

EAC HIGH LEVEL FORUM ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOOD SECURITY

**THEME: “Enhancing Climate Resilience for Food Security and
Environmental Sustainability in the EAC Region”**

**DATE: 23rd November 2023
ARUSHA, TANZANIA**

CONCEPT NOTE & EVENT PROGRAM



EVENT CONCEPT NOTE



Background Information

The East African Community (EAC) comprises seven Partner States, spanning 4.8 million square kilometers with 283.7 million citizens, predominantly residing in rural areas (78%). The region boasts rich natural resources, from grasslands and forests to abundant water and diverse wildlife. These resources drive economic development through agriculture, tourism, hydroelectricity, and other services. An integrated approach to resource management in the face of climate change is thus paramount for maximizing societal benefits.

The EAC's 2050 vision emphasizes the interconnectedness of food systems, livelihoods, and environmental management. Climate change poses significant threats, evidenced by intensified extreme weather events, resulting in food, water and energy insecurity, land degradation, and more. The Regional Climate Vulnerability Impacts Assessment underscores vulnerabilities, notably in rain-fed agriculture and hydropower dependence.

Recent challenges, such as the Fall Army Worm and severe desert locust outbreaks, highlight the urgency to address climate-related impacts. Additionally, rapid population growth and urbanization, at 18% per year, compound pressures on the natural environment. Agriculture, a linchpin in the food system, is a major driver of deforestation and environmental degradation, demanding transformative approaches.



Session Objectives



- ✓ Foster collaboration among EAC Partner States, regional bodies, and international partners for climate resilience, food security, and environmental sustainability.
- ✓ Showcase innovative approaches, best practices, and success stories in climate adaptation, mitigation, environmental sustainability, and sustainable agriculture within the EAC region.
- ✓ Identify opportunities for private sector investment, research, and technology transfer to support climate-smart agriculture and sustainable environmental practices.
- ✓ Unveil the EAC Regional Position towards UN Climate Change Conference (COP28).





Expected Outputs

- ✓ Collaboration and knowledge-sharing among stakeholders within and beyond the EAC region enhanced.
- ✓ Innovative technologies and practices for climate-smart agriculture, showcasing best practices and success stories highlighted.
- ✓ Funding opportunities by the private sector for research, technology transfer, and climate-smart agriculture, promoting tangible actions identified.
- ✓ EAC's position at COP28, with shared expectations of EAC Partner States for the conference's outcomes presented and endorsed.



Event Participants



LEADERS & POLICY MAKERS

Including Heads of States, Ministers, Researchers, Head of government agencies, and RECs



PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES

Representatives from the corporate sector, business organizations, investors



YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES

Youth Ambassadors for Climate Change and Environmental Conservation



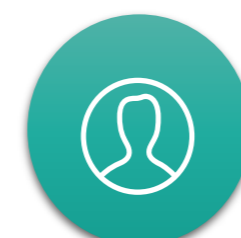
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

International Development Organization representatives, Donors, Bilateral partners



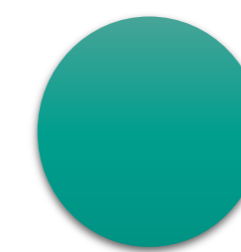
LOCAL COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Members of the civil society, grass-root food systems organizations, community members



Representatives from

SEVEN PARTNER STATES



Private Sector

RESEARCH, INVESTMENTS, TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER



Thematic Discussion Topics

Climate-resilient Agriculture

- Exploring adaptation strategies for ensuring food security.
- Showcasing climate-smart agricultural practices and technologies.
- Resilience-Building for Vulnerable Communities including farmers.
- Promoting Sustainable Livestock Farming.
- Role of Research and Innovation in Sustainable Agriculture.

