Civil Society Forum 2022

Engaging Civil Society for Climate Resilience and Just Energy Transition in Africa

SIDE EVENT: BANK- CIVIL SOCIETY COALITION ON THE ROAD TO COP27

05 October 2022, Abidjan, CCIA from 09:00 to 11:30 UTC

Introduction

The African Development Bank values its engagement with civil society in all areas of development and more so for their increasingly significant role in all environmental and social safeguard issues, climate adaptation and mitigation, climate finance and renewable energy. The Bank places particular focus on sustainability, which is central to its work including the importance of partnering with various civil society organisations and other development stakeholders. Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) also have an important role, on the continent, in safeguarding the human rights of vulnerable populations (youth, women, and forcibly displaced communities, amongst others).

Although Africa contributes the least to carbon emissions, it is the world's most vulnerable region - and the continent bears a disproportionate burden of the impact of climate change. This comprises devastating floods, severe droughts, and pest invasions. To date, 7 out of the 10 most vulnerable countries are in Africa, and 10 of the top 12 countries most at risk to droughts globally are in Africa. From 6-8, November 2022, Egypt will organize the United Nations Conference of Parties on Climate (COP27). This conference will represent a turning point for countries of the south and particularly the African continent. It is a platform to advance Africa's common position and to ensure that developed countries meet their "US$100 billion Goal" and the climate finance delivery plan. By putting the climate issue at the forefront on the agenda of its 2022 Civil Society Forum under the theme ***Engaging Civil Society for Climate Resilience and Just Energy Transition in Africa***, the Bank is reaffirming its privileged partnership with CSOs to address this serious challenge. In addition to its traditional role of supporting regional member countries and climate change negotiation experts on the continent, the Bank is engaging all actors including civil society to ensure that all African stakeholders contribute towards the narrative of Africa's position at COP27.

The Africa COP presents a watershed opportunity for humanity to turn the tide against this existential threat and provides a global platform for all of us to amplify Africa's voice and common position on climate change. In order to be participatory and inclusive, leading up to COP27, the Bank has convened several meetings with civil society organisations and has setup an Inter Departmental Working Group (IDWG) to ensure all African representative stakeholders are consulted, and any challenges and opportunities are documented.

The CSO Coalition on COP27 and the Bank's Inter Departmental Working Group formed a working group, which is now referred to as the Bank-Civil Society Coalition On The Road To

COP27. The Bank Civil Society Coalition will organize a side event ahead of the CSO Forum, on October 5. This strategic meeting aims to further strengthen the dialogue and begin discussions on various themes identified for the African narrative at COP27.

Objectives of the Side-Event

The meeting intends to identify and reinforce the continent's priorities at COP27. The objectives of the meeting are as follows:

- Identify and strengthen collaborative initiatives between the Bank and Civil Society on the road to COP27;
- Create an opportunity for CSOs to share with the Bank and fellow CSOs ongoing initiatives for enhanced peer to peer learning;
- Share the Bank's ongoing policies, operations and upcoming key instruments or initiatives on climate change and green growth with CSOs;
- Identify and highlight African priorities and agree on joint actions to be carried out before, during and after COP27;
- Agree on a joint statement to be presented at the Africa Pavilion at COP27 during the CSO Day to be co-organized by the Bank-Civil Society Coalition.

Format

The session will be interactive with presentations, open exchanges on strategies, methods and tools to amplify African voices at COP27 and ensure a response on the commitment to the implementation of the Paris Agreement. The session will also focus on expected outcomes from the Bank's 2022 CSO Forum. In addition, over the last few months, the Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA), which is a member of the AfDB CSO Coalition, has held a number of consultative regional sessions with members of civil society, to compile COP27 African priorities from Alliance members (Climate Justice Torch, CCDA 10, Pre-COP in DRC and others). This compilation of priorities shall be shared with the AfDB-CSO Coalition during this session.

It will be conducted in the African Development Bank's Official Languages, English and French, with dual interpretation.

Agenda

Moderator: **MARIA MULINDI**, Director Special Programs, AFDB		
08:30-09:00	Reception and installation at the CCIA _ COVID measures check	
09.00-09.05	Opening Remarks	Malado KABA, AfDB
09.05-09.10	Introductory Remarks	Augustine NJAMNSHI, PACJA-ACSEA
09:10-09:25	Round of Introduction	Moderator and Participants

09.25-09.30	The Bank's Engagement with Civil Society on Climate Resilience and Just Energy transition	Luther YAMEOGO, AfDB
09.30-09.45	The Bank's ongoing policies, operations, instruments and financial windows on climate change – Briefing pack to be elaborated	Arona SOUMARE, AfDB
09.45-10.15	CSOs initiatives towards COP27	ENDA ENERGY ACBA YLE PACJA-ACSEA ICRC PAFO …
10:15-11:15	• Open discussions on synergies and joint initiatives • Action Points: Joint Statement & CSO Day at COP27	Moderator and Participants
11.15-11.30	Way forward and Closing remarks	Zéneb Toure Augustine NJAMNSHI
12.00-14:00	**Lunch – Restaurant**	

Participants

A. Civil Society members

1) Augustine NJAMNSHI, PACJA
2) Pauline NANTONGO, Africa CSO Biodiversity Alliance (ACBA)
3) Ahmed FATHY, Egypt Youth Love Coalition for climate change (YLCCC-Egypt)
4) Soumaya ZADDEM, DRR Youth Network
5) Samba FALL, Responsable Climat et Transitions systémiques, ENDA Energy
6) Kolyang PALEBELE, President, Panafrican Farmers Organization (PAFO)
7) HANY IBRAHIM, Founder and Director, El-Mahrousa Participatory Development Solutions (PDS)
8) CHEICK FAYCAL TRAORE, Executive Director, AJDD/AFRIYAN
9) MELIZSA MUGYENYI, Chief Executive Officer, Graça Machel Trust (GMT)
10) Jean-François YAO, Member Bank-CSO Committee, ICRC
11) Ouda YARA, ICRC, Egypt
12) Durrell HALLESSON, WWF

B. AfDB members

1) Maria MULINDI, PCSC
2) Zéneb TOURE, AHGC2
3) Arona SOUMARE, PECG
4) Rita EFFAH, ACCF
5) Regina NESIAMA MILLER, PERN
6) Jerome BERNDT, RDTS
7) Charleine MBUYI, AHGC1
8) Brenda TAUTSAGE, RDGS
9) Luther YAMEOGO, AHGC2

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