



PROVISIONAL AGENDA

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE (CAHOSCC) ON THE MARGINS OF THE AU ASSEMBLY

17th February 2024, 15H30-17H00 (Small Conference Hall 1)

THE MEETING WILL BE CHAIRED BY H.E. HON. WILLIAM SAMOEI RUTO, PhD, C.G.H., PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA AND CAHOSCC COORDINATOR

SESSION 1: OPENING SESSION

Calling the Meeting to Order - H.E. Amb. Josefa Sacko, AU Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment (ARBE)

Opening Statements

- **H.E. Hon. William Samoei Ruto, PhD, C.G.H.**, President of the Republic of Kenya and CAHOSCC Coordinator
- **H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat**, Chairperson of the African Union Commission
- Statements from Invited Guests

Group Photo

Closed Session – *(Invited Guests, Observers and Press leave the room)*

SESSION 2: -ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA - H.E. Hon. William Samoei Ruto, PhD, C.G.H., President of the Republic of Kenya and CAHOSCC Coordinator

SESSION 3: - UPDATES AND REPORTS

- Outcome of the UNFCCC COP28 negotiations and implications for the Continent by **Chair of the African Group of Negotiators (AGN) on Climate Change.**



- Update on the Post Africa Climate Summit (ACS) Roadmap for AUC and Kenya by **Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Forestry, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry, Kenya**
- State of the implementation of Climate Change frameworks and programmes by **the African Union Commission**.

SESSION 4: REPORTS FROM AFRICAN CLIMATE COMMISSIONS

- African Islands Climate Commission – **President of the Republic of Seychelles**
- Congo Basin Climate Commission – **President of the Republic of Congo**
- Partners Roundtable on Financing Projects listed in the Blue Fund Investments Plan for the Congo Basin to be held in Brazzaville in September 2024 - **President of the Republic of Congo**
- Sahel Climate Commission

SESSION 5: CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE CAHOSCC COORDINATOR'S REPORT

- **Draft Report and Draft Decision of CAHOSCC** – Presentation by **Hon. Roselinda Soipan Tuya**, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Forestry, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry, Kenya

SESSION 6: CLOSING SESSION

- **Closing Statement** by CAHOSCC Coordinator, H.E. Hon. William Samoei Ruto, PhD, C.G.H., President of the Republic of Kenya



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Venue: Small Conference Hall 1; AU Headquarters, Addis Ababa**

1- Background

Africa, despite its low contribution to greenhouse gas emissions, remains the most vulnerable continent and continue to severely bear the cost of the adverse impact of climate change while leaders of the continent, have been tirelessly advocating for urgent and practical global, regional and national actions for the past couple of decades.

In the meantime, Africa's efforts and commitment to combat climate change is severely constrained by the inadequate, unpredictable and often not fit for purpose nature of the climate finance, as well as insufficient capacity building support and technology generation and transfer. This is coupled with the shift in weather patterns, and other extremes having negative effects on human health, natural ecosystems, social and economic realms.

Furthermore, the changes in climate, demography and urbanization are rapidly changing Africa's socio-economic landscape. By 2050, parts of Africa will become hotter and more arid while others will become increasingly more prone to flooding, rising sea levels, and related natural disasters.

This may continue to increase the development disparities between developed and developing countries, which would impact among others, the realization of the targets of the Africa's Agenda 2063; the United Nations 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as well as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), its Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement.

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

COP28: The United Arab Emirates (UAE) hosted the 28th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC -COP28) in Dubai, from November 30 to December 12, 2023. Parties adopted the UAE Consensus and a Global Stocktake (GST) decision that recognized the need for deep, rapid, and sustained reductions in GHG emissions in line with 1.5°C pathways. It encourages countries to ensure the next Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) have ambitious, economy-wide emission reduction targets, covering all GHGs, sectors, and categories, and aligned with limiting global warming to 1.5°C.

The stocktake calls on Parties to take actions towards achieving, at a global scale, a tripling of renewable energy capacity and doubling energy efficiency improvements by



2030. The list also includes accelerating efforts towards the phase-down of unabated coal power, phasing out inefficient fossil fuel subsidies, and other measures that drive the transition away from fossil fuels in energy systems, in a just, orderly and equitable manner, with developed countries continuing to take the lead.

Parties also reached a historic agreement on the operationalization of the loss and damage fund and funding arrangements. Commitments to the fund totaled more than USD 700 million. An agreement also reached that the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and the UN Office for Project Services will host the secretariat of the Santiago Network for Loss and Damage. The platform will catalyze technical assistance to developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.

AFRICA CLIMATE SUMMIT (ACS): In September 2023, Kenya hosted the Africa Climate Summit (ACS) under the theme “Driving Green Growth and Climate Finance Solutions for Africa and the World. Africa in Solidarity with the World.” The Summit brought together about 30,000 participants, representing over 130 countries, including: over 20 Heads of States and Government from Africa and the rest of the world; the UN Secretary-General, President of the European Union and Ministers, among other dignitaries. Also in attendance were Ambassadors, Technical Officers, Private Sector, CSO, Youth and Children, indigenous peoples and local communities, farmers, women.

Key Outcomes of the ACS include;

- a. ***The African Leaders Nairobi Declaration on Climate Change and Call to Action;***
- b. Pathway to a new global financial deal that includes “at-scale” and fit-for-purpose financing instruments/products;
- c. Investment commitments, including \$26 billion worth of green investment deals on the continent across all sectors (including energy, agriculture, nature, water among others);
- d. Announcements on tangible progress on ongoing major continent- wide/ global initiatives;
- e. High Level Presidential and Ministerial Segments and national commitments; and
- f. Discussions from 400 side events all encouraging greater climate ambition in all sectors.

The ACS also:

- a. Set a bold and ambitious vision for the continent and the world;



- b. Set priority areas for intervention – for green and climate resilient growth;
- c. Welcomed opportunities to match the ambition set with capital and technology;
- d. Augmented the role of youth and children in the delivery the ACS ambition; and
- e. Emphasised the importance of just transitions and equity while delivering the ambition.

2- Objectives of the Meeting

The CAHOSCC meeting is expected to consider the report of the CAHOSCC Coordinator which will include a summary of the outcomes of the UNFCCC COP28, the Africa Climate Summit held on 4-6 September 2023 and meetings of the Africa Climate Commissions. The CAHOSCC meeting will also consider reports on the implementation of AU Climate Change Frameworks and Programmes, implementation of the *African Leaders Nairobi Declaration on Climate Change and Call to Action* and the draft Rules of Procedure for CAHOSCC.

3- Participation and Dates

Attendance for the CAHOSCC meeting is by Excellencies, members of CAHOSCC and invited guests – their Excellencies the Chairpersons of the African Climate Commissions and Climate Initiatives. The Proposed date for the meeting is 17 February 2023 from 15h30 -17h00 (Small Conference Hall 1) on the margins of the AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government at the Africa Union Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.