



PRE CCDA 2021, Cape Verde

13th to 17th September, 2021

THEME: Towards an African framework for a Just Transition for a Green and Blue Resilient Recovery

Introduction

Africa is a developing continent and it is undergoing a rapid transformation. However, Climate change seriously threatens to undermine all of the development and progress which includes poverty reduction and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Recent assessments have shown that the economic costs of climate change in Africa are likely to be significantly higher in relative terms than in other regions of the world. The plight of the African continent is amplified by the fact that the continent is already struggling with other challenges including drought, floods, malnutrition, water scarcity, energy deficiency which can be attributed to climate change. The continent often lacks adequate capacity to anticipate and manage such shocks that relate to climate change and the Covid -19 pandemic complicates the situation even more. Given the travel restrictions imposed by government's world over, African governments have lost significant revenue especially in hospitality industry and tourism. Most of them are therefore struggling to fund their budgets and in some cases to service their external debts.

The outbreak is serving as a climate change threat multiplier, exacerbating the drivers of vulnerability on the continent, particularly persistent poverty, unequal distribution of wealth, poor resource management, conflicts, and weak infrastructure. On 23 March 2020, African ministers of finance warned that Covid-19 has placed additional strain on already underfunded efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the continent's Agenda 2063 targets. It is therefore imperative that strategies geared toward dealing with Covid-19 must be integrated with climate change response strategies.

The past experience in the continent shows that the economic growth being experienced in Africa is largely being driven by forces focusing on foreign direct investment, international finance and trade, all geared towards development or economic growth at whatever cost. Their urge to invest in Africa is driven by quest for resources, energy security and market access. Most of these investments are causing almost irreversible damage to the environment and are contributing to GHGs emissions. While economic development is a key priority in the continent in Covid-19 recovery process, in Africa must take a low carbon trajectory so as to averse the adverse effects of climate change which are already caused devastation in the continent.

PACJA's engagement with CCDA

The annual Climate Change and Development in Africa (CCDA) conference this year is being conducted against a background of a continent that is in dire need to support its struggling economies devastated by Covid 19 and climate change. It is also happening when there are a lot of uncertainties on the modalities of conducting COP 26 in Glasgow amid the outbreak of Covid 19. CCDA which is the flagship event of ClimDev-Africa provides a forum where stakeholders such as policy makers, climate researchers, civil society, women and youth from across the continent engage on climate change issues. The event is in recognition that the end users of ClimDev-Africa results are rural and urban communities whose livelihoods, health and security are impacted by climate change. This conference is a key event in the Calendar of the civil societies in Africa under the umbrella of PACJA and it is in this forum where the civil societies convene and consolidate their voices in one statement on the future of a continent devastated by climate change. The alliance normally co-host this important conference this year; In order to provide a platform to confront the aforementioned issues and formulate actionable recommendations, PACJA and other ClimDev-Africa partners consisting of Africa Union Commission (AUC), African Development Bank (AfDB), United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), in collaboration with the Government of Cape Verde, are convening the 9th Climate Change and Development in Africa Conference (CCDA-IX) in Sal Island, Cabo Verde from 13th to 17th September, 2021. The conference which is being hosted under the theme “**Towards an African framework for a Just Transition for a Green and Blue Resilient Recovery**”, aims to launch a continent wide debate on what a just transition for Africa should look like, how the continent can develop appropriate frameworks to prepare for the just transition. Specifically, the conference objectives will include:

- Increasing ambition in the NDCs, looking specifically at financing of the NDCs, the blue

economy and related issues.

- Deliberate on how to model the costs of the transition, how to finance the transition, and the opportunities arising from the just transitions across the globe, with a view to starting a process of preparing the continent to reap the rewards of such a transition.
- Taking stock of numerous challenges and opportunities engendered by the Covid-19 pandemic, and how they can be transformed into actionable climate solutions for Africa and the SIDS.

PACJA and along the gradient of CCDA 9 theme, has mobilized a diversity of stakeholders for a pre CCDA 9 convention in Cape de Verde where stakeholders will deliberate on critical issues relating to just transition and the role of the youth in catalyzing a just transition in Africa; the role of women and youth as agents of change in Covid 19 and climate change recovery and the role of private sector players in accelerating NDC implementation in Africa. The event is structured in such a way that there will be the main high levels segment workshop on the first day followed by a series of side events which includes:

1. Advancing the role of the African CSOs in administration of the Green Climate Fund in a just transition framework
2. Advancing Equitable, Just & Gender Sensitive Climate Finance for ALL
3. Energy transition
4. The role of private sector in accelerating NDC implementation in Africa
5. The role and opportunities of the African youth in catalyzing just transition

Expected outputs

1. A joint consolidated Africa CSOs statement on Covid -19 and climate change recovery for Africa
2. CSOs recommendation to the GCF on climate finance access for women and youth
3. A roadmap on the just transition agenda for Africa

AGENDA

13TH September 2021

TIME	ACTIVITY	FACILITATOR
8:30-9:00	Arrival and registration of the participants	Meryne Warah
9:00-9:45	<i>Opening session</i>	Salina Sanou
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Mithika Mwenda- Executive Director PACJA • Wanjira Mathai- WRI and a friend of COP 26 • Representative-UNECA • Representative Africa Group of Negotiators • Representative of PAP 	
9:45-10:00	Presentation of the workshop Objectives	Charles Mwangi
10:00-10:15	TEA BREAK	
10:15-11:00	Resilient recovery for Africa Ambassador Dr. James Murobedzi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ How does a resilient Africa look like? ✓ What were the main contentious issues in the recovery process ✓ What are the opportunities for Africa and especially the youth in the blue and Green Economy Q and A	Eugene
11:00-11:30	The African aspiration going to COP 26 by Ambassador Syeni Nafu	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What are the priority issues that the AGN will focus on at COP 26 ✓ What is the AGN's position on the possibility of a virtual COP 26 <p>Q and A</p>	
11:30-12:30	<p>Panel Discussion</p> <p>Towards a just Covid- 19 recovery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Augustine Njamshi- ACSEA • Nisreen Elsam- Youth representative • Martin Mubisi-AFT • Mwanahamisi Sigano- FEMNET 	
12:30-1:00	Plenary Discussion	
1:00-2:00	LUNCH BREAK	
2:00-2:30	<p>The role of religious institutions in advocating for climate Justice in Africa- Reflections on the outcome of- Voices from faith communities in Africa on climate change conference</p> <p>Q and A</p>	AACC representative
2:30-3:00	The role of CSOs in influencing implementation of NDCs in Africa- A case of Tanzania	Edgar
2:30-3:30	<p>Group discussions on the main COP themes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finance 2. Adaptation 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3. Mitigation4. Capacity building5. Gender Feedback from the groups	
3:30-4:30	Drafting the CSOs statement to CCDA	
4:30-5:00	Wrap up of Day 1	