



Side Event Draft Programme

TITLE: “AFRICA’S VULNERABILITY: THE ENERGY CRISIS, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT”

Time: 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Venue: Conference Room 9

Lead Agency: Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

Co-Sponsors: United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm **Opening remarks and introduction of issues to be discussed by the Co-Chairs**

Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, Executive Secretary, ECA

Mr. Kandeh Yumkella, Director-General, UNIDO

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm **Presentation on the theme “Africa’s Current Energy Crisis”**

Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, Executive Secretary, ECA

What are the causes and implications for the achievement of the MDGs and the sustainable growth in the region?

- 3:30 pm - 3:45 pm **Presentation on the theme “Enhancing Africa’s Energy Security through Development and Diversification”**
- Mr. Kandeh Yumkella**, Director General, UNIDO
- What are the opportunities and challenges for investment in the energy sector for sustainable development in Africa? What are the recommendations for mobilizing investments that are commensurate with the scale of the challenges?”
- 3:45 pm - 4:00 pm **Presentation on the theme “Energy Security and Climate Change”**
- Ms. Angela Cropper**, Deputy Executive Director, UNEP
- What options for mitigation of climate change and adaptation to climate change impacts within the attainment of energy security and increased energy access in Africa? What could be the ways and means to improve the eco-efficiency of the energy sector in Africa?
- 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm **Presentation on the theme “The Rise of Biofuels and Resulting Challenges”**
- Ms. Annika Soder**, Special Adviser to the Director General and Assistant Director General, FAO
- Opportunity or Threat? How to enhance rural livelihoods and include small farmers in the benefits of biofuels?
- 4:30 pm - 4:45 pm **Presentation on the theme “How to Ensure an Environment and Sustainable Energy Production and Consumption in Africa”**
- Mr. Valentine Ndibalema**, Senior Environmentalist and Advisor, UNHCR
- How to ensure an environmental and sustainable energy production and consumption in Africa?

4:45 pm – 5:15 pm **Interactive discussions**

Participants will include High Level policy makers, including Ministers, Diplomats, as well as representatives of stakeholders, NGOs and civil society institutions.

5:15 pm – 5:30 pm **Concluding remarks by the co-Chairs**