Climate Financing and Resource Mobilization

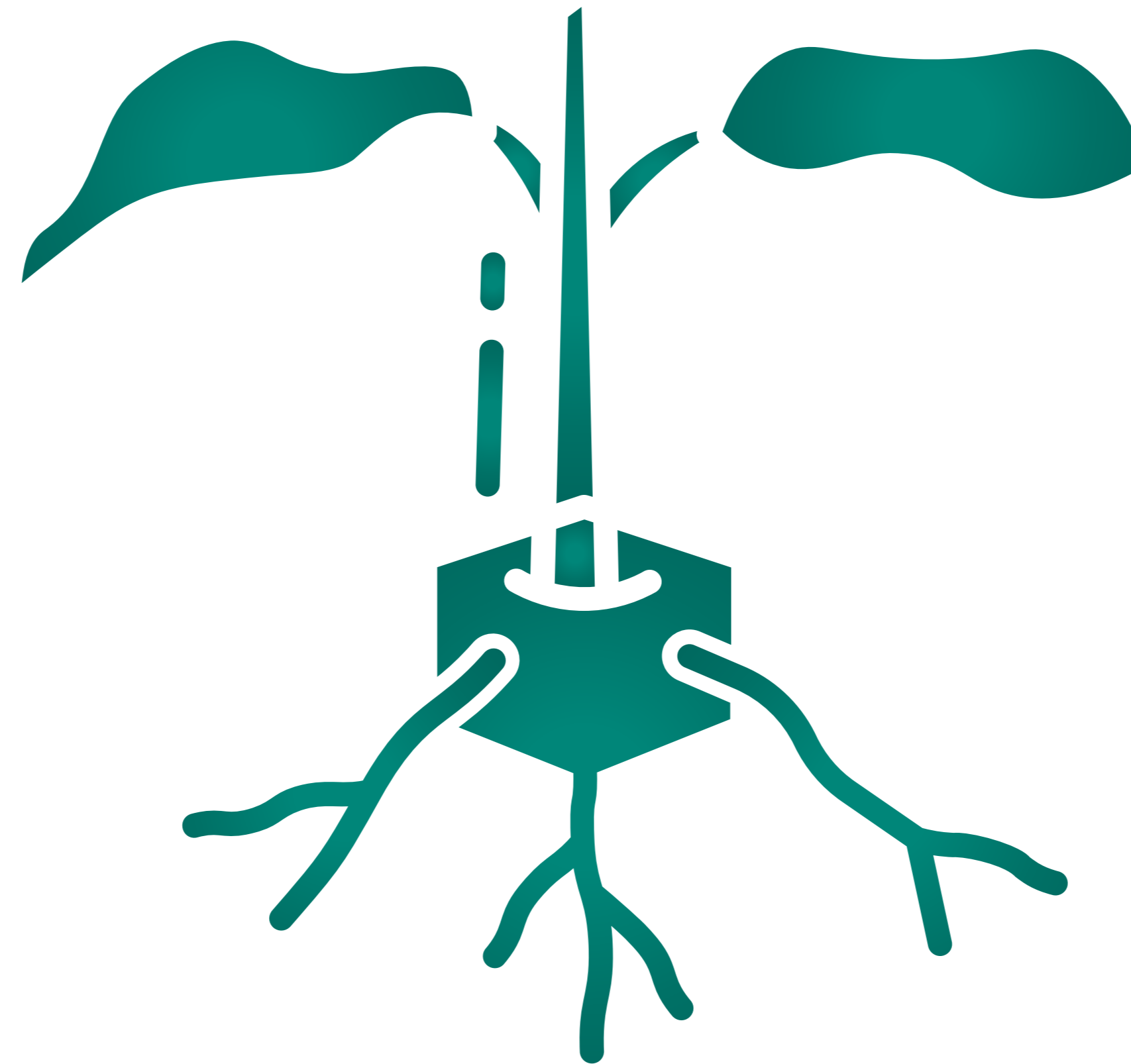
- Discussing Financial Mechanisms for Climate Action.
- Collective Action Plan and Timelines for Financial Commitments.
- Aligning International Support with Regional Priorities.
- Climate Finance and Green Investments-the role of PPPs.

Environmental Sustainability and Natural Resources Management

- Showcasing Ecosystem Restoration, Conservation, and Sustainability Efforts.
- Water Resource Management and Conservation.
- Community-Based Initiatives for Climate Resilience and Sustainability.
- Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Technologies.

CLIMATE CHANGE GOVERNANCE & EAC REGIONAL POSITION TOWARDS UN COP 28

- Climate Change Governance
- Unveiling The EAC Regional Position Towards UN Climate Change Conference (COP28)



EVENT PROGRAM



Ministerial Morning Session

ACTIVITIES/ EVENT DISCUSSIONS

RESPONSIBLE



ARRIVAL

08:00 – 08:15

- *Delegates*
- *Speakers & Panelists*
- *Dignitaries & Distinguished Guests*

- *Master of Ceremony*
- *Protocol*



OPENING SESSION

08:15 – 09:00

- *EAC Anthem (5 Mins)*

- *Master of Ceremony*

WELCOME REMARKS

- *Deputy Secretary General IP-SPS (5 Mins)*
- *Representatives of Development Partners (GIZ) (5 Mins)*
- *Secretary General (10 Mins)*

