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RESILIENT AFRICA**

26-30 November 2018
Kigali - Rwanda

AFRICA GREEN GROWTH FORUM

26-30 November 2018 | Kigali Convention Centre

Programme

(As of 27 November 2018)

KIGALI, RWANDA

BACKGROUND

In 2017, the Rwanda Green Growth Week was organised to share national and international best practice and build partnerships amongst stakeholders working to green Rwanda's economy. The week played an important role in bringing together national institutions and partners in support of green growth and improving the implementation of the national Green Growth and Climate Resilience Strategy.

With recent increasingly rapid changes in the earth's climate, and its severe impact on the continent's development, there is an urgent need to expand the sharing of sustainable development tools and experience. Green growth across the continent will only be successful if Africa joins together to share best practice, mobilise resources and foster investment and innovation. Green growth presents vast opportunities to value natural assets and promote their contribution to wealth, health and well-being of people and ecosystems.

Today, Rwanda is working hard to respond to climate change and promote green growth. To support these efforts, the Government of Rwanda through the Ministry of Environment is organising the Africa Green Growth Forum, under the theme: For a Green and Climate Resilient Africa. The Forum will bring together policy makers, practitioners, investors, financial institutions, business leaders and development partners from across the continent to share experiences in green growth and climate resilient development. The weeklong event aims to attract 1,000 participants and will take place in Kigali, Rwanda.

The Africa Green Growth Forum will be an opportunity to draw attention to the importance of sustainable economic transformation and signal green growth as a priority of Rwanda's leadership at the African Union. The Forum will take place in the week before the UN Climate Talks (COP24) in Poland, from 26-30 November 2018, and will serve as an important prelude and input to the international negotiations taking place to finalise the rulebook for the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

OBJECTIVES

- Bring together national and international green growth and sustainable development experts to share knowledge and experience
- Raise awareness in Rwanda and across the continent about the opportunities green growth provides
- Initiate and actively sustain a platform for partnerships to promote knowledge management, community interactions and policy reforms essential to productively engage and build relationships that will accelerate Africa's green growth agenda
- Position Africa as green investment destinations with a view to increase Foreign Direct Investment in green growth
- Generate interest in Rwanda and Africa's strategic focus on sustainable development and spur direct investment in support of ambitious green growth and climate responsive development

DATE AND VENUE

- 26-30 November 2018
- Kigali Convention Centre (with side events and learning tours across the country)

ORGANISING PARTNERS

- Lead: Ministry of Environment, Rwanda
 - Rwanda Green Fund (FONERWA)
 - Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA)
- Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)
- One UN Rwanda and the United Nations Development Programme
- World Bank
- Climate Investment Funds
- The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands through Water for Growth Rwanda
- German Development Cooperation through KfW
- NDC Partnership Secretariat
- The Global Innovation Lab for Climate Finance
- The Global Environment Facility
- African Development Bank
- African Centre for Climate and Sustainable Development

SUPPORTING PARTNERS

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and East African Community (MINAFFET)
- Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning (MINECOFIN)
- Ministry of Infrastructure (MININFRA)
- Ministry of Trade and Industry (MINICOM)
- Rwanda Development Board (RDB)
- Rwanda Convention Bureau (RCB)
- International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- AfroChampions
- RwandAir - Official Airline Partner
- AC Group - Official Transport Partner
- Inyange - Official Water Partner

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The Africa Green Growth Forum aims accelerate the realisation of vibrant, continent wide green growth as a pillar of Africa's economic transformation. It will cover the breadth and depth of the topic through high-level sessions on policy and strategy, technical discussions on technology, climate finance and green cities, and practical site visits to green growth initiatives. Detailed below is a summary of the main events at the Forum.

- **Africa Green Growth Investment Forum**

The Africa Green Growth Investment Forum will bring together government leaders and investors to explore the opportunities for green growth across the continent and chart a course for harnessing these opportunities. The event will include a panel featuring high level officials and major green investors.

- **Rwanda Green Growth Roundtable (Invite Only)**

To advance the implementation of Rwanda's green growth ambitions, especially the Green Growth and Climate Resilience Strategy and the Strategic Programme for Climate Resilience (SPCR), a roundtable will be held with key stakeholders to assess opportunities and avenues

to realise Rwanda's sustainable development vision. The event will be followed by a Green Growth Champions dinner.

- **Africa Green Growth Exhibition**

The Africa Green Growth Exhibition will feature green growth initiatives, investments and innovations from across the continent and facilitate business-to-business networking and public-private development opportunities.

- **High Level Policy Dialogue on Green Growth and Climate Resilience and Launch of Rwanda's NDC Partnership Plan**

The Ministry of Environment and UNDP will host a high-level policy dialogue to share the progress made in the implementation of Rwanda's Green Growth and Climate Resilience Strategy and provide an opportunity for policy makers to share their experience in fostering sustainable development and a conducive environment for green investment. It will also include the launching of Rwanda's NDC Partnership Plan, which will guide Rwanda's implementation of its commitments under the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. This event will be joined by international green growth leaders and Ministers of Environment from across the continent to facilitate sharing of experience.

- **Advancing Climate Action Plans (NDCs) Workshop**

With Rwanda's NDC Partnership Plan in place and an opportunity to coordinate the respective development partners with overlapping programs or corresponding development partners in similar activities, this event will dive into opening up the hood of the Partnership Plan for the purpose of distinguishing support activities for maximized impact and deepened coordination. This event will bring together the development partners who have contributed to the Plan and share points of contact, distinguish projects and coordinate with the in-country facilitator on how to carry forward the Plan jointly.

- **Green Growth Technologies Exchange**

To foster knowledge and innovation, a green growth technologies exchange will take place and share tested climate resilient technologies and new technologies. The event will boost South-South cooperation and North-South sharing of technologies. It will focus on the uptake and upscale challenges and available opportunities, as well as tools and incubators to unblock green technology bottlenecks and foster innovation.

- **African Circular Economy Alliance Event**

To advance the Circular Economy model of development across the continent, a meeting led by the African Circular Economy Alliance will take place during the Forum. The event will raise awareness about the Circular Economy and present successful Circular Economy initiatives. Rwanda is a Co-Chair of the Alliance, alongside South Africa and Nigeria.

- **Rwanda Green Fund - Investing in Green Growth: The Potential of E-Mobility**

An event on the work of the Rwanda Green Fund (FONERWA) will share its impact, announce the recipients of its newest investments and promote e-mobility to draw attention to the

opportunities of transport to boost green growth. This will include a demonstration of e-bikes.

- **Green Schools Event**

On the first day of the Forum, green growth and environmental protection initiatives will be organised at three schools in Bugesera District. It will include greening school playgrounds through tree planting, rainwater tank and solar installation and other activities.

- **African Centre for Climate and Sustainable Development Workshop**

A workshop will be held to raise awareness about the new African Centre for Sustainable Development Workshop and how it can support green growth across the continent.

- **Knowledge Management and Green Growth Readiness Assessment in Africa - GGGI**

The Global Green Growth Institute through its Africa country offices and in collaboration with the African Development Bank will share their knowledge on green growth readiness performance in Africa, possible key milestones and interventions, and discuss South-South cooperation.

- **High Level Roundtable on Accelerating Africa's Switch to Affordable and Efficient Cooling and Lighting**

This session on green cooling and lighting will engage high level policymakers and government representatives to discuss how African markets and leapfrog to efficient and clean refrigerators and air conditioners by harmonizing around model regulations that UN Environment is developing. Rwanda will be the first country in the world to adopt these model regulations through the Rwanda Cooling Initiative.

- **Rwanda Sustainable