



# Special Session of the Africa Partnership Forum on Climate Change

**Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
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## **Annotated Agenda**

### **1. Opening session**

H.E., the Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission will moderate the opening session. He will invite H.E. Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), to make opening remarks. This will be followed by statements from the representative of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and H.E. Dr. Jean Ping, Chairperson of the African Union Commission.

After the statement by the AUC Chairperson, Chief Executive Officer of the NEPAD Secretariat, Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki will take over as Moderator for the next segment that begins with the Keynote Address.

### **2. Keynote address**

**Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki**, Chief Executive Officer of the NEPAD Secretariat will introduce H.E. Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, who will deliver the Keynote Address. The Address will set the tone for the meeting and will *inter alia*, provide political perspectives on the climate change and development challenge in Africa, key issues of concern for the continent, expectations from development partners and the vision for the coalition to be built around these concerns and expectations.

### **3. Presentations on climate change and development (global and regional perspectives)**

Lord Nicholas Stern, Chairman of the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment will address the meeting on the global dimension of climate change as it relates to Africa-specific issues. via video link. Following, Honourable Ogunlade Davidson, Minister of Energy and Water Resources of Sierra Leone and former Co-Chair of Working Group III of the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), will make a presentation that will among other things, address climate change impacts on key sectors of Africa's economy.

#### **4. Interventions by invited Ministers**

Dr. Mayaki will invite State Secretary, Ib Peterson from Denmark to make a brief statement. This will be followed by short interventions by Ministers in response to the key issues raised in the Address and presentations, to be followed by general discussions.

Dr. Mayaki, will make concluding remarks that will capture the key political messages from the various interventions and discussions.

#### **5. Update on the ongoing negotiations under the UNFCCC (global and regional) and thematic presentations on Adaptation and Mitigation**

The Moderators - APF Co-Chairs (Italy and Ethiopia), will invite the South African Minister of Environment in her capacity as the current President of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN), to make a statement. Following, a representative of the UNFCCC Secretariat will provide an update and share the Secretariat's perspectives on the ongoing international negotiations under the UNFCCC. The update provided by South Africa and UNFCCC Secretariat is intended to better inform the partnership that could be forged within the framework of the proposed coalition.

The Moderators will then invite the Coordinators of the African Group of Climate Change Negotiators on the thematic areas of adaptation and mitigation, to make presentations on these two areas.

General discussions will follow each thematic presentation and key political messages will be distilled from the presentations and discussions.

#### **6. Thematic presentations on Africa's specific concerns and expectations in the context of the ongoing UNFCCC negotiations**

This session will be moderated by the APF Co-Chairs (Libya and Portugal). It will comprise thematic presentations and discussions on Africa's key concerns and expectations in the context of the ongoing UNFCCC negotiations. The Coordinators of the African Group of Climate Change Negotiators on the thematic areas of technology development and transfer and financing will make presentations on the respective themes.

General discussions will follow each thematic presentation and key political messages will be distilled from the presentations and discussions.

## **7. Key political messages, next steps and closing**

This session will include discussions on the key political messages from the Special Session to be presented in the form of a joint statement. The next steps to be agreed will take into account the need to effectively disseminate the key messages to relevant regional and global processes that feed into, and could influence the outcomes of Copenhagen. Closing remarks will follow.