AUC</p>                                 |

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|                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Ibrahima Cheikh Diong</b>, Executive Director, Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage</li> <li>❖ <b>Presentation: Cromwel Lukorito</b> (Chair IPCC WG2)</li> </ul> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Richard Sherman</b>, Co-chair, Transitional committee on Loss and Damage</li> <li>❖ <b>Julius Ngoma</b>, Coordinator, Civil Society Network on Climate Change, Malawi</li> <li>❖ <b>Amjad Abashar</b>, Africa Director, UNDRR</li> <li>❖ <b>JulietGrace Luwedde</b>, Project Manager, Youth Negotiator Academy</li> <li>❖ <b>African Risk Capacity (ARC)</b>- tbc</li> <li>❖ <b>Alphonce Muia</b>, African Youth Climate Assembly (AYCA)</li> </ul> <p><i>Plenary Discussion</i></p> |  |
| <b>17:30-18:30</b>          | <p><b>Session 3.f: Revisiting the geopolitics and political economy of what the just and orderly energy transition means for Africa’s development</b></p> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Office of the Legal Council, African Union Commission</li> <li>❖ <b>Elisa Morgera</b>, UN Rapporteur on climate change (tbc)</li> <li>❖ Ministry of Justice, Uganda (tbc – Hon Jacqueline)</li> <li>❖ <b>Ronnel Inonge Sisamu</b>, Legal Adviser, ETTIM</li> <li>❖ <b>Justice David Mugo</b>, Judge of High Court in Kenya, member of the Pan-African Association of Judges of the Environment , Land and Labour (PAAJELLA)</li> </ul> <p><i>Plenary Discussion</i></p>  | <p><b>Session Chair: Augustine Njambshi</b>, Chair, Technical and Political Affairs, PACJA</p> |
| <b>Day Two (08-04-2025)</b> |   |  |
| <b>08:30-09:00</b>          | <b>Key messages from day one discussions</b>  | ❖  |
| <b>09:00-10:00</b>          | <b>Session 3.g: Revisiting the geopolitics and political economy of what the just and orderly</b>   | ❖ <b>Chair: Haruna Gujba</b> -Senior Energy Advisor;   |

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|                           | <p><b>energy transition means for Africa's development</b></p> <p><u>Panel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Kazaura Kamugisha</b>, Director Energy, AUC</li> <li>❖ <b>Jonas Dylla</b>, (Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau), KfW</li> <li>❖ <b>Prof. Fadhel Kaboub</b>, President, Global Institute of Sustainable Prosperity</li> <li>❖ <b>Eugene Nforngwa</b>, Thematic Lead- Energy &amp; Just Transition, African Coalition for Sustainable Energy and Access</li> <li>❖ <b>Katia Yata</b>, AU Youth UNFCCC Negotiator</li> <li>❖ <b>Ms. Veronica Jakarasi</b>, Lead Coordinator, Mitigation</li> <li>❖ <b>Margaret Othieno</b> UNFCCC focal point Uganda</li> <li>❖ <b>Niina Johanna Kylliainen</b>, Regional Adviser, Sustainability &amp; Climate, Middle East and North Africa, UNICEF</li> </ul> <p><i>Plenary Discussion</i></p> | <p>GIZ-Africa-EU Partnership</p>   |
| <p><b>10:00-11:00</b></p> | <p><b>Session 3.h: The New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance (NCQG): What now for Africa?</b></p> <p><b>AGN presentation</b></p> <p><u>Panel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Desire Assogbavi</b>, Francophone Africa Director, ONE Campaign</li> <li>❖ <b>Chiheny Kangara</b>, Green Climate Fund (GCF)</li> <li>❖ <b>Peter Odhengo</b>, Coordinator, AFDAN, Kenya</li> <li>❖ <b>Olufunso Somorin</b>, Principal Regional Officer, AfDB</li> <li>❖ <b>Julius Mbatia</b>, Negotiator, Climate Finance</li> <li>❖ <b>Martha Bekele</b>, Development Initiative</li> <li>❖ <b>Othniel Yila</b>, Commonwealth National Climate Finance Adviser, Uganda</li> <li>❖ <b>Eunice Musiime/Faith Lumonye</b>, Akina Mama</li> </ul> <p><i>Plenary Discussion</i></p>  | <p><b>Chair: Ms. Daisy Mukarakate</b>, Regional Climate Policy Advisor, UNDP, Addis Ababa</p> <p>Or</p> <p><b>Angella Matsiko</b> Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Uganda</p> |

