

## Provisional programme

# **The #Resilient40: responding to climate change in Africa**

**Wednesday 15 – Friday 17 January 2020 | WP1749**

**To be held in Ethiopia**

In March 2019, 40 young African change makers from 11 countries across the continent came together in South Africa with their counterparts from the United Kingdom. The aim was to provide a platform for the emerging generation of leaders to discuss how individuals, societies, and governments can become more resilient in their responses to climate change.

Calling themselves the #Resilient40, this next generation of leaders created a network to build momentum to face this threat and to improve climate resilience across Africa, a momentum fuelled by strong cross-continent connections representing a renewed and modern UK-African partnership. They discussed how the climate crisis is already affecting them and their societies, and developed ideas for solutions to increase resilience to face the threats ahead, sharing expertise across the continent. Each individual committed to taking their own actions to build resilience to climate change, equipped by the conference with knowledge, insights, and tools to allow them to mobilise their communities to increase resilience to climate change.

This second meeting of the #Resilient40 will enable the expanded #Resilient40 to develop their platform to influence African and international negotiations responding to climatic change in Africa, including contributing to the UK preparations for COP 26. Discussions will allow the group to formulate key next steps and a framework for continuing and strengthening the network's impact, as well as providing space for the emerging young leaders to share expertise and ideas from across the continent and with those from the UK. It will build on the regional and cross-continent relationships sparked in March 2019 and strengthen new connections.

**In association with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and Department for International Development**

## Wednesday 15 January

	Participants arrive during the morning
<b>1200</b>	Lunch available
<b>1300-1330</b>	Registration and pre-event activity
<b>1330-1415</b>	<b>Welcome and (re)introductions</b> Introductions for the existing and new members, and icebreaker. <b>Chair: Robin Hart</b> Senior Programme Director, Wilton Park <b>Joel Webb</b> Second Secretary, British Embassy, Addis Ababa
<b>1415-1500</b>	<b>1. Resilient40 – progress and successes</b> Sharing highlights of what the group has done since the original meeting, including individual and collective actions. Discussing expectations of this meeting.
<b>1500-1530</b>	Tea/coffee Plus introductory paired ‘Walk and Talk’
<b>1530-1615</b>	<b>2. Resilient40 – the next chapter</b> A brief introduction and overview of what the Steering Group of Resilient40 has been doing since the last meeting. Steering Group members will lead this conversation, touching upon the group’s governance, membership and advocacy strategy. Starting the conversation about what the network wants to achieve next, and how we might do that, including governance of the network, what it means to be a member etc, partnerships and wider engagement. This will be followed up by more in-depth discussion in session 8.
<b>1630-1730</b>	<b>3. Climate change: The African context</b> African nations are responsible for just 2-3% of global emissions, but the continent is set to be the worst affected by the devastating impacts of climate change – from changing weather patterns which reduce crop yields to natural disasters which threaten communities and livelihoods. This introductory session focuses on climate change in the Africa and the drivers of climate fragility on the continent to inform the thematic discussions in this conference. It also starts the conversation about what does resilience mean in the African context and for this group. Introduction in plenary and discussion in smaller groups to identify the key drivers across the continent, and the local variations.
<b>1800</b>	Introduction to art activism project
<b>1900</b>	Dinner
<b>2015-2115</b>	Video and informal discussion (in the Movie Theatre)

## Thursday 16 January

0700-0745

Pre-breakfast optional activities

0800-0900

Breakfast

0845

Briefing for session 7 co-facilitators

0900-0945

#### **4. The global climate agenda**

Reflections on the global climate agenda. To include an introduction to COP26, which the UK will host in November 2020 and the UK agenda for it, and the UK-Africa context.

**UK perspective**

**African perspective**

0945-1030

#### **5. Climate resilience in Africa I: Sustainable development in a low/no carbon economy**

What is needed to become 'resilient' to climate change in the African context?

The following two sessions will give the group a chance to look closer at what 'resilience' means in two specific contexts.

In this session what will low or net zero emissions and clean growth look like in the African context? What is the magnitude of any transition? What are African countries already doing to build resilience that others can learn from? How to ensure the necessary transition towards meeting the SDGs and that is sustainable, fair and just? How can youth assist in this transition?

