

Africa-Europe Foundation Africa Climate Summit 2023

Africa-Europe Foundation at the Africa Climate Summit 2023

A key strategic objective of the Africa-Europe Foundation (AEF) is to contribute to **“reframing and reinforcing the Africa-Europe partnership on the multi-lateral and regional stage”**. It acts as an independent platform for multi-stakeholder dialogue, frank debate and strategic analysis, bringing people together to further a stronger cross-continental partnership.

The Africa Climate Summit, taking place between 4-6 September 2023 in Nairobi, Kenya will be a key opportunity for AEF to continue to bring **increased attention to untapped opportunities within the Africa-Europe partnership, from carbon markets to ocean governance and green industrialisation**. These discussions will be more widely underpinned by key transversal areas topping the 2023 international agenda, including the reform of global governance systems and the role of commitment monitoring for greater climate and development action and finance.

AEF Programme at a Glance

As an official technical partner of the Africa Climate Summit, the Africa-Europe Foundation’s proposed programme focuses on both public and closed-door strategic dialogues dedicated to areas of cooperation that hold promise for enhanced -Africa-Europe cooperation:

Elevating the role of Ocean Governance and Blue Economy in Africa

4 September, 4:30-6:00pm EAT, KICC, Aberdare Hall (*in-person, public*)

AEF co-developed this official plenary event to elevate the role of ocean governance and blue economy in the cross-continental partnership, and build joint momentum towards COP28, positioning the sector as a key investment opportunity for climate positive growth. The dialogue will bring together African and European stakeholders to co-define a roadmap for an equitable blue partnership, identifying critical areas of importance to address interconnected climate and biodiversity challenges, while taking into account the needs and know-how of coastal communities. Potential areas of cooperation include aquaculture, renewable energy, decarbonisation of the shipping industry, maritime spatial planning, adaptation and blue carbon.

Policymaker breakfast on ‘Bridging the African and European Energy Agendas’

5 September, 7:00-8:30am EAT, Serena Hotel, Amani room (*in-person, invite-only*)

This high-level policymaker breakfast on energy is to be co-hosted by AEF and the Africa-Europe Energy Partnership (AEEP), following Chatham House Rule. It is an opportunity to bring high-level actors from Africa and Europe together - from policymakers, private sector and civil society - to reflect on the energy partnership, accelerate the implementation of common agendas towards 2030 and 2063, and openly discuss aspirations on topics related to energy access, transition, and shared interests towards green industrialisation. Participants will take stock of commitments made at the 6th EU-AU Summit, as well as recent geopolitical events, and pave the road towards COP28 and AEF’s #AUEUTracker Special Dialogue on Climate and the Just Transition, taking place on 22 November.

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Launch of the Africa-Europe Earthshot: An Investment Deal for Climate, People and Nature

5 September, 1:00-1:45pm EAT, KICC, River Nile Room (*in-person, public*)

The Africa-Europe Earthshot is a multi-stakeholder co-design, co-creation, and co-delivery process that seeks to identify and accelerate pathways to unlock finance and improve the investment climate for Africa's just transition. By bringing together a diverse community of experts for a series of strategic convenings between April - December 2023, in alignment with global geopolitical opportunities to advance the agenda, the Africa-Europe Earthshot mobilises action on a set of priority opportunity areas to streamline activity rather than duplicate or undermine existing initiatives. In this session, partners will share the vision of an "African Investment Deal for People, Climate and Nature", a roadmap and investment allocation plan that enables Africa to realise its potential as a green industrialisation hub and carbon sink for the world.

The initiative is being driven by a coalition of core partners, including the Africa-Europe Foundation, Africa Investor Group, Climate Action Platform Africa, Mo Ibrahim Foundation, The B Team and the World Resources Institute Africa

Africa-Europe Working Group on Carbon Markets

5 September, 1:30-3:00pm EAT, Sarova Stanley Hotel (*hybrid, internal meeting*)

AEF will host its third closed-door Working Group meeting on Carbon Markets, co-chaired by Damilola Ogunbiyi and Jos Delbeke, in the sidelines of the Africa Climate Summit. The Working Group aims to unlock untapped cooperation between Africa and Europe at the climate-development nexus. The meeting will continue the discussion on establishing the rules and tools needed to ensure high-value carbon products and end-to-end integrity in the market. This includes shaping work on governance, regulation, jurisdiction, incentive structures and capacity building, as well as supporting the development of national country activation plans. It will also provide an opportunity to outline the preliminary outcomes of the Working Group, notably its Strategic Piece of Research on Carbon Markets, paving the way towards the United Nations Climate Conference, COP28 in the UAE.