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| 11:00-11:30  | <b>HEALTH BREAK</b>  |   |
| <b>Session 4: Other critical issues of Significant Relevance to Governance of Climate change</b> |  |   |
| 11:30-12:30  | <p><b>Session 4.a: The geopolitics of green transitions: Leveraging Africa’s critical energy transition minerals to fulfill the Africa Mining Vision and Agenda 2063</b></p> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Prof. Kevin Chika Urama</b>, Chief Economist and Vice President for Economic Governance and Knowledge Management, AfDB</li> <li>❖ <b>Marit Y Kitaw</b>, Interim Director, Africa Minerals Development Centre</li> <li>❖ Ministry of Green Economy and Environment, Zambia (tbc – AUC to provide)</li> <li>❖ <b>John Sloan UNECA/CFND</b> Critical minerals initiative</li> <li>❖ <b>Yusuf Daya</b>, Director, Afrexim Bank</li> <li>❖ <b>Mathias Reusing</b>, First Counsellor/Policy Advisor, EU Delegation</li> <li>❖ <b>Elizabeth Ipangelwa</b>, AU Youth UNFCCC Negotiator.</li> </ul> <p><i>Plenary Discussion</i></p> | <b>Chair: AfDB</b>  |
| 12:30-13:30  | <p><b>Session 4.b: The climate, peace and security nexus: experiences and lessons across Africa</b></p> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Col Sheku Tejan Sesay</b>, Conflict Management Directorate (CMD), AUC</li> <li>❖ <b>Tendai Kasinganeti</b>, Climate, Peace and Security Advisor, UNOAU `</li> <li>❖ <b>Galine Yanone</b>, Regional Adviser, Sustainability &amp; Climate, West and Central Africa, UNICEF</li> <li>❖ <b>Amb. Seif Kandeel</b>, Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding CCCPA- TBC</li> <li>❖ <b>Aminu Magaji</b>, Lake Chad Basin Commission</li> <li>❖ <b>Abdi Fidar</b>, Director IGAD-ICPAC</li> <li>❖ <b>AfDB fragility team</b> (AfDB to provide)</li> <li>❖ <b>Charles Mwangi</b>, PACJA</li> <li>❖ <b>Hon Sanator Moses Kajwang</b>, Kenya Senate</li> </ul>   | <b>Chair: Jihane El Gaouzi</b> , Head of Division, Sustainable Environment, AUC |



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|  | <i>Plenary Discussion</i>  |   |
| <b>13:30-14:30</b>   | <b>LUNCH BREAK</b>   |   |
| <b>14:30-15:30</b>   | <p><b>Session 4.c: Which way for Africa – Interrogating markets and non- markets mechanisms discourse and its imperative for the continent</b></p> <p><b>Lead presentation of Baku outcome on Article 6 and its implications for Africa:</b><br/> <b>EI Hadji Mbaye DIAGNE</b><br/> Directeur Général<br/> Afrique - Energie – Environnement and Lead Negotiator on Article 6.</p> <p><u>Panel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Yemi Katerere</b>, Independent Environmental and Policy Expert, African Civil Society Biodiversity Alliance</li> <li>❖ <b>Ms. Daisy Mukarakate</b>, Regional Climate Policy Advisor, UNDP, Addis Ababa</li> <li>❖ <b>Ezekiel Lesmore</b>, Director of Programs, All Africa Conference of Churches</li> <li>❖ <b>Ms. Samante Anne</b>, Programmes Manager, MPIDO</li> <li>❖ <b>Paul Muthaura</b>, ACMI</li> <li>❖ <b>Julien DESMEDT</b>, EU- Director General for Climate Action (DG CLIMA)</li> <li>❖ <b>Walters Tubua or William Otieno</b>, UNFCCC</li> </ul> <p><i>Plenary Discussion</i></p> | <p><b>Chair: Charles Mwangi</b>, Head of Programs and Research, PACJA</p>                                     |
| <b>Session 5: The Road Ahead: Concretizing our collective influence plan</b> |  |   |
| <b>15:30-16:30</b>   | <p><b>Session 5.a: Key pillars of our common plan of action for Africa Climate Summit and COP30</b></p> <p><u>Panel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Jihane El Gaouzi</b>, Head of Division, Sustainable Environment, AUC</li> <li>❖ <b>James Murombedzi</b>, Coordinator, African Climate Policy Centre, UNECA</li> <li>❖ <b>James Kinyangi</b>, African Development Bank</li> <li>❖ <b>Mithika Mwenda</b>, Executive Director, Pan African Climate Justice Alliance</li> </ul>   | <p><b>Chair: Linus Mofor</b>, Regional Adviser, Sustainability &amp; Climate, Eastern and Southern Africa</p> |

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| <b>16:30-17:00</b> | <b>HEALTH BREAK</b>   |   |
| <b>17:00-18:00</b> | <p><b>Session 5.b: Adoption of Recommendations</b></p> <p>Presentation of the Recommendation by <b>Oldman Koboto</b>, Multi-Lateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) Coordinator, AUC</p> <p><b>Closing session:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Mithika Mwenda</b>, Executive Director, PACJA</li> <li>❖ <b>Prof. Anthony Ngong</b>, African Development Bank</li> <li>❖ <b>Cosmas Milton Obote Ochieng</b>, Director, Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources Division, UNECA</li> <li>❖ <b>Harsen Nyambe</b>, Director, Sustainable Environment and Blue Economy (SEBE), AUC</li> <li>❖ <b>Rt. Hon Ntakirutimana Joseph</b>, speaker of East African Legislative Assembly</li> <li>❖ <b>H.E. Robinah Nabbanja</b>, Prime minister of Uganda</li> <li>❖ <b>Thomas Tayebwa</b>, Deputy Speaker of Uganda Parliament</li> </ul> | <p><b>Chair: Samson Ogallah,</b> Senior Climate Change Advisor- AUC</p> |