

Africa at COP 28

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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1 December			Registration
3:30-4:30pm World Climate Action Summit	'From Concept to Impact: Energizing Progress in the Global South Energy Transition and Investment Pathways	This presidential panel will address energy transition to respond to the ongoing and heightened global political instability that is impacting Global South countries' discourse on the urgency of accelerating a just and equitable energy transition.	Pass Required
17:00-17:30 Al Shaheen	High – Level Roundtable on Financing and implementing the Nairobi Declaration	The panel will address the fostering and deepening of engagement and collaboration between businesses and finance institutions to operationalize the call to action of the Nairobi Declaration.	Open
2nd December			
9:00 am – 10:30 am Africa Pavilion	Africa Climate Risk Insurance Facility for Adaptation	The AfDB and partners high-level event building on the announcement of ACRIFA with the following objectives: to accelerate resource mobilization for ACRIFA, update partners on progress, and showcase ACRIFA-aligned pipeline investments presented by anchor partners to bolster targeted resource mobilization to implement the Facility.	Open
13:30 -15:00 WCAS Meeting Room 6 DEC SOUTH Blue Zone	Africa Green Industrialization Event	The Africa Green Industrialization Event organized by the COP28 Presidency and the Government of Kenya, will bring together leaders from Africa and the UAE, investors and captains of industry to highlight Africa's opportunities for green industrialization.	Ticketed
15:00-16:00 Digital Pavilion	Building a sustainable financial model to sustain Early Open Waste Burning Early Warning Systems for better health, governance and sustainable Livelihoods	Showcasing the realization of COP pledges and AMCEN resolution implementation by leveraging data and technology use in curbing waste mismanagement and enhancing circularity in Africa- showcasing a business case.	Open

3 December			Registration
10:30am-12pm, Action room 2 Al Jeer (Lab 2)	Special event: (UNECE) Transition finance high-level event	The event – as a multi-stakeholder initiative - will provide the opportunity to highlight financing initiatives taken by selected developing countries, the UN, the European Commission and private sector financial institutions to support actions on climate mitigation, adaptation and resilience, and nature, with a view of highlighting synergies, complementarities and identify further opportunities for collaboration.	Open
11- 12:30 GST Waste and Resources Pavilion	Feedback from COP 27 -Launch methods, tools to evaluate, assess and communicate the MSP piloted initiatives to accelerated the elimination of open waste burning in Africa.	Presenting regional roadmaps- develops a suite of tools and methods to build data to share amongst developed countries who are engaged in open waste burning.	Open
15:30 -17:00 Action room 2 Al Jeer (Lab 2)	Special event: (Gates Foundation) Poverty and Transition Developing country finance.	The seminar will discuss various aspects of this transition, highlighting potential trade-offs over time, co-benefits and opportunities to accelerate development, and how financing flows create constraints and opportunities as countries transition.	Open
4:45 PM - 6:15 PM UNFCCC Side Event Room 9	<i>Interlinking and Synergizing Energy Access, Adaptation and Just Transition in Africa</i>	Event will seek to promote dialogue and collaboration among diverse stakeholders from various sectors and regions to formulate evidence-based policy recommendations that can inform and support the implementation of integrated approaches to energy access, just transition, and climate adaptation in Africa.	Open
17:30 -18:30 Blue Zone, SDG7 Global South Pavilion	Building the Foundations of Africa's Carbon Markets with Integrity	ACMI event to demonstrate examples of PD with high integrity supply, reinforcing a positive narrative	Open

4 December			Registration
10:00-11:00 Al Hur	MP Finance Session- "Just Finance: Finance, Trade Gender and Accountability	Develop a finance blueprint to narrow the climate & nature funding gap: 'Breaking Financing Barriers for Just Climate Transition in Africa' (link to final version) outlines a <u>five point plan</u> for finance actors to remove systemic barriers to investment in sustainable development	Open
14:00-15:00 Al Shaheen GCA	SME and Indigenous Technology and Circularity for nature positive sustainable growth (IL)	This event is expected to create momentum and advance a set of partnerships that will help develop a robust, sustainability-focused information framework, MSME roadmap, and business case for circularity. Given the huge proportion of businesses which fall into the SME category (90%), it is clear that there can be no transition to a net-zero carbon future and circular economies without their involvement.	Open
15:00-16:00	Sustainable Debt Coalition & Credit Enhancement: Catalyzing Private Sector Capital for Sustainability-linked Sovereign Financing for Climate and Nature		Open
16:00-17:30 Action room 2	Special event Regional Platforms for Climate Finance: Unlocking climate finance flows through project acceleration	This special event on building regional platforms for climate projects will showcase the UN Regional Commissions' work in engaging UN Member states' policy and regulation for SDGs and climate finance as well as the successes in project/investor matchmaking at a regional level.	Open
5 December			Registration
9:00 – 10.30AM Africa Pavilion	From Assets to Flows: Unlocking climate finance for African sustainable economic growth projects	To accelerate climate mitigation and adaptation solutions at scale, public and private finance sectors must work together on concrete and investable climate projects that are based on regional priorities, the objectives of the Paris Agreement and the SDGs. This session will: Show the UN Compendium of Climate Projects; Highlight the needs of project developers and financiers to unlock the assets to flows	Open

