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**Africa Climate Week Side Event:**  
**ACW-SE-T1-009 | Africa's NDC Implementation and ambition gaps**  
**Date : 07.09. 2023**  
**Time: 16:30 pm – 17:30 pm EAT (GMT+3)**  
**Room: Mount Nimba**

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### Background

African countries are making remarkable strides in getting ready to implement their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). They are consulting with various stakeholders, ensuring that everyone is on board, and have crafted comprehensive plans that prioritize specific climate actions in different sectors. Efforts are underway to establish institutional arrangements and coordination mechanisms that will provide the necessary support for NDC implementation. Moreover, they are actively seeking to attract investments or redirect existing ones towards climate initiatives. To keep track of their progress, monitoring systems are being set up to measure their advancement towards NDC goals. However, it is important to note that without significant financial support, it would be highly unlikely for African countries to achieve the ambitious NDC goals and targets they have set for themselves.

To ensure effective implementation and alignment with other development agendas like the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and African Union Agenda 2063, it is crucial to integrate NDC implementation with initiatives such as the National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and Low-Emission Development Strategies (LT-LEDS) through combined approach and working together to facilitate cost-effective implementation.

In light of the Africa Climate Week 2023 and the upcoming COP28, it is vital that African countries fully engage in advancing their NDC implementation and secure the necessary means of implementation. By aligning NDCs with other development agendas and prioritizing financing, capacity building, technology transfer, and collaboration, African nations can overcome implementation challenges and achieve their ambitious climate goals. The Africa Climate week provides a critical platform to collectively address these issues and accelerate progress towards a sustainable and climate-resilient future for Africa.

### Questions to address:

- What are the common challenges faced in NDCs implementation across African nations?
- What are the barriers preventing African countries from increasing their NDC ambitions?
- How can African countries set more ambitious emissions reduction targets and increase renewable energy deployment?
- What are the capacity building needs to strengthen African countries' ability to implement and monitor NDCs effectively?
- What are the barriers to unleashing Africa's private sector and capital to lead transformative investments in Africa's NDCs

### Objectives

- To discuss how African countries can enhance good practices with means of implementation for better climate actions through the NDCs, particularly with private sector involvement, human and institutional capacity.
- To promote the exchange of experience and expertise in the implementation of the NDCs in Africa region

### Desired Outcomes:

The desired outcomes for the event are:

- **Foster collaboration:** Strengthened capacity of the Africa NDC Hub to ramp up partnerships for advanced NDC/LTS/NAPs implementation.
- **Build a shared understanding** of the need for improved access to sustained climate finance for African countries, specifically LDCs, SIDS, and other vulnerable countries, with increased support for effective NDC implementation.

- **Identify approaches to strengthening enabling environments** within African countries, including policy and regulatory frameworks to enable private sector mobilization and Public-Private Partnerships.

## Agenda

Moderator: Linus Mofor, Senior Environmental Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic Commission (UNECA)

16:30 - 16:35	<b>Welcoming remarks:</b> Dr. Malle Fofana, Head and Regional Director, GGGI
16:35 - 16:40	<b>Keynote Speech:</b> Al Hamndou Dorsouma, Division Manager, Climate Change & Green Growth, AfDB
16:40 - 17:05	<b>Panel discussion on Resilience and Adaptation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Country Experiences from Government Representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Burkina Faso:</b> Alain Combassere. GoBF representative for LT-LEDS development</li> <li>○ <b>Ethiopia:</b> Abas Mohammed, Lead for climate change policy and actions. Ethiopia Ministry of Planning and Development</li> <li>○ <b>Rwanda:</b> Ms. Beatrice Cyiza, Director General, Environment and Climate Change at the Ministry of Environment in Rwanda</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Partners intervention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>AFD:</b> Abdramane Ngolo DIARRA (AdaptAction regional coordinator for Central Africa)</li> <li>○ <b>ISDB:</b> Mr. Daouda Ben Oumar Ndiaye, Climate Change and Environment</li> <li>○ <b>UNFPA:</b> Ms. Angela Baschieri, Policy Advisor</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
17:05-17:25	<b>Panel discussion on NDC Investment Plans and Access to Finance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Country Experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Morocco:</b> Mr. Rachid Tahiri, Head of the Climate Change and Green Economy Division, Minister of Energy Transition</li> <li>○ <b>Kenya:</b> Dr. Chris Kiptoo. CB; Permanent Secretary, National Treasury of Kenya</li> <li>○ <b>Show case: ACCF funded project in Sub Saharan Africa on measuring NDC implementation progress-</b> Mr. Alfred Nyambane, Programme Manager, African Technology Policy Studies Network</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Partners intervention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>African Climate change fund (ACCF):</b> Rita Effah, Africa Climate Change Fund (ACCF) Coordinator, AfDB</li> <li>○ <b>NDC Partnership Support Unit:</b> Ms. Margaret Barihaihi, Regional Manager, Angolophone- Africa</li> <li>○ <b>Commonwealth Secretariat:</b> Dr Helene Gichenje, Commonwealth Regional Climate Finance Adviser for Africa.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
17:25-17:30	<b>Closing remarks:</b> Dr. Richard Munang, Deputy Director, UNEP

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