

High Level Panel on Water and Climate Change in the context of the SDGs

14.00 – 15.30 Salle 2

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Abstract:

The AMCOW Water, Climate and Development Programme (WACDEP) and the National Adaptation Planning processes provide an opportunity for learning about how water issues can be integrated in national processes. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their means of implementation which promote collaborating also provide the opportunity for water and the climate change communities to work together towards managing risks associated with changes in the hydrological cycle. The purpose of this side event is to: highlight the importance of building water resilience security in order to enhance climate adaptation and mitigation within the SDG implementation framework; showcase initiatives being implemented in Africa in order to ensure that water issues are integrated into development planning processes; discuss the critical role of building water resilience in various UNFCCC mechanisms; and discuss key considerations for the financing of water infrastructure leading to enhanced climate resilience and the successful implementation of the SDGs under the GCF Framework.