

## **Climate Change into the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals in Africa: Why Sustainability matters?**

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### **Abstract**

For Africa, climate change is a key challenge to sustainability, with a wide range of implications on food security, water availability and accessibility, biodiversity conservation, sustainability of livelihoods, and the overall stability across the continent. Other implications include, among others, pollution and poor air quality, deteriorating soil quality, desertification and land degradation. All of these are threatening the sustainable development of the continent.

With the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly of the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in September 2015 and the new climate change agreement expected in Paris in December 2015, the links between climate change and sustainable development are becoming very prominent.

The overarching objective of this event is to address the dual relationship between climate change and sustainability in Africa, by highlighting the importance of mainstreaming climate change into the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and exploring challenges and opportunities associated with sustainability in Africa.