5 December			Registration
10:00-11:30 Action room 2 Al Jeer (Lab 2)	South-South learning and bottom-up market design of bio credits as an instrument to enhance conservation efforts and resilience. Bio credits and nature in Africa and Latin America (Implementation Lab)	This practical implementation lab event will bring together communities and investors from the Amazon and the African continent to engage on how to create ground-up, equitable bio credit market design, to support conservation efforts and livelihoods of nature's stewards.	Open
12:00- 13:30 Action room 2 Al Jeer (Lab 2)	Special event: Africa Climate Finance with GFANZ Africa "Mobilizing climate finance at scale in Africa"	The key objective of the event is to assemble key actors, financial institutions, and project developers in Africa to: Discuss the critical risks drivers affecting project bankability in Africa and how to address the perceived and real risks for the pipeline projects and "green" projects in general.	Open
13:00-14:00 DP World Centre (located in the Energy Transition Hub in Green Zone)	Africa Business Leaders Coalition – Driving Africa's Just Transition	Demonstrate the power of private sector collective climate action by showcasing tangible progress against the ABLC climate commitments made on just transition.	Open
15:00-16:00 Action Room 1, Al Shaheen, Blue Zone.	"Enablers to tripling renewable power generation by 2030 through a just, financed, and equitable transition"	The event will highlight linkages between these key enablers and parallel efforts from the Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance and the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative regarding critical mineral supply chains, the African Export Import Bank regarding the scaling-up of finance particularly for minerals, and the Utilities for Net Zero Alliance across all enablers.	Open
6 December			
8:00-11:00 Simmons & Simmons Office, ICD Brookfield, DIFC, Dubai Breakfast Meeting	Africa climate project roundtable with Simmonds and Simmonds	A total of 15 African projects have been shortlisted for matchmaking in 2023 across mitigation, adaptation and nature. Of these 15 projects, at least 5 projects seek concessional finance and/or blended finance.	

6 December			Registration
9:30am- 10:30am World Health Organization Pavilion	<i>“Is this proposed cookstove project a health and climate win? You tell us!”</i>	The session aims to enhance the audience’s understanding of the complexities surrounding cookstove projects, including the critical success factors. Moreover, it will highlight the substantial health benefits linked to clean cooking while underscoring the importance of accurate and robust information in the development and evaluation of such projects.	Open
DIFC Academy, Auditorium 2, Level 2	GEFI/SDG Hive	The programme will comprise of a series of practically focused, private events held with industry experts and global leaders, established to create a ‘hive’ of activity with the aim of enhancing private capital flows towards achieving the UN SDGs.	Open
11:00-12:30 IDFC Pavilion	Unlocking the potential of green hydrogen in Africa by the Development Bank of Southern Africa Within (DBSA)	Event will provide context on green hydrogen as a key enabler for developing countries and transition economies such as South Africa and Namibia to achieve industry decarbonization and development. Building on this, a Roundtable discussion will deliver on the current policy, regulatory, climate impact and industrial development aspects of green hydrogen being undertaken in developing countries	Open
12:00 – 13:15 Venue: Global Renewables Hub, Mobility District, MA15 (ground floor).	AGHA Ministerial roundtable: In the driving seat of the African green hydrogen economy	Strengthen policy alignment among AGHA countries. Advancing good legal and fiscal frameworks and contracting practices. Accelerate and improve market development at the local, regional, and international levels. Call to accelerate financing for renewable energy and green hydrogen projects in Africa. Welcome Djibouti and Nigeria to the Alliance.	Open
15:30-16:30 Presidency Roundtable, Blue Zone	COP 28 Presidency + CCT Multi Level Roundtable on Urban Water Resilience	The roundtable will launch the working group on urban water resilience under the Sharm el-Sheikh Adaptation Agenda (SAA), to guide and support coordinated multi level action on urban water resilience	By Invitation

<p>17:30-18:30 GCA (Room: Al Jeer)</p>	<p>Implementation Lab: Launch of the Sharm el-Sheikh Working Group for Urban Water Resilience.</p>	<p>The event will highlight the 3 ACWA Platform member cities that have secured \$20 million to implement urban water resilience projects with the support of select Platform partner organisations.</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>8 December</p>			
<p>14:00-15:30 Al Jeer ,GCA</p>	<p>Special event: Localising Climate Finance. Egypt’s National Initiative for Smart Green Projects: A Unique Model in Localizing Climate Action”</p>	<p>Showcasing the successful implementation of Egypt’s National Initiative for Smart Green Projects, which aims to maximize the use of climate solutions and ICT, in line with the objectives of “National Climate Change Strategy 2050”, “Egypt’s Vision 2030”, and “SDGs 2030”</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>9 December</p>			
<p>14:30 – 16:00 GST Waste and Resources Pavilion (Blue Zone)</p>	<p>Circularity as a key solution to biodiversity loss and climate change</p>		<p>Open</p>
<p>10 December</p>			
<p>16:00-17:00 SD7 Pavilion</p>	<p>Scaling Voluntary Carbon Markets for a Just Transition</p>	<p>Demonstrate the potential of carbon credit projects in contributing to the UN SDGs and to inspire greater international collaboration in scaling high-integrity VCMs.</p>	<p>Open</p>