

CLIMATE ACTION INNOVATION HUB

Date: 4-6 September 2023 **Time:** 16h00-20h00

Venue: AU House - Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC)

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Day 1: Monday, 4 September 2023		
16.00 – 16.30	Open innovators exhibition and networking	
	Moderator:	
	Walter Mongare Snr, Director, Programs, Advocacy and Outreach, State Department for Foreign	
	Affairs, Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, Government of Kenya	
16.30 – 16.50	High-level opening and key statements	
	Welcome: Harsen Nyambe Nyambe, Director, Sustainable Environment and Blue	
	Economy, African Union Commission	
	Keynote address: H.E Amb. Josefa Sacko, Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue	
	Economy and Sustainable Environment, Africa Union Commission	
16.50 – 17.10	High level statements	
	Government of Kenya, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Forests, tbc	
	Ambassador Hans Brattskar, Special Envoy, Ministry of Climate and Environment, Norway	
	Carla Montesi, Director at the European Commission's Directorate General for International Partnerships	
	RT Honourable Andrew Mitchell, Minister of Stet for Development and Africa, United Kingdom	
17.10 – 17.40	High level thematic statements	
	Digitalisation and African climate solutions: Dr. Yossi Matias, Vice President of Google Research	
	Research and innovation: a game changing for food and agricultural systems under a changing climate: Prof. Lindiwe Sibanda, System Board Chair, CGIAR	
	Innovation and Africa's future: Sam Gichuru, Founder Nailab/ Kidato, Kenya	
	Investment for African climate innovation: name (tbc), Investor, Director, Renew Capital	
	Youth-led sustainability artificial intelligence for climate change preparedness, Mr Robert Kabera,	
	Director CESY Consulting S.A	
17.40 – 17.45	Washroom break	
17.45 – 19.00	Presentations by climate action innovators	
	Food Systems Under a Changing Climate	
	 Linda Sewe, The Rallying Cry, Kenya 	
	Kwabena Tufuor, Prosect Feed Limited, Ghana	
	Mbumba Lapaque, MukulimaSoko, Democratic Republic of the Congo	
	Digital transformation	
	• Fasiness Dainemusishe Aisse Usanda	
	 Engineer Bainomugisha, Airqo, Uganda Tafadzwanashe Gavi, Umojalands, Zimbabwe 	
	Jacob Maina, Farmer Lifeline Technologies, Kenya	
	Rita Idehai, Ecobarter, Nigeria	
	Protecting land-based ecosystems and biodiversity	
	Janinta Laissone, AQUA, Mozambique	
	 Tidjani Abbas, SOS Biodiversity, Benin 	
	Gloria Norvor, Girls Advancement Initiative, Ghana	
19.00 – 20.00	Cocktail, food and networking	



