ANNEX 1: Elevating the role of Ocean Governance and Blue Economy in Africa

Date: Monday, 4 September 2023

Time: 4:30-6pm EAT

Venue: KICC (Aberdare Hall)

Format: In-person, public event

Context

The African Union's 2050 Africa's Integrated Maritime (AIM) Strategy declared the blue economy as the "new frontier of African Renaissance". Equally, the European Union sees the blue economy as a "key driver" of economic growth and job creation, and crucial to the attainment of sustainable development and the creation of a resilient future.

Furthermore, the ocean is becoming increasingly important geopolitically. The current shifts in geopolitics, economics, and the interconnected climate and biodiversity crises have thrown light on how important our oceans are and provide an opportunity for Africa and Europe to work as partners on ocean governance issues. Against this backdrop, Africa and Europe could strive for a just and equitable blue economy for the benefit of people and planet.

Recently, the role of oceans in the context of climate change and socio-economic development was highlighted at COP27 and the Africa-led Moroni Declaration. It is widely agreed that the oceans provide massive opportunities for climate positive growth in critical sectors of cooperation, including aquaculture, renewable energy, the decarbonisation of the shipping industry, maritime spatial planning, adaptation and carbon markets.

The Africa Climate Summit is an opportunity to elevate the role of ocean governance and blue economy in the cross-continental partnership and build joint momentum towards COP28 and key ocean events scheduled for 2024/2025.

Expected Outcomes

This session aims to identify key areas for collaboration and strategic partnership to move forward an ambitious ocean and blue economy agenda in Africa and beyond. It will directly inform the ongoing design of an Africa-Europe joint roadmap on oceans and the Africa-Europe Strategy Group on Ocean Governance, which is supported by the African Union and the European Commission. Outcomes will also feed into the High-Level Panel of Heads of State, taking place at the Summit on 5 September, titled "Towards a Blue Future: Unlocking the potential of a Regenerative Blue Economy in Africa and accelerating the implementation of the Great Blue Wall initiative". They will also inform the design of the next Our Ocean and UN Ocean conferences.

Agenda

First panel: A unique opportunity to deliver at scale Nature, Climate and People positive outcomes.

- Hon. Carmen Sacramento Neto, Minister of Fishing and Marine Resources, Angola
- Hon. João Pedro Matos Fernandes, Secretary of State for Environment and Climate Change, Portugal
- Antonio Pedro, UNECA's Executive Secretary
- Dr. Arthur Tuda, WIOMSA Executive Secretary (AEF member)
- Vatosoa Rakotondrzafy, IPLC Ambassador; Madagascar (AEF member)

Moderator – Denise Nicolau – IUCN's Regional Blue Nature Lead for Africa

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Second Panel: Establishing an Ambitious and Regenerative Ocean Partnership between Africa and the World

- Hon. Houmed Msaidié, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries & Environment, Comoros
- H.E. Josefa Sacko, AU Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy, and Sustainable Environment
- Hon. Bärbel Kofler, Secretary of State, Ministry of Development Cooperation, Germany
- Hon. Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Climate Finance and Minister for International Development, Canada
- Luther Anukur, IUCN Africa Director

Moderator - Nassim Oulmane – Director for Environment, Climate and Technology, UNECA

Third panel: Accelerating Regenerative Blue Innovation and Entrepreneurship

- Hon. Paubert Mahatante, Minister of Fisheries and Blue Economy, Madagascar
- Hon. Barbara Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment, South Africa
- Mafalda Duarte, Executive Director, Green Climate Fund
- Jason Channel, Managing Director and Head of Global Insights, CitiGroup
- Alexis Grosskopf, Founder and CEO, Ocean Hub Africa (AEF member)

Moderator – Barkha Mossae – Advocate for Regenerative Blue Economy

ANNEX 2: Policymaker breakfast on 'Bridging the African and European Energy Agendas'

Date: Tuesday, 5 September 2023

Time: 7-8:30am EAT

Venue: Serena Hotel (Amani room)

Format: In-person, by invitation only, Chatham House Rule

Context

Africa and Europe have built an impactful partnership on energy in the last 15 years and continue to work closely together to realise SDG7 - access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all. AEF, together with the Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP) are working together with key partners on both continents to advance a just and equitable energy transition, with a focus on energy access and green industrialisation that can spur economic opportunities and human development.