- *DSG IP-SPS*
- *EAC Secretary General*
- *GIZ*

- *Opening Address by the Chair of the Sectoral Council of Environment & Natural Resources Management (20 Mins)*

- *Master of ceremony*



Ministerial Morning Session



SETTING THE CONTEXT

09:00 – 09:30

ACTIVITIES/ EVENT DISCUSSIONS

- Importance of the topic (5 Mins)
- Overview of the Nairobi Climate Summit resolutions and their relevance and impact to the EAC region (10 Mins)

RESPONSIBLE

- EAC Secretary General
- Kenya/CAHOSCC representative

- Overview of the Dar es Salaam AGRF Summit resolutions on Food security and their relevance and impact to the EAC region (15 Mins)

- Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President AGRA



CLIMATE-RESILIENT AGRICULTURE

09:30 – 10:30

- **CLIMATE-RESILIENT AGRICULTURE** –Key Note Speaker (15 min)

- Prof. Clavery Tungara, University of Sokoine

- Exploring adaptation strategies for ensuring food security (5min)

- Dr. Agnes Kalibata, President AGRA



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CLIMATE-RESILIENT AGRICULTURE

09:30 – 10:30

ACTIVITIES/ EVENT DISCUSSIONS

- *Showcasing successful climate-smart agricultural practices, technologies, and innovative approaches within the EAC region (5min)*

- *Resilience-Building for Vulnerable Communities (5min)*

- *Promoting Sustainable Livestock Farming (5min)*

- *Highlighting the role of research and innovation in driving sustainable agriculture (5min)*

- **MINISTERIAL ENGAGEMENT (20 Mins)**

RESPONSIBLE

- **Dr. Nancy Rapado, Climate Smart Agriculture, Government of Kenya**

- **Dr. Martin Oulu, GiZ Kenya**

- **ILRI (TBA)**

- **Dr. Enock Warinda, Executive Director ASARECA**

- **Ministers**
- **Protocol**
- **Master of Ceremory**



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ENVTL SUSTAINABILITY & NATURAL RESOURCES MGT

10:30 – 11:30

ACTIVITIES/ EVENT DISCUSSIONS

- **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY & NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT– Key Note Speaker (15 min)**

- *Showcasing successful Ecosystem Restoration, conservation and sustainability efforts (5min)*

- *Water Resource Management and Conservation for Climate Change Adaptation (5min)*

- *Highlighting community-based initiatives and best practices for building climate resilience (5min)*

- *Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Technologies (5 Mins)*

- **MINISTERIAL ENGAGEMENT (20 Mins)**

RESPONSIBLE

- *Prof. Oguge Nicholas, Snr Professor University of Nairobi*

- *Dr. Amani Ngusaru, Country Director, WWF Tanzania*

- *Eng. Coletha Ruhanya, Deputy Executive Secretary LVBC*

- *Dr. Luther Anukur, Regional Director, IUCN*

- *Mr. Canon Goddy Muhumuza, Executive Secretary EACREEE*

- *Ministers*
- *EAC Secretariat*
- *Master of Ceremony*



Ministerial Morning Session



**CLIMATE FINANCING AND
RESOURCE MOBILISATION**
11:30 – 12:30

ACTIVITIES/ EVENT DISCUSSIONS

- **CLIMATE FINANCING AND RESOURCE MOBILISATION (60min) – Key Note Speaker – (15 min)**

- *Discussing financial mechanisms and funding opportunities for climate action (both climate change mitigation and adaptation) in the EAC region (5min)*

- *Discussing a collective action plan, including timelines, responsibilities, and monitoring mechanisms for financial commitments made by development Partners (5min)*

- *Aligning International Support with Regional Priorities (5min)*

- *Climate Finance and Green Investments – PPPs (5 Mins)*

- *MINISTERIAL ENGAGEMENT (20 Mins)*

RESPONSIBLE

- **Dr. Laverly Patricia, AFDB Country Director, Tanzania**

- **Mr. Richard Muyungi, UNFCCC Focal point, Tanzania**

- **William Otieno, Lead, UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre–Kampala**

- **H.E. Josepha Sacko, AU Commissioner for Agric, Evt & Rural Dev.**

- **Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Former Secretary-General, UNCTAD**

- **Ministers**
- **EAC Secretariat**
- **Master of Ceremony**



Ministerial Morning Session



CLIMATE CHANGE GOVERNANCE & EAC REGIONAL POSITION TOWARDS UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE (COP 28)

12:30 – 13:00

- *Climate Change Governance (5 min)*

- *Unveiling the EAC Regional Position towards UN Climate Change Conference (COP28) (15min)*

