

High Level Event on African Renewable and Adaptation / Loss & Damage Initiatives

12.00 – 14.00 Salle 1 & 2

Hosted by: Committee of the African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC)

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Abstract

In addressing climate change, Africa needs to drive an economy that is climate-resilient, less-carbon intensive and that closes the energy deficit and reduces poverty. Hence, the continent needs to strengthen its existing continental initiatives such as the high level framework Work Programme on Climate Change Action in Africa (WPCAA) and the Climate for Development in Africa Programme (ClimDev-Africa). The overarching objective of this high level platform is to articulate Africa's prospects about the implementation of the new climate change agreement by highlighting Africa-specific solutions to address climate change. The event will underscore the importance of Africa's common position on climate change and advocate for Africa's COP 21 key messages supported by the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment; deliberate on relevant African climate solutions, including existing programmes such as the WPCAA and ClimDev-Africa and recent initiatives such as the African Renewable Energy Initiative and the African Adaptation and Loss & Damage Initiative.