The effects of climate change and the global energy crisis are causing profound and long-lasting impacts on energy systems across the globe. The challenges do however offer a potential to hasten the transition to a more sustainable and secure energy system. The achievement of SDG7 feeds directly into SDG13 (Climate Action), as the provision of affordable and clean energy ensures electricity access is low carbon in nature by removing the need for diesel generators or dirty cooking fuels. Therefore, achieving SDG7 is a crucial part of achieving long-lasting climate positive growth.

Africa's Agenda 2063 and the African Common Position on Energy Access and Just Transition, adopted on 15 July 2022, pave the way for a comprehensive approach to charting Africa's short, medium, and long-term energy development pathways, to accelerate universal energy access and transition without compromising the continent's development imperatives. The EU's Global Gateway Investment Package, and the Africa-EU Green Energy Initiative, announced during the 6th EU-AU Summit in 2022, support these goals and aim to increase electricity production and access to energy, promote energy efficiency, create a conducive regulatory environment for private investments and advance market integration. Successful collaboration between Africa and Europe is already contributing to the implementation of ongoing initiatives such as the Continental Power System Master Plan (CMP) and the creation of the Africa Single Electricity Market (AfSEM) - important building blocks for climate compatible energy systems.

As a part of the Africa Climate Summit, the AEF and AEEP will co-host an invite-only Chatham House Rule breakfast for policymakers in Nairobi, Kenya. The breakfast will aim to foster a frank dialogue between Africa and Europe and accelerate the implementation of a common agenda towards 2030 and 2063. It targets African and European policymakers, private sector and civil society representatives to add their perspective to the debate and jointly pave the way for mainstreaming climate into cross-continental energy action. The policymaker breakfast will precede and inaugurate the [AEEP Forum 2023](#).

Key questions

- How can Africa and Europe work better together to address both continents' needs?
- What forms of cooperation and engagement is needed to ramp up both continents' aspirations and flagships?
- How can investment opportunities be translated into climate positive growth and greater reach of energy's aspirations?

