

COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action Assembly at the UN Regional Climate Week for the Africa

Plenary session

Date: Monday 27 September at 14:00-15:30 EAT

Platform: Zoom Webinar

Registration: https://wiltonpark-org-uk.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cn8zCAKTRB-fHhPvmUEbqg

SESSION DESCRIPTION

The **Paris Agreement** provides us with a truly global framework for climate ambition and action. To unlock the full potential of the Paris Agreement, it is important that all countries can participate to their maximum potential and that a lack of capacity does not hold them back.

In its role as the incoming COP26 Presidency, the UK is committed to better understanding the capacity building challenges faced by developing countries, particularly those most vulnerable to climate impact, and to providing opportunities to share positive experiences and lessons learned across the Africa & Middle East Region.

This opening session of the COP Catalyst for Climate Action will better understand the capacity building challenges and share positive experiences and lessons learned across the Africa & Middle East Region.

There will be simultaneous translation in English, French and Arabic.

PROPOSED AGENDA

Time	Theme and speakers
14:00-14:05 EAT	Welcome Matthew Booth Programme Director, Wilton Park, Secretariat for COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action
14:05-14:20 EAT	Welcome and introduction Janet Rogan UK Government, COP26 Regional Ambassador for the Middle East and Africa Alfred Okidi Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda UN Regional Climate Week Host Alejandro Kilpatrick Capacity Building Team Leader, UNFCCC Secretariat

14:20-14:50 EAT	<p>1. Capacity Building for Africa & Middle East Countries for implementing the Paris Agreement: challenges and opportunities</p> <p>Format: 3-5 mins per speaker, followed by 10 minute discussion with interventions from the floor.</p> <p>Chair: Shehnaaz Moosa Director, SouthSouthNorth</p> <p>Sharing experiences:</p> <p>Abdelrhani Boucham Member of Paris Committee on Capacity Building, Morocco</p> <p>Renilde Ndayishimiye Member of Paris Committee on Capacity Building, Burundi</p> <p>Pemy Gasela, Lead Capacity Building Negotiator, G77+China South Africa</p>
14:50-15:20 EAT	<p>2. How can non-state actors and individuals support the capacity building for the implementation of the Paris Agreement?</p> <p>Format: 3-5 mins per speaker, followed by 10 mins of moderated discussion with interventions from the floor.</p> <p>Hindou Ibrahim Indigenous Peoples Representative, Chad</p> <p>Gebru Jember Endalew Institutions Development and Strategic Partnerships Advisor, Global Green Growth Institute, Ethiopia</p> <p>Sevidzem Ernestine Leikeki CAMGEW Forest and Women Empowerment Officer, Cameroon</p> <p>Neeshad Shafi Founder, Arab Youth Climate Movement, Qatar</p>
15:20-15:30 EAT	<p>COP26 Capacity Building and the COP26 Catalyst</p> <p>Claire Holzer Fleming UK COP26 Presidency</p> <p>COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action: how the rest of the week will work</p> <p>Matthew Booth Programme Director, Wilton Park, Secretariat for COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action</p>

