



PROGRAMME

Africa Regional Resilience Dialogue:

Building Back Better and Greener: Seizing Transformation Opportunities for a Resilient Future in Africa

Date: 15 October, 14:30 – 16:30 CEST

Venue: Zoom Webinar (registration required [here](#))

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I. Context

As with the rest of the world, climate change is one of the foremost challenges that Africa faces today. The continent continues to sustain significant impacts through environmental degradation, human suffering, deprivation and irreplaceable habitat loss and damage. This is compounded by the poor capacities to anticipate, adapt and recover in the face of climate related shocks and stresses. Women and men often have different abilities to adapt to climate change and weather-related shocks with women being affected more than men. As such, climate resilience action must address the most pressing climate related vulnerabilities and adaptation needs of communities in Africa. This situation also presents an opportunity to urgently implement inclusive and innovative solutions and initiatives that have both adaptation and mitigation co-benefits that reduce GHG emissions, increase adaptation investments, accelerate low emission climate resilient development; and build adaptation capacities. Too often initiatives and programmes in this area are characterised by low investments, fragmentation, low scale, limited use of knowledge and evidence; and are lowly prioritised. Dialogues among stakeholders present an opportunity for expanded partnerships, development of capacities, coordination and management of climate risks as well as the mobilisation of human and financial resources to build (back) sustainable and better within and across sectors. Whilst there have been many past and ongoing efforts to bring stakeholders together to dialogues on key development issues where climate risk and management are discussed - such as the AGRF, ACW, CAADP and so on, there have not been many that have been fully dedicated towards the subject with the aim of raising climate action for resilience building on the continent. This Dialogue is therefore being organised as part of a series of many to come to raise ambition and resources for building climate resilience in Africa.

The impacts of the COVID-19 should not steer the world away from a strong response to the climate crisis. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on many developing countries is significant, particularly in Africa. COVID-19 has driven Sub-Saharan Africa into its first recession in 25 years, with expected economic growth potentially falling as low as negative 5.1% in 2020. The COVID-19 reality is further compounded by extreme climate and weather events. As we speak, there is extreme flooding in East Africa, drought in the Sahel and Horn of Africa, a heavy build-up of the hurricane season and a second wave of the Desert Locust invasion is imminent. These risks, combined, make it extremely difficult to project a future of a resilient and sustainable food-secure Africa. These risks, if not managed, will slow down or even reverse the hard worn progress towards key development indicators such as gender equality, health, education and productivity.

The proposed dialogue spaces and platforms must therefore consider how to adjust Africa's development economies onto more resilient, environmentally sustainable, low-carbon developmental and sustainable consumption trajectories, to ensure that recovery and innovations are aligned to the Paris Agreement, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the overall achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; and for Africa specifically, the Agenda 2063 and its goals and aspirations.

The Africa Regional Resilience Dialogue (ARRD) is an opportunity to mobilize actors on crucial climate resilience action at local, national and regional level; taking regional priorities into consideration. It offers an inclusive and open stakeholder's platform to build stronger partnerships, showcase and transfer groundbreaking knowledge and action aiming at building climate resilience and fostering adaptation on the continent.

II. Objectives of the Regional Dialogue

The Africa Regional Dialogue will bring together High Level Champions (HLCs) and non-party stakeholders (NPSs) working on resilience and adaptation in the region, under one platform with the following key objectives:

- To set out the priority actions NPS are taking to build a climate resilient future in their regions;
- To identify priority actions to increase ambition on adaptation and climate resilience actions;
- To explore how the HLCs, Champions Team and Marrakech Partnership on Global Climate Action (MPGCA) can advance these ambitious actions; and
- To share and exchange knowledge and resources on best practices for resilience building.

III. Expected Outcomes

- Catalyse collective actions to raise ambition for resilience and adaptation on the continent ahead of COP26;
- Champions are aware of the actions (and actors) in the region and how they can assist in elevating specific messages and needs;
- Underscore specific needs to deliver action on AR;
- Recognition of how the works of HLCs and MPGCA can advance actions on adaptation and resilience in the region, and feed into global process and help shape ambitious actions on the road to COP26.

IV. Agenda

5min	Welcome (logistics and objectives) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assan Ng'ombe, Resilience Officer, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)
10min	Opening and Scene Setting on why actions on A&R is a priority for Africa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agnes Kalibata, President, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) and Special Envoy for the 2021 Food Systems Summit • Akinwumi Adesina, President, African Development Bank (tbc)
10min	High Level Champions: Setting out Vision on Advancing Climate Action and road to COP26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nigel Topping, UK High Level Champion, COP 26 • Gonzalo Muñoz, Chile High Level Champion, COP 25

30 min	<p>Panel 1</p> <p>From the Frontline: Building resilience in food and agriculture systems in Africa</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gordon Kotey Nikoi, Esoko Ghana 2. Nicera Wanjiru Kimani, Female Youth / Safety and Inclusive Cities (SAIC) Community Coordinator- Kibra 3. Paswel Marenya, Senior Scientist - Socioeconomics, CIMMYT Kenya 4. Celia Ribeiro, Luteari - Insumos & Serviços Agrícolas, Mozambique <p>Moderator: Wanjira Mathai, Vice President and Regional Director for Africa, World Resource Institute (WRI)</p>
10 min	<p>Comments / Q&A from HLCs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nigel Topping, UK High Level Champion, COP 26 ● Gonzalo Muñoz, Chile High Level Champion, COP 25
30	<p>Panel 2</p> <p>Going to Scale and Transforming food and agriculture systems: securing high level commitments for resilience and adaptation in food and agriculture systems to ensure post-COVID-19 recovery that is greener, better and more inclusive.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mohamed Ajuba Sheriff, Director of Planning Evaluation, Monitoring and Statistics Division (PEMSD), Ministry of Agriculture, Sierra Leona 2. Martin Fregene, Director of Agriculture and Agro-Industry (AHA) at the African Development Bank (AfDB) 3. Rose Goslinga, Director, Pula Insurance 4. Abir Lemseffer, Director General, Adaptation of Africa Agriculture Initiative (AAAI) <p>Moderator: Prof. Lindiwe Majele Sibanda, Director and Chair- Alliance for Research Universities in Africa (ARUA) Food Systems Centre of Excellence, University of Pretoria; Co-Chair Global Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture (GACSA)</p>
10 min	<p>Reflections from HLCs and next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nigel Topping, UK High Level Champion, COP 26 ● Gonzalo Muñoz, Chile High Level Champion, COP 25
5-10 min	<p>Closing remarks and how to link this to COP27 presidency under future High Level Champions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● UK COP26 representative (tbc)