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr Johan Van den Berg, Head of Secretariat, <i>Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP)</i>, (Facilitator /host) 2. Dr Kandeh Yumkella, Ambassador and Co-Chair on Energy, <i>Africa-Europe Foundation (AEF)</i>, (Facilitator/host) 3. Mr Kamugisha Kazaura, Director Infrastructure and Energy, <i>African Union Commission (AUC)</i> 4. Mr Rashid Abdallah, Executive Director, <i>African Energy Commission (AEC)</i> 5. Ms Nardos Bekele-Thomas, Chief Executive Officer, <i>African Union Development Agency, New Partnership for Africa's Development (AUDA-NEPAD)</i> 6. Dr Fatih Birol, Executive Director, <i>International Energy Agency (IEA)</i> 7. Mr Hubert Danso, Chief Executive Officer, <i>Africa Investor Group (Ai)</i> 8. Mr Ian de Cruz, Director of Partnerships, Innovation & Investment, <i>World Resources Institute (WRI)</i> 9. Ms Nathalie Delapalme, Co-Secretary-General, <i>Africa-Europe Foundation (AEF)</i>, and Executive Director, <i>Mo Ibrahim Foundation (MIF)</i> 10. Ms Ana Fontoura Gouveia, State Secretary in charge of Energy and Climate, <i>Portugal</i> 11. Mr Michael Franz, Program Team Leader, <i>GET.invest</i> 12. Dr Aissatou Sophie Gladima, Minister of Petroleum and Energy, <i>Republic of Senegal</i> 13. Dr Mo Ibrahim, Co-Founder, <i>Africa-Europe Foundation (AEF)</i> and Chairman, <i>Mo Ibrahim Foundation (MIF)</i> 14. Mr. Hans Olav Ibrek, Special Envoy, Climate and Security, <i>Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i> 15. Dr Kevin Kariuki, Vice President, Power and Energy, Climate and Green Growth, <i>African Development Bank (AfDB)</i> 16. Dr Bärbel Kofler, Parliamentary State Secretary, <i>Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Federal Republic of Germany</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 17. Ms Carla Montesi, Director for Green Deal and Digital Agenda, <i>European Commission (EC)</i> 18. Ms Jennifer Morgan, State Secretary and Special Envoy for International Climate Action, <i>Federal Foreign Office of Germany</i> 19. Mr Thomas Östros, Vice President, <i>European Investment Bank (EIB)</i> 20. Mr Eamon Ryan, Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications and Minister for Transport, <i>Ireland</i> 21. Dr Mohamed Shaker El-Markabi, Minister of Electricity and Renewable Energy, <i>Arab Republic of Egypt</i> 22. Ms Rebekah Shirley, Deputy Director for Africa, <i>World Resources Institute (WRI)</i> 23. Ms Gauri Singh, Deputy Director-General, <i>International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)</i> 24. Ms Laurence Tubiana, Chief Executive, <i>European Climate Foundation (ECF)</i> 25. Ms Dymphna van der Lans, Chief Executive Officer, <i>Clean Cooking Alliance</i> 26. Dr Arthouros Zervos, President, <i>Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century (REN21)</i> 27. Mr Paul Walton, Executive Director, <i>Africa-Europe Foundation (AEF)</i> 28. Mr Christophe Guilhou, Director for Sustainable Development, <i>French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs</i> 29. Mr Kurt Vandenberghe, Director General, <i>Directorate-General for Climate Action, European Commission (EC)</i> 30. Minister of Environment, Sierra Leone (TBC) 31. Minister of Petroleum Resources or Minister of Gas Resources, Nigeria (TBC)
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ANNEX 3: Launch of the Africa-Europe Earthshot: An Investment Deal for Climate, People and Nature

Date: Tuesday, 5 September 2023

Time: 1:00-1:45pm EAT

Venue: KICC (River Nile Room)

Format: In-person, public event

Context

This session will launch the Africa-Europe Earthshot: An Investment Deal for Climate, People and Nature, a roadmap and investment allocation plan that will enable Africa to realise its potential as a global green industrialisation hub and carbon sink.

Africa can play a leading role in the renewal of global cooperation, the creation of a new global financial pact, and a green industrial revolution rooted in a just transition and for the wellbeing of people and planet. Yet, despite Africa's transformational investable resources, only 2% of global renewable energy investments are made in Africa. Without investment, we are squandering the opportunity to position Africa as a driver of solutions to the global climate challenge. Decisions made today will shape the continent's – and the world's – ability to establish a just energy future, meeting net zero targets and sustainable development goals by 2050.

The Africa-Europe Earthshot aims to deliver an enabling environment that can accelerate investment in Africa at speed and scale, by raising ambition, building new narratives and shifting assumptions about Africa as a destination for green investment. While we are facilitating the development of this plan, we are shoring up heavy input from policymakers and institutional investors from both continents. This session marks the beginning of our process working with African and European changemakers to commit time and expertise to the design of a new investment future for Africa and a just energy future for the world.

Objectives

- Articulate the case for new investment in Africa, rooted in the argument that Africa should be afforded an opportunity for foreign investment that is beneficial to the continent and its citizens rather than an approach built on old and inequitable rules.
- Socialise the vision for the Africa-Europe Earthshot to co-create an investment policy tool that delivers an enabling environment and optimises Africa's future as a green industrialisation hub, renewable energy champion and carbon sink for the world.
- Seek partners and funders for the next phases of the Earthshot work, setting out opportunities for engagement with key stakeholders until, during and after COP28.

