

Africa's journey in the global climate negotiations

16.30 – 18.00 Salle 1 & 2

Hosted by: United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)

Panelists:

Further information will be available at the event.

Abstract

As the global climate change negotiations arrive at a major crossroad which marks a turning point towards a new climate agreement in Paris, the world awaits impatiently and anxiously for any catalytic stimulus that will emerge to steer global ambition in capping the global temperature rise below 2°C. At the same time, in an effort to recalibrate the way forward, African stakeholders pause to take stock of a two decade long journey in pursuit of reducing climate risks and vulnerability in adaptation, reflecting upon gains and losses.

Following a research review and analyses conducted by a team of experts on various UNFCCC negotiation topics put together by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, a book has been developed that tells the story of Africa's journey in the negotiations. It is therefore timely to share the key findings of the study during the negotiations at COP21 in the African Pavilion where African leaders and other dignitaries will congregate in solemnity to speak with one voice for their fatherland. The objective of the side event is therefore to share key messages and recommendations tailored to provide a vivid understanding of what is at stake emerging from a historical analysis in redefining Africa's interests and future participation.