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## COP 26-Side Event:

# Africa NDC Hub: Assessing the Status of NDC Implementation in Africa; Devising Critical Actions for Paris Aligned Development Pathways

### 03 November 2021

*9:00-10.30 a.m. (BST/GMT+1), the African Pavilion (Blue Zone, Hall 4)*

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#### Background

The [Africa Nationally Determined Contributions \(NDCs\) Hub](#) which was launched in 2017 is a collaborative platform set up through joint investments and partnerships to support African countries in the effective delivery of their Paris Agreement commitments, in a coordinated manner and in accordance with their development priorities. The Hub currently has 21 active member institutions and the NDC Partnership as a collaborating partner. The Hub particularly focuses on three key support areas: fostering Long Term Climate Action, Mobilise Means of Implementation and promote coordination, Advocacy and Partnership. The hub and its partners seek to provide African countries with the tools (capacity building, finance and technology) required for the effective implementation of their NDCs and progressively raise ambition on the Climate Goal around key activities including; Supporting African countries in NDC revisions, the development of NDC investment plans and Long-term low greenhouse gas emission development Strategies (LTS), Leveraging private sector involvement, Capacity-building on Paris Alignment (PA) and Development of monitoring, reporting and verification tools (MRVs).

The UNFCCC COP26 is dubbed, “*the last chance to save the Planet*”, to amplify the African voice at COP, the **Status of NDC implementation in Africa Report** aims to inform stakeholders, African leaders and development partners on critical actions to get Africa steadily on course to deliver its Paris Agreement commitments. The publication presents a strong narrative on the pathway to raising African NDCs ambition and implementation, mapping out climate finance flows (both for mitigation and adaptation) and investment strategy options to accelerate scaling up of NDC interventions; conveying the message of a continent with great potential to reach net-zero emissions and climate resilience in the timelines proposed by the recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Sixth Assessment Report if the correct measures are secured.

The Commonwealth Secretariat, which became the 19th member of the Africa NDC, is supporting Commonwealth countries access climate finance to support their climate mitigation, adaptation and resilience efforts through the commonwealth climate finance Access Hub (CCFAH) and interventions on other key activities to transform their NDCs into realistic investment plans and fast-track implementation towards climate-resilient and low-carbon development. These different and complimenting interventions and tools implemented by CCFAH under the Climate Action Enhancement Package (CAEP) initiative were delivered in four member countries of which two are in the Africa region - Eswatini and Zambia and have generated vital volume of experiences.

This **side event** presents the flagship publication of the hub and share country experiences from Eswatini and Zambia on domestic approaches on scaling up climate finance. The

Supports were provided through CCFAH where the long-term Commonwealth Climate Finance Advisers provided the following technical assistance:

In Eswatini the Adviser has supported the Climate Public Expenditure and Institutional Review (CPEIR) to ascertain how climate-related spending is included in the national budgeting process. The findings will help the government with evidence-based decision-making on budgeting for climate action. A strategy to enhance private sector engagement in Eswatini NDC actions has also been developed by the Adviser.

In Zambia, work on strengthening the country's institutional processes and structures to seek, receive, utilize and report on climate finance has been carried out through climate finance mapping along with the development of a baseline report on monitoring, reporting and verification of climate finance for NDC implementation for Zambia.

### Event Objectives:

The objectives of the event include:

- To provide the status of NDC implementation in Africa (challenges & opportunities) and showcase best practices to be accelerated
- To amplify the African voice on raising ambition on finance for NDC implementation in Africa
- Provide a platform for NDC investment plans that can fit into the pipeline of Africa NDC Hub partners
- To share the experiences on strategic approaches to enhance climate finance access for the implementation of the NDCs in Africa

### Desired Outcomes:

The desired outcomes for the event are:

- **Fostering collaboration:** Strengthened capacity of the Africa NDC Hub to ramp-up partnerships for advanced NDC/LTS/NAPs implementation.
- **A common understanding** on the need for improved access to sustained climate finance for African countries, specifically LDCs, SIDS and other vulnerable countries, with increased support for effective NDC implementation.
- **Approaches to strengthening enabling environments** within African countries including policy and regulatory frameworks to enable private sector mobilization and Public-Private Partnerships.

## Proposed Agenda

Time		
	Moderator	<b>Ms. Davinah Milenge-Uwella</b> , Principal Programme coordinator, AfDB
Welcome Remarks (4 mins)	Context Setting - presentation on the Africa NDC Hub	<b>Al Hamndou Dorsouma</b> , Director, Climate Change and Green Growth Department, AfDB
(3 mins)	<i>Introductory Presentation</i> on the CAEP interventions of CCFAH	<b>Ms. Uzoamaka Nwamarah</b> , Adviser- Climate Change, The Commonwealth Secretariat
Keynote Speech (7 mins)	<i>Keynote Speaker</i>	<b>Mr Naadir Hassan</b> , Minister of Finance, Seychelles
Launch (15 mins)	<i>Launch of the Africa NDC Hub Report</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>highlighting the Report findings</li> <li>highlighting progress on enhancing climate finance access</li> </ul>	<b>Dr. Linus Mofor</b> (UNECA) (TBC) <b>Dr. Sam Ogallah</b> (CCFAH Adviser - Eswatini)
<u>CCFAH - Country experiences</u> (15 min)  Max 3 mins per each country) 3 min-each CCFAH Adviser	<i>Intervention based on the country context)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highlight CPEIR &amp; Private Sector Engagement Strategy (Eswatini)</li> <li>Highlight Climate Finance Mapping &amp; Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) Zambia</li> </ul>	<b>Ms. Duduzile Nhlengethwa-Masina</b> (Director, Eswatini Meteorological Services, MTEA)  <b>Mr. Ephraim Shitima</b> (Director, Climate Change and Natural Resources Management Department Zambia)  <b>Ms. Bernadette Shalumbu-Shivute</b> (Senior Conservation Scientist, Namibia)  <b>Dr. Sam Ogallah</b> (CCFAH Adviser - Eswatini) <b>Dr. Othniel Yila</b> (CCFAH Adviser - Zambia) <b>Ms. Carol Mwape</b> (CCFAH Adviser - Namibia)
Panel Discussion (30 mins)	<i>What's next for NDC implementation in Africa And role of the private sector</i>	<b>Al Hamndou Dorsouma</b> , Director, AfDB  <b>Jean-Paul Adam</b> , Director Climate Change Division UNECA (TBC)  <b>Pablo Vieira</b> , Global Director NDC-P (TBC) Director, GGGI (TBC) Director General, East Africa Development Bank (TBC)  <b>Ms. Mukwandi Chibesakunda</b> CEO, Zambia National Commercial Bank (Zanaco)  <b>Ms. Kampeta SAYINZOGA</b> CEO, Development Bank of Rwanda
Q&A (10 mins)	<b>Question from the Audience and Responses from the Panel</b>	Participants (physical and virtual)
Closing (3 mins)	<b>Vote of thanks/ Closing Remarks.</b>	<b>Moderator</b>