Speakers

- Mary Robinson, AEF Honorary President, Chair of the Elders, former President of Ireland
- Yemi Osinbajo, Former Vice-President of Nigeria
- Jacqueline Novogratz, Founder and CEO of Acumen
- Hubert Danso, CEO and Chairman, Africa investor Group
- Rebekah Shirley, Deputy Director, WRI Africa
- Leah Kibe, Director, Co-funding & Partnerships, and Head of Africa Office, CIFF

Moderator - James Mwangi, Founder, Climate Action Platform Africa

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ANNEX 4: Africa-Europe Working Group on Carbon Markets

Date: Tuesday, 5 September 2023

Time: 1:30-3:00pm EAT

Venue: Sarova Stanley Hotel

Format: Hybrid, by invitation only, Chatham House Rule

Context

The third meeting of AEF's Africa-Europe Working Group on Carbon Markets will be led by its Co-Chairs: Damilola Ogunbiyi (CEO and Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All) and Jos Delbeke (EIB Chair in Climate Policy and International Carbon Markets, European University Institute School of Transnational Governance, former Director-General of the European Commission's DG for Climate Action).

This is a closed-door meeting, limited to permanent members of the Working Group and active observers. The discussion will be held under the Chatham House Rule.

Logistics

Participants are kindly asked to be present on-site or connect online at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting. Exact details for in-person and online attendance will be shared in advance of the meeting.

Agenda items

- **Presentation of preliminary findings from the Strategic Piece of Research on Carbon Markets for Africa and Europe:** "Fostering Africa-Europe cooperation on Carbon Markets: A catalyst for climate and development action".
- **Priority interventions required from Europe to support the development of African national Carbon Market Activation Plans (CMAPs)**, including both in the immediate-term (starting with Kenya) and longer-term (EU future programming).
- **State-of-play on the Africa-Europe Carbon Market Curricula**, and the need to create a coalition of catalysts ready to make this a blueprint of the Africa-Europe Partnership on Carbon Markets.
- **Expected outputs for COP28** from the Working Group process and the Africa-Europe Foundation.
- **Next meeting.** Proposed as a hybrid meeting, taking place in Dubai within the framework of the United Nations Climate Conference, COP28 in the UAE.

Participants

Co-chairs:

- **Jos Delbeke**, EIB Climate Chair at School of Transnational Governance
- **Damilola Ogunbiyi**, CEO and Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All, and Co-Chair of UN-Energy

Members to attend:

- **Jean-Paul Adam**, Special Advisor to the UNSG on Africa, Former Director, Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources, UNECA
- **Angela Khaule Churie**, Executive Vice President for Impact at the Environment Defense Fund

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- **Bianca Gichangi**, Regional Lead for Africa at the Voluntary Carbon Markets Integrity Initiative
- **Laura Lahti**, Head of Impact at CAMCO Clean Energy
- **Wale Shonibare**, Director – Energy Financial Solutions, Policy & Regulation at African Development Bank
- **David Ottieno**, Cluster Coordinator Energy and Climate for GIZ Uganda, Programme Director, Promotion of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Programme (PREEEP)
- **Anokhi Parikh**, Climate Change Leads at Yellowwoods and Board member of the Africa Climate Foundation
- **Nathan de Baets**, Climate change mitigation and GHG management EU Global Support Facility for Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)

Joining remotely:

- **Isabelle Durant**, Expert - Right to Development UN Human Rights Council; former Deputy Secretary General UNCTAD
- **Godrej Rustomjee**, Just Energy Transition Analyst at the African Climate Foundation
- **Paula DiPerna**, Special Advisor to CDP North America
- **Dirk Forrister**, President of the International Emissions Trading Association (IETA)
- **Alice Carr**, Executive Director, Public Policy, Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ)

Additional participants to attend in person:

- **Mo Ibrahim**, Co-Founder of the Africa-Europe Foundation (AEF) and Chairman of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation (MIF)
- **Nathalie Delapalme**, Co-Secretary General of the Africa-Europe Foundation (AEF), Executive Director of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation (MIF)
- **Carlijn Nowen**, Founder and CEO of the Climate Action Platform for Africa
- **Sophie Higman**, Director of Programmes at ProForest
- **Vicente Hurtado**, European Commission Head of Unit for the CBAM, Energy and Green taxation at the Directorate-General responsible for Taxation and Customs Union
- **Dymphna van der Lans**, CEO at the Clean Cooking Alliance (CCA)
- **Andrea Abrahams**, Managing Director at the International Carbon Reduction and Offset Alliance (IRCOA)
- **Leah Seligmann**, Lead Campaigner at the B-Team

Additional members may join the meeting, either as new members, or strategic partners/observers.