Day 2: Tuesday, 5 September 2023		
16h00-16h30	Open innovators exhibition and networking	
	Moderator: Maureen Chepkoech Mutai, Focal Point on Youth and Climate Change, Office of the Prime Cabinet Secretary, Executive Office of the President, Government of Kenya	
16h30-17.00	Introductory remarks and key statements	
	Opening: Ministry of Environment, Government of Kenya (tbc)	
	Dr. Kazaura Kamugisha, Director for Energy and Infrastructure, AU Commission	
	Gillian Caldwell – Chief Climate Officer and Deputy Assistant Administrator, USAID	
	Philip Knill – Africa Director, BMZ (tbc)	
	Dr. Mithika Mwenda, ED Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA)	
	Prof. Anthony Nyong – Climate Change and Green Growth Programme, African	
	Development Bank (tbc) – AfDB	
	Lily Steele, Investment Director, Global Innovation Fund	
	Annika Otterstedt Head of development cooperation Kenya, Sweden	
17.00 - 17.30	Thematic Statements and Presentations	
	David Obura, Director, CORDIO East Africa	
	Alex Simalabwi, Executive Secretary, EA, Global Water Partnership	
	Ryan Roberts, Sustainable Finance Unit, ICLEI Africa	
	Daisy Mukarakate, Regional Climate Policy Advisor at the UNDP Regional Service Centre for Africa	
	Alex Benkenstein, Project Manager and Senior Researcher, South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA)	
	Jabri Ibrahim, Africa Special Programmes Lead; Clean Power, Green H2 & Clean Cooking, Climate Champions.	
18.00 – 18.30	Presentations by climate innovators	
	Building a sustainable blue economy	
	 Mohammed Ame Juma, Mwambao Coastal Community Network, Tanzania 	
	 Tianome Andriantsalama, MIHARI Network of Locally Managed Marine Areas, Madagascar 	
	 Sama Lesly Tankfu, Natura, Cameroon 	
	Climate resilient and low-carbon energy and infrastructural systems	
	Atushe Mubonenwa, NDF Energy, Namibia	
	Sophie Odupoy, Koko Networks, Kenya Jawahir Mahamad Hassan, Tamarra, Samalia	
	 Jawahir Mohamed Hassan, Tamarso, Somalia Judith Marera, Lanforce Energy, Zimbabwe 	
18.30 - 1900	Low carbon, resilient urban areas	
18.30 - 1300	Shadrack Omwenga, Sanivation, Kenya	
	Sonia Umulinga, Plastic Craft, Rwanda	
	Mambwe Sibande, Lusaka Smokeless Charcoal, Zambia	
	Resilient water systems	
	 James Thuch Madhier, The Rainmaker Enterprise, South Sudan 	
	Melanie Holderness, Flamingo Sanitation, South Africa	
	 Kelvin Gacheru, Mobi-Water, Kenya 	





























Day 3: Wednesday, 6 September 2023	
16h00-16h30	Open innovators exhibition and networking
	Moderator Mwanahamisi Singano, Senior Global Policy Lead, Women's Environment and Development Organisation
16h30-17.00	Introductory remarks and key statements
	Opening: Director, Women, Gender and Youth – African Union
	Estherine Lisinge-Fotabong, Director of Agriculture, Food Security and Environmental Sustainability at AUDA-NEPAD
	Wanjira Mathai, Vice President and Regional Director for Africa, World Resource Institute
17.00 – 17.30	Thematic Statements and Presentations
	Flood Forecasting Initiative, Mozambique, Vera Lummis, Digital Innovation at Give Directly and Moriah Royz, Senior Product Manager, Google Research
	Dr James Murombedzi, Climate Policy Centre, UNECA
	Yohannes Yemane Kesete, World Bank Regional Resilient Programme
	AU Minerals Centre
17.30 – 18.30	Climate innovators
19520 10500	Promoting low-carbon resilient mobility and transport systems Jesse Forrester, Mazi Mobility, Kenya Abel Hailegiorgis, Bamboo Labs, Ethiopia Nouran Aly Farouk, Dosy, Egypt Inclusive resource efficient industrialisation Diana Maranga, Octavia Carbon, Kenya Sonko Jamal, Kyuka Ventures Innovation Hub, Uganda Michael Basangwa, Cheveux Organique International Limited, Uganda Maweije Muhammed Dimma, Maweije Creations, Uganda Cross -cutting climate themes Jessica Brima Sesay, Youth Partnership for Climate Action and Sustainable Agriculture, Sierra Leone Adam Tabbouche, Green Farm, Algeria Ayuk Etta, Mountain Hub GreenHack, Cameroon
18h30-19h00	Closing remarks and way forward
	UK - Ambassador Madeleine Garlick. UK Deputy Permanent Representative to the African Union, British Embassy in Ethiopia Representative from German Mission to the AU (tbc) Alphonse Muia, Africa Youth Climate Forum Harsen Nyambe Nyambe, Director, Sustainable Environment and Blue Economy, African Union Commission
19h00-20h00	Networking cocktail



















