

Concept Note and Agenda

Paris Agreement+10: A Decade of Climate Action and the Road Ahead (held in the margins of the 20th Ordinary Session of AMCEN)

Date & Time:

17 July 2025 | 13:00 – 14:45

Venue: United Nations Office in Nairobi¹

Background

The year 2025 marks the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Paris Agreement, a landmark global accord that has shaped international climate policy and action. Over the past decade, countries have made significant strides in implementing their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), enhancing climate resilience, and transitioning toward low-carbon development pathways. However, the global community continues to face mounting challenges, including rising emissions, climate-induced disasters, and the need for scaled-up finance and technology transfer.

Africa, while contributing the least to global greenhouse gas emissions, remains disproportionately affected by climate change. The continent's leadership and innovation in adaptation, mitigation, and climate governance are critical to achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement and ensuring a just transition.

Objectives

This event aims to:

- Reflect on Africa's progress and challenges in implementing the Paris Agreement over the past decade.
- Showcase success stories, innovations, and partnerships that have advanced climate action on the continent.
- Discuss priorities for the next phase of implementation, including the Global Stocktake outcomes and alignment with the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063.
- Foster dialogue among policymakers, civil society, youth, and development partners on strengthening Africa's climate ambition and resilience.

Expected Outcomes

- A shared understanding of Africa's climate journey under the Paris Agreement.
- Key messages and recommendations which could inform AMCEN deliberations and COP30 preparations.
- Strengthened partnerships for enhanced implementation of NDCs and climate resilience strategies.

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Session agenda

Moderator: Dr Musonda Mumba, Secretary General, Convention on Wetlands.

13.00 – 13.15: Participants and panellists take their seats

13.15 – 13.25: Introduction of the session and the panellists by the moderator

13.25 – 13.30: Welcome Remarks - **Elizabeth Maruma Mrema**, Deputy Executive Director, UNEP

13.30 – 13.35: Opening Remarks - **H.E. Arnaud Suquet**, Ambassador of France to Kenya

13.35 – 14.00: Panellist Interventions (5 minutes each):

- **H.E. Mr. Ibrahim A. Munir**, Minister of Environment of Libya
- **Prof. Jim Skea**, Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- **Mr. Simon Stiell**, Executive Secretary, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- **H.E Ms. Jessika Roswall**, EU Commissioner for Environment, Water Resilience and a Competitive Circular Economy
- **H.E. Mr. Moses Vilakati**, African Union Commissioner in charge of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment (ARBE) department

14.00 – 14.30: Audience intervention, Q&A.

14.30 – 14.35: Closing remarks - **H.E. Hamad Yussuf Masauni**, Minister of State, Vice President's Office (Union Affairs and Environment), Tanzania.

14.35 – 14.40: Vote of Thanks - **H.E Dr. Deborah M. Barasa**, Cabinet Secretary, Environment, Climate Change and Forestry, Kenya.

14.40 – 14.45 Participants depart