1030-1045

Tea/coffee

1045-1130

#### **6. Climate resilience in Africa II: nature-based solutions**

To include focus on nature-based solutions for climate change (including land use, soils, forests, oceans and biodiversity).

1130-1300

#### **7. Climate resilience in Africa in practice: discussion in-working groups**

Resilient40 members will have time to discuss in more depth an area of specific interest to them. The themes have been selected because of the wider interests of the group and where individuals have expertise to share.

Introduction in plenary followed by discussion in smaller groups. Participants will choose their preferred topic and will have the opportunity to move to another group half way through if they would like to.

Within each topic area the groups will discuss the following questions:

- Focusing on how to build resilience in each theme, what are the potential actions, whether small-scale or large, that Africa and Africans can do? What would these actions look like, who should be responsible etc?)
- What can or should the Resilient40 network do in these areas, both directly and indirectly? (identifying 1 or more actions for the Resilient40 network itself and talk through what that action would look like in practice).

**a. Decarbonised sustainable development in Africa**

**b. Nature-based solutions**

**c. Cities and green infrastructure**

**d. Disaster preparedness and management**

**e. Making food systems resilient – food insecurity in Africa**

**f. Financing for climate resilience**

Session to include feedback from discussions

**1300-1415**

Lunch

Steering Group and session 9 facilitators to meet over lunch

**1415-1500**

**8. Climate resilience in Africa in practice: feedback and #Resilient40 actions**

Small groups will feedback. Plenary discussion about how the #Resilient40 can take some of these issues forward.

**1500-1700**

**9. Resilient40 – the next steps**

Plenary introduction by members of the Steering Group, followed by working groups and concluding discussion in plenary to agree and finalise:

- The Governance for the Resilient40;
- What it means to be a member;
- The advocacy and future opportunities for the group.

Each section led by members of the Resilient40 Steering Group:

**i. Governance for the group**

**ii. Membership**

What does it mean to be a member of the Resilient 40? To include discussion on 'etiquette', associate membership etc.

**iii. Advocacy opportunities and comms**

What considerations are there when representing the group? What is the message of the group? Where are the opportunities to share it?

Feedback and agreement on the next steps including the TOR, Steering Group/Executive Committee, membership, advocacy etc

Tea/coffee during the afternoon with opportunity to vote on group logo design

**1700-1800**

**10. Resilient40: our 'ask' of the AU and global partners**

What are the group's big asks of the AU (on Friday) and international actors (including the UK ahead of COP? What is our pitch as the Resilient40 if lobbying national governments?

**Chair: Joel Webb**

Second Secretary - African Union, British Embassy, Addis Ababa

**Aminetou Bilal**

African Union Youth Advisor, Nouakchott

**1830**

'Your alternative dinner' informal activity led by

**Khodani Mulaudzi**

Research and Project Coordinator, WWF South Africa, Johannesburg

**1900**

Followed by dinner

**2015-2115**

Continued discussion of next steps and personal actions

**Friday 17 January**

<b>0800</b>	Breakfast and checkout
<b>0930</b>	Drive to Addis Ababa
<b>1100</b>	Tea/coffee at Residence of the British Ambassador
<b>1115-1230</b>	<p><b>11. Meeting with the African Union (tbc)</b></p> <p>An opportunity to discuss the AU's climate agenda with AU experts and leadership, and Resilient40's ambitions and contribution to the Africa wide agenda.</p>
<b>1300</b>	<p>Lunch reception at Residence of the British Ambassador, Addis Ababa</p> <p><b>Welcome by Alastair McPhail</b> British Ambassador to Ethiopia, Addis Ababa</p>
<b>1430-1630</b>	<p><b>12. Workshop: maximising communications of the group and individual</b></p> <p>To be run by the UK Government Communication Service, discussing ideas and sharing tips to maximise the group's advocacy and individual communications.</p> <p>To include development of a communications plan for Resilient40, and opportunities such as Africa Climate Week (scheduled for mid-March 2020) that will promote the voice of Resilient 40 in the climate debate.</p>
<b>1630</b>	<p><b>13. Next steps and commitments</b></p> <p>Final discussions to agree next steps for the group, and personal commitments.</p>
<b>From 1700</b>	Participants depart

**This is a preview programme and as such may be subject to change.**

**This is an invitation only dialogue.**

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