- **MINISTERIAL ENGAGEMENT (10 Mins)**

- **WAY FORWARD: RECOMMENDATION (10 Mins)**

- *Summarizing key Resolutions of the event (5 Mins)*

- *Closing and Lunch*

RESPONSIBLE

- *Mr. Faustin Munyazikwiye, UNFCCC Focal Point, Rwanda*

- *Chair of SCENR, Minister of Environment for Burundi*

- *Ministers*
- *EAC Secretariat*
- *EMCEE*

- *Master of Ceremony*

- *EAC Secretariat*

- *Master of Ceremony*
- *EAC Secretariat*



WAY FORWARD: RECOMMENDATIONS

13:00 – 13:15



CLOSING & LUNCH

13:15 – 14:15



Afternoon Session Heads of State

ACTIVITIES/ EVENT DISCUSSIONS

RESPONSIBLE



ARRIVAL

14:30 – 15:00

- Delegates
- Key Note Speakers
- Ministers & all other Dignitaries & Distinguished Guests

- Master of Ceremony
- Protocol



OPENING SESSION

15:00 – 15:45

- EAC Anthem (5 min)
- Welcome Remarks by the Secretary General (5 min)
- **Official Opening by the Chair of SUMMIT**

- Master of Ceremony
- EAC SG
- Chair of Summit



HEADS OF STATE ENGAGEMENT SESSION

15:45 – 17:30

- **KEY NOTE SPEAKER: Climate-Resilient Agriculture – H.E. Hailemariam Desalegn, Chair of the Board, AGRA (25 mins)**

- H.E. Hailemariam Desalegn
- Master of Ceremony

- **HEADS OF STATE ENGAGEMENT**

- Master of Ceremony



THE EAC REGIONAL POSITION PAPER FOR COP28

17:00 – 17:10

- **UNVEILING The EAC Regional Position Towards UN Climate Change Conference (COP28) – EAC Secretary General + Chair of the Sectoral Council of Environment, Natural Resources & Climate Change**

- The Chair of SCENR, Minister of Environment for Burundi
- EAC Secretariat

- **HEADS OF STATE ENDORSEMENT**

- EAC Secretariat



Afternoon Session Heads of State

ACTIVITIES/ EVENT DISCUSSIONS

RESPONSIBLE



WAY FORWARD: RECOMMENDATION

17:10 – 17:20

- *Summarizing Key Resolutions of the event and the way forward (10 min)*

- *EAC Secretariat*
- *Master of Ceremony*

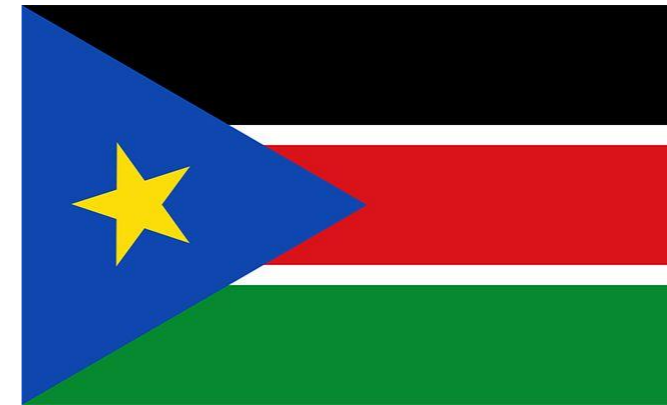
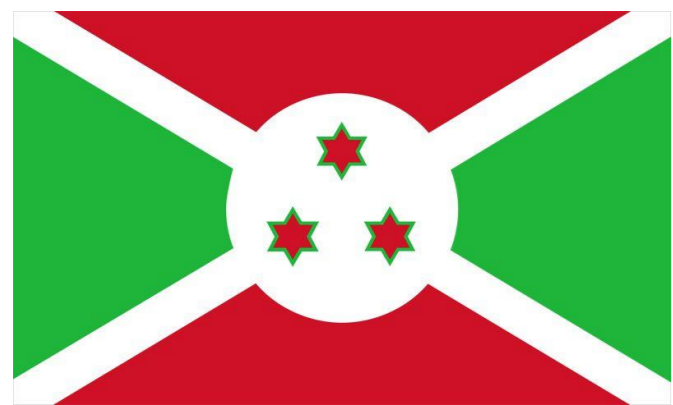


FAMILY PHOTO- HEADS OF STATE

17:20 – 17:30

- *Photo Session*

- *EAC Secretariat*
- *Master of Ceremony*



WELCOME



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