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## Africa Climate Week

### Africa Adaptation Acceleration Program (AAAP)

# AFRICA ADAPTATION DIALOGUE IMPLEMENTING THE VISION

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### The adaptation imperative

Africa is responding to the triple crisis of food insecurity, climate shocks, and Covid-19. Despite contributing the least to global warming, Africa finds itself on the frontline of the climate emergency, with the impacts of external shocks exacerbating these vulnerabilities. Highly dependent on rainfed agriculture, hundreds of millions of smallholder farmers are affected by changes in the weather patterns they rely on. Indeed, large portions of Africa—particularly the drylands that cover three-fifths of the continent—are warming at a rate twice the global average, putting half a billion people at risk. Even if international mitigation efforts keep global warming at 1.5°C, Africa requires urgent and transformational adaptation action. Chaired by Gabon, the Africa Adaptation Initiative (AAI) aims to strengthen collaboration on adaptation across the continent.

### The AAAP: Implementing the AAI vision

To implement the vision of the AAI, the Global Center on Adaptation (GCA) and the African Development Bank (AfDB) have jointly developed the Africa Adaptation Acceleration Program – AAAP. This Africa-led, Africa-owned response is mobilizing US\$25 billion for climate adaptation finance for the continent over five years. The AAAP is the largest, the boldest, and the most transformative climate adaptation program ever put forward for Africa. The programme was endorsed in 2021 at the largest ever gathering of African Heads of State and Government focused on adaptation and welcomed by President Ali Bongo Ondimba of Gabon for actualizing the vision of the AAI. The AAAP is Africa's response to the climate crisis, mobilizing investments for adaptation in the areas of food security, resilient

infrastructure, climate finance, and youth employment.

Building on the priority areas identified by African countries in their Nationally Determined Contributions, National Adaptation Plans, national climate strategies, other national strategies, and extensive consultations with African stakeholders, the AAAP works on four interconnected bold pillars to achieve transformational results:

- Climate Smart Digital Technologies for Agriculture and Food Security
- Infrastructure Resilience Accelerator
- Youth for Entrepreneurship and Job Creation in Climate Adaptation and Resilience
- Innovative Financial Initiatives for Africa.

In order to scale up high-impact investments, GCA has set up the AAAP Upstream Financing Facility. Since June 2021, the Facility has supported the upstream design of multi-million projects to strengthen adaptation components of US\$ 3.1 billion of AAAP downstream investments with MDBs in 36 countries.

This event will showcase progress of the AAAP and how it is contributing to narrowing the finance gap, thus accelerating the implementation of AAI. It will look at examples and results from the operational activities of the AAAP Upstream Financing Facility, with a focus on how the Africa Adaptation Acceleration Programme is yielding a triple dividend, by averting future losses, spurring economic gains and delivering environmental and social benefits through investments in adaptation.



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## PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY, 31 AUGUST 2022 - 9.30-10.30am CAT	
9.30 - 9.35	<b>Welcome Remarks by the Moderator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Davinah Milenge Uwella – Principal Programme Coordinator, African Development Bank</li></ul> <b>Opening Video</b>
9.35 - 9.40	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dr. Kevin Kariuki – Vice President, Power, Energy, Climate Change and Green Growth, AfDB</li></ul>
9.40 - 9.50	<b>Framing remarks: The Africa Adaptation Initiative and the AAAP</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tanguy Gahouma-Bekale – Special Advisor to His Excellency Ali BONGO ONDIMBA, President of the Gabonese Republic, Permanent Secretary of the National Climate Council, African Union Champion for the AAI</li></ul>
9.50 - 10.05	<b>The AAAP as the vehicle to implement the AAI vision</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Anthony Nyong – Senior Director, and Africa Regional Director, Global Center on Adaptation</li></ul>
10.05 - 10.10	<b>AAAP voices from the field</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>AAAP partners and beneficiaries</li></ul>
10.10 - 10.25	<b>Moderated discussion with participants</b>
10.25 - 10.30	<b>Wrap up by the Moderator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Davinah Milenge Uwella – Principal Programme Coordinator, African Development Bank</li></ul>

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