

Africa Adaptation Initiative (AAI)

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High-Level Event:

The Africa Adaptation Initiative: Working Together to Deliver on Climate Action

Date: Tuesday, 15 November 2016,

Time: 12.00 - 13.30 hrs, Africa Pavilion, Salle 2

Adaptation to the impacts of climate change is of paramount importance for African countries to reduce the impacts of climate change on sustainable development and build resilience to future impacts – while avoiding loss and damage. The latest Africa Adaptation Gap Report from UNEP demonstrated that delaying action would result in exponentially rising costs of adaptation in the future. The report estimates that the cost of adaptation could be between USD 7 billion and 15 billion per year by 2020 and between USD 50 billion per year for a below 2°C scenario and up to USD 100 billion per year by 2050 for warming in the magnitude of 4°C.

The African Ministerial Conference on Environment (AMCEN) was mandated by the 25th African Union Summit held in Johannesburg, South Africa in June 2015, to develop, with the African Group of Negotiators (AGN), a proposal for enhanced support to Africa on adaptation and loss and damage. The African Adaptation Initiative (AAI) was launched in Paris during the 21st Conference of the Parties (COP) that took place in December 2015. AAI represents a bold and innovative step by Africa to galvanize the support needed to significantly scale up adaptation and actions to address loss and damage on the continent with an initial focus on enhancing action in the pre-2020 period. The AAI has developed a framework document to guide its work, and is now working on operationalising the AAI from 2017.

The AAI high-level side event aims to engage with a range of partners including member states, international organizations, NGOs and donors on the work and programme of the initiative. This session will also explore synergies with ongoing work in the continent and further explore strategic partnerships, which will contribute to the realisation of the AAI goals.

Programme

12:00 - 12:05 Welcoming remarks

Minister of the Environment of the Arab Republic of Egypt- *H.E. Khaled Fahmy*

12:05 - 12:10 Remarks

Commissioner of Rural Economy and Agriculture,
African Union Commission, *H.E. Mrs. Rhoda Peace Tumusiime*

12:10 - 12:20 Africa Adaptation Initiative: From Paris to Marrakech

Chair of the African Group of Negotiators- *Ambassador Seyni Nafo.*

12:20 - 12:30 Overview of the AAI: 2017 and beyond

AAI Coordinator African Group of Negotiators- *Ms. Kulthoum Omari Motsumi*

12:30 - 13:00 Panel discussion

Moderator: AMCEN representative



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- National perspectives on adaptation needs and the role of AAI
Gabonese Minister of Economic, Forest and Environment - *H.E Estelle Ondo*
- Role of AAI in enhancing adaptation finance for Africa- How to tap into opportunities?
Green Climate Fund Board Member- *Mr. Tosi Mpanu-Mpanu*
- Role of AAI in facilitating the development and implementation of National Adaptation Plans in Africa
UNDP GEF Climate Change Adaptation- *Dr Pradeep Kurukulasuriya*
- Operationalisation and working together with Adaptation of African Agriculture (AAA)
Director General of INRA Morocco & Chair of Scientific Committee of AAA Initiative.-
Prof Mohamed Badraoui
- Synergies with other ongoing initiatives and program
The UN Secretary General's Climate Resilient Initiative- Anticipate, Absorb and Reshape (A2R initiative)
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)- *Dr Barney Dickson*

13:00 - 13:30 Discussion

13:30 - 14:00 Closing Remarks

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