



Wilton Park

Programme

The Alternative Africa Climate Week: 40 under 40 to build resilience

Monday 18 – Wednesday 20 March 2019 | WP1686

Held in South Africa

In light of the global threat brought by climate change, no continent will be hit as severely by the consequences than Africa. Indeed, the continent is set to become increasingly vulnerable to extreme weather events and climatic impacts, threatening economic growth, infrastructure and the livelihoods of all.

As governments across Africa gather for the UN led Africa Climate Week in Ghana, simultaneously this Wilton Park round-table dialogue in South Africa, will bring together 40 under 40 young African thought leaders, actors and change makers, from South Africa, other SADC countries, Kenya, Ethiopia, Senegal and Nigeria amongst others together with UK counterparts, to discuss how individuals, societies and governments can become more resilient in their responses to climate change.

The dialogue will provide a platform for the emerging generation of leaders to discuss how climate change is impacting them and their societies, and develop ideas for solutions to increase resilience, sharing expertise across the continent, equipping them with knowledge, insights and tools to allow them to mobilise their communities to increase resilience to climate change.

Through interactive dialogue participants will share experiences about the vulnerabilities facing their communities. Discussions will include exploring what resilience means at the daily level, including in relation to climate impacts on water, agriculture and food security, energy, and urban living.

Participants will share their cross-sectoral expertise, develop ideas to provide sustainable solutions, identify positive actions they can take as individuals and to mobilise communities from across the continent. There will be opportunities to build networks across the continent for long-term collaboration and explore partnerships with the UK.

The UK, as a partner with Africa, is committed to lead on building resilience to climate change for the UN Secretary General ahead of his 2019 Climate Summit. The UK is also home to a huge array of specialists/experts, campaigners, NGOs, pressure groups, research institutions and arm's length government bodies which lead the way on climate

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science and thinking globally. Increasing the connections between the UK and Africa on climate is of enormous mutual benefit. It will build understanding, build stronger partnerships and challenge collective wisdom. This in turn can only strengthen the case for international action.

Wilton Park, an executive agency of the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office, will convene this meeting working in partnership with the Africa Climate Reality Project. A global forum for strategic discussion organising over 60 events a year, the Wilton Park style is for a round-table highly participatory format including working in smaller rotating groups, to help generate fresh insights and solutions. Discussion is off-the-record to encourage an open and constructive dialogue.

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Monday 18 March

1200	Participants arrive and buffet lunch available (Zeederburg Restaurant)
1400	Briefing for session 2 facilitators (Henry Hartley room)
1415	Registration (Henry Hartley room)
1430-1515	Welcome and introductions Robin Hart Senior Programme Director, Wilton Park Kate Airey British High Commissioner to Namibia, Windhoek Gillian Hamilton Branch Manager, Africa Climate Reality Project (ACRP), Johannesburg
1515-1615	1. Climate change and its impacts What is the future impact of climatic change for Africa? How is it manifesting itself now? What are the projected trends? With what potential consequences for climate change for societies across Africa? How can Africa best respond? Sharing the evidence Bob Scholes Professor of Systems Ecology, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg Building regional responses Simon Cardy Director, Climate Change, Environment, Science and Technology, Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO), Pretoria
1615-1700	Photograph followed by tea/coffee
1700-1830	2. Vulnerabilities and resilience – the realities Brief plenary introduction before participants work in smaller groups to discuss: What are the vulnerabilities from climate change? What does resilience look like? Margherita Calderone Research Fellow, Overseas Development Institute, London

Yvonne Maingey

Expert in Climate Change Adaptation/Mitigation, Sustainable Energy and Development, Nairobi

Facilitators of working groups:

Margherita Calderone

Research Fellow, Overseas Development Institute, London

Yvonne Maingey

Expert in Climate Change Adaptation/Mitigation, Sustainable Energy and Development, Nairobi

Robin Mace-Snaith

Policy Analyst, Climate Change and Energy, Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD), London

Solomon Tsegay Eshetie

Editor, Ethiopian Broadcasting Corporation, Addis Ababa

Gillian Hamilton

Branch Manager, ACRP, Johannesburg

1830

Start of artwork project, led by:

Hannelie Coetzee

Visual artist, Johannesburg

1900

Informal BBQ (Safari Boma)

Tuesday 19 March

0700-0745

Nature Walk (optional/meet at reception)

0745-0845

Breakfast

0900-1030

3. Building resilience to manage the shocks and stresses

Looking at the bigger picture threat of environmental collapse due to climate change and the broader economic impacts. What does resilience mean in practice? What approaches are being taken at local, national and international level?

Laurie Laybourne-Langton

Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR), London

Ndoni Mccunu

Global Change Institute, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg

1030-1100

Tea/coffee

Briefing for session 5 facilitators (conference room)

1100-1300

4. Building the tools for resilience: Putting good science to work

The session will focus on the 'how and why' of turning science and policy into user action.

It will demonstrate UK-African partnership in practice, sharing the Met Office International Development model which facilitates how science can drive early action, and the Met Office's practical experience in delivery and shares work undertaken by early career climate scientists in the region.

A serious interactive exercise, The Forecast Based Early Action Game, will be used to allow participants to experience this approach and explore how good science can drive effective early warnings and forecast based early action.

Tim Donovan

Senior International Development Manager, UK Met Office, Exeter

In partnership with:

Elelwani Phaduli

Meteorologist, South African Weather Service, Pretoria

1300-1400

Lunch

1415-1600

5. Building resilience in practice

Plenary introduction followed by discussion in working groups, with participants selecting two of the different topics and rotating between them. Each session will last 40 minutes, to share examples of innovative solutions and ideas and build on these below:

Water – building water security (Henry Hartley room)

Michelle Hiestermann

uMhlathuze Water Stewardship Partnership Manager, National Business Initiative (NBI), Felixton

Robin Mace-Snaith

Policy Analyst, Climate Change and Energy, CAFOD, London

Food security - building resilient agricultural production and natural systems (Thomas Baines)

Richard Hato-Kuevor

Economic Justice Lead and Extractive Industries Policy Advisor, Oxfam International, Nairobi

David Michael Terungwa

Executive Director, Global Initiative for Food Security and Ecosystem Preservation GIFSEP; West Africa Coordinator, ACRP, Abuja

Cities - how will urban living adapt? What initiatives can be established or strengthened in order to make sure cities are resilient? (Sunbird)

Asha Sitati

Technical Advisor, Climate Action Planning, East and Southern Africa, C40 Cities, Nairobi

Samuel Chademana

City Adviser Tshwane, C40 Cities, Office of the Executive Mayor-City Sustainability Unit, Tshwane

Preparing for extreme weather (Oriole)

Laura Alderson

Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer, Ordnance Survey, Southampton

Diana Njeru

Project Director, BBC Media Action, Nairobi

1600-1645

Tea available

Celebrating International Day of the Forest; tree planting demonstration facilitated by

Tshepiso Senetla

Programme Coordinator, Food and Trees for Africa, Johannesburg

1645-1715

6. Resilience in practice – the best of the best

Sharing some of the most interesting innovations discussed in the previous session

1715-1830

7. The critical questions: How to make it work? Who pays for resilience?

How will 'resilience' be funded? How can the sustainability of financial initiatives for resilience strategies be ensured? How should African countries work together to increase access to international climate finance? What is the institutional capacity for plans to be taken forward? How can politicians, governments, businesses and civil society work together?

Debate format:

Patrick Curran

Policy Officer and Advisor to Professor Nicholas Stern, Grantham Research Institution on Climate Change and the Environment, London School of Economics and Political Science, London

Dustin Benton

Policy Director, Green Alliance, London

Mbali Motsoeneng

Manager, Policy and Research, Private Office of Executive Mayor, Johannesburg

1900

Reception and artwork revealed with

Ben Llewellyn-Jones

British Deputy High Commissioner to South Africa, Pretoria

1930

Dinner followed by after dinner conversation on:

Africa matters

Led by:

Farai Mubaiwa

Cofounder, Africa Matters Initiative, Johannesburg

Wednesday 20 March

0700-0800

Breakfast and checkout

0815-0900

Start the day exercise, introduced by

Gillian Hamilton

Branch Manager, ACRP, Johannesburg

0900-1100

8. Communicating climate change – training session

How to communicate climate change? Advocacy/social media? How to bring about a change in behaviours and attitudes? How can advocacy to strengthen climate resilience work best?

Making global issues local:

Diana Njeru

Project Director, BBC Media Action, Nairobi

How to maximise communication opportunities:

Nicole Rodel

Communications Officer, ACRP, Johannesburg

Turning communications into action:

David Michael Terungwa

Executive Director, Global Initiative for Food Security and Ecosystem Preservation GIFSEP; West Africa Coordinator, ACRP, Abuja

1100-1115

Tea/coffee

1115-1145

9. Building international responses and actions

Towards the UN Climate Change Summit 2019

Laura Stockley

UN Climate Summit Policy Adviser, Department for International Development (DFID), London

1145-1300

10. Our response, our actions

Participants discuss their personal and professional commitments to build and support resilience efforts, including working in collaboration between Africa and the UK.

Completion of online eQuestionnaire

1300

Lunch

1400

Participants depart