

## COP29 Side Event

### Advancing Climate Ambitions: From Vision to Strategy – Lessons-learnt from designing Long-Term low carbon and climate resilience Visions for Botswana, Lesotho, Gabon and Liberia

Date: 15 November 2024

Time: 14h00-15h30

Venue: Botswana Pavilion

#### Background:

Through the Africa NDC Hub, the African Development Bank (AfDB), in partnership with the 2050 Pathways Platform, has supported Botswana, Gabon, Lesotho, and Liberia in developing their Long-Term low-carbon, climate-resilient development visions (LTVs) aligned with the Paris Agreement goals. With these LTVs now validated, these countries are poised to transition to the next phase: developing comprehensive Long-Term Strategies (LTS) to guide their sustainable development pathways.

This side event aims to showcase the progress made, discuss challenges encountered, and explore opportunities for mobilizing resources to support the development and implementation of LTS. It will also provide a platform for countries that have completed their LTS processes to share experiences, best practices, and lessons learned, fostering peer-to-peer learning and collaboration. It aims to foster dialogue and collaboration among African countries and stakeholders to advance climate action through the development and implementation of Long-Term Strategies.

#### Objectives:

- To highlight achievements and challenges by showcasing the progress and hurdles faced by countries that have developed LTVs and are transitioning to the elaboration of LTSs.
- To facilitate peer-exchanges on LTS through sharing experiences, best practices, and lessons from countries in the design process and those that have completed the exercise.
- To strengthen partnerships and foster collaboration among governments, development partners, and stakeholders to enhance climate action in Africa and beyond.

#### Expected Outcomes:

- Improved understanding of the process and challenges of moving from LTVs to LTSs.
- Shared Best Practices and lessons learned from countries with completed LTSs.
- Identification of opportunities and strategies for securing resources to support LTS development.
- Enhanced partnerships and collaboration among key stakeholders to support climate initiatives.

#### Target Audience:

Government representatives involved in climate planning and policymaking, development practitioners, climate finance institutions, civil society organizations, research institutions, private sector representatives, international partners and donors.

#### Agenda

Time	Activity
15 minutes	Setting the Context – Moderator <b>Dietram Oppelt</b> , Managing Director, HEAT GmbH <b>Opening Session</b> - Welcome Address - African Development Bank - Opening Remarks: Representative, Government of Botswana (TBC)



<p>25 minutes</p>	<p>Transitioning from LTVs to LTSs: <b>Marcela Jaramillo</b>, 2050 Pathways Platform</p> <p><b>Progress Presentations by Supported Countries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representatives from Botswana, Gabon, Lesotho, and Liberia will present their experiences in designing their LTVs and the roadmap toward developing their LTSs, highlighting achievements, challenges, and resource needs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dietram Oppelt, Managing Director, HEAT GmbH</p> <p><b>Country Representatives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mr. Balisi Gapolang</b>, Department of Meteorological Services. Ministry of Environment and Tourism Botswana</li> <li><b>Ms. Sabrina Ngambiande Bouchard</b>, Conseil National Climat, Gabon</li> <li><b>Mr. Maqhanolle Tsekoa</b>, Lesotho Meteorological Services.</li> <li><b>Mr Elijah Whapoe</b>, <i>Coordinator, National Climate Change Secretariat &amp; Focal Point for Article 6 of the Paris Agreements Environmental Protection Agency of Liberia</i></li> </ul>
<p>35minutes</p>	<p><b>Panel Discussion: Lessons Learned from Completed LTS Processes</b> Discussion on key challenges, best practices, and lessons learned during the development and implementation of LTSs.</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b> Representatives from countries that have successfully completed their LTSs:</p> <p><b>Mrs. Margaret Athieno Mwebesa</b> Commissioner, Climate Change Department National Focal Point, UNFCCC Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda</p> <p><b>Mr Abas Mohammed Ali</b> Lead, Climate change policy and actions Focal Point for UNFCCC Ministry of Planning and Development, Ethiopia – (TBC)</p> <p><b>Mr Jadigwa Massinga</b> National Director for Climate Change Ministry of Land and Environmental Republic of Mozambique – (TBC)</p> <p><i>Funding Partners:</i> Experiences and insights for future funding for LTS:</p> <p>AfDB – <b>Ritah Effah</b>, Coordinator, African Climate Change Fund WB - <b>Kanta Kumari Rigaud</b>, World Bank (TBC)</p> <p>Moderated Q&amp;A session with the audience-</p>
<p>15min</p>	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Summary of the main outcomes and recommendations from discussions</li> <li>- Acknowledgment of key stakeholders and partners</li> <li>- Closing remarks by NDC-Partnership (TBC)</li> </ul>

## Panel Discussion

- Each panellist is being introduced.

### General Approach Question (For All Panellists)

"As your country transitions from a validated Long-Term Vision to developing a Long-Term Strategy, what are the key priorities and ambitions guiding this process, and how do they align with the objectives of the Paris Agreement?"

### Botswana

- How did Botswana's climate and development governance structure facilitate broad stakeholder engagement in its LTS, and how has this contributed to strong country ownership and sustainable growth?

### Lesotho

- How were diverse stakeholders engaged in developing Lesotho's LTV to enhance food security and meet climate targets, and what approaches were used to integrate their voices into climate-smart agriculture initiatives?

### Gabon

- In what ways did Gabon build upon existing national strategies during its LTV process, and how will this integration strengthen the upcoming LTS elaboration process to foster a green economy and sustainable industries?

### Liberia

- Amidst post-conflict recovery, how is Liberia involving different stakeholders in its LTS process to address contentious topics and promote sustainable development and climate resilience?

### Panel questions (Session 2): *Lesson learnt from developed LTS.*

- **From the Long-term Vision to the Long-term Strategy:**
- Reflecting on your country's journey in developing long-term strategies and visions, what were the most valuable lessons learned, and is there anything you would approach differently? **Considerations for LT-LEDS implementation:**

As you plan to implement your LTS, what critical considerations and challenges did you encounter, and how did you address them?

### Funding partners

- **Support and tools for LT-LEDS development:** What tools and support does your institution offer to assist African countries in developing and implementing their LTSs
- **LT-LEDS implementation:** From a development partner's perspective, what are the key factors to ensure effective implementation of LTSs in African countries?