

AEEP Energy Talks



From ACS to COP28: Unlocking Opportunities for a Synergetic Africa-EU Climate and Energy Future

8 November, 11:00 – 12:30 (CET); 13:00-14:30 (EAT)

The inaugural Africa Climate Summit (ACS) held from 4-6 September 2023, in Nairobi, Kenya, marked an important step in the African and international efforts to tackle climate change and advance just and equitable energy transitions. The summit, co-hosted by the African Union and the Government of Kenya, paved the way for a unified African stance in the lead up to the 28th Conference of Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28) in UAE in November-December 2023.

The summit centered on climate financing, green growth for Africa, and the intersection of climate action with economic development. Highlights included [billion-dollar pledges for climate investment from Germany, Denmark, and United Kingdom](#). The [African Development Bank \(AfDB\) also pledged funds towards climate adaptation](#). Ultimately, the summit culminated in the [Nairobi Declaration](#), an eleven-point call to action, that among other things highlights the need to focus African development plans on climate-positive growth, including the expansion of just energy transitions and renewable energy generation for industrial activity.

The Africa Climate Summit served as a platform to identify creative solutions that can attract investment, facilitate technology transfer, build and strengthen capacities and positions African nations as leaders in sustainable development and climate action. Going forward, Africa must push for ambitious outcomes at COP28.

Based on calls during ACS for strengthened partnerships of equals, the 12th AEEP Energy Talks, under the theme “From ACS to COP28: Unlocking Opportunities for a Synergetic Africa-EU Climate and Energy Future” will discuss how, in the context of climate and energy, Africa and Europe can engage in a fruitful dialogue aiming at joint problem solving and accelerated action. The webinar will furthermore explore if and how closer and more structured alignment between Africa and Europe is needed in preparation of the annual conference of parties.

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#	Item	Presenter	Min.
1	Welcome and introduction	Mr Johan van den Berg Moderator, Head of Secretariat Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP)	5
2	Opening Remarks by AUC and EC	Dr Kamugisha Kazaura , Director Infrastructure & Energy, African Union Commission Mr Stefano Signore Head of Unit DG INTPA F1 Climate Change and Sustainable Energy European Commission	10
3	Keynote Speech	Kandeh K. Yumkella , Ambassador and Co-Chair on Energy at the Africa-Europe Foundation (AEF)	10
4	Panel Discussion incl. Q&A: Assessing Progress and Challenges: Africa - Europe Energy Partnership after Africa Climate Summit and – Week, in preparation for COP28		60
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Syrine El Abed, Africa Programme Officer, East and Central Africa, International Energy Agency (IEA) • Kandeh K. Yumkella, Ambassador and Co-Chair on Energy at the Africa-Europe Foundation (AEF) (TBC) • Glenn Pearce Oroz Senior Director, International Relations & Special Projects, Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL) • Jabri Ibrahim, Africa Special Programmes Lead, High – Level Climate Champions (TBC) <p>Guiding Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reflecting on these recent events, what progress was made and what challenges are faced by Africa/Europe in energy/climate? 2. Can trust and positive feedback loops be built? How should we reframe the north-south debate and look for joint problem-solving opportunities? 3. Building on the hydrogen roadmap/partnership proposed by the EU, how can hydrogen production and storage be enhanced between Africa and Europe, and what impact could this have on their respective energy landscapes? 4. How best do we share learnings within and between the continents on energy transition at national level? 5. What Africa/EU efforts can be made to secure the proposed global pledge at COP28 (on tripling renewable energy capacity and doubling energy efficiency improvements by 2030)? 		
5	Closing remarks	Facilitator Summarizes key takeaways and the importance of the Africa-EU partnership in shaping COP28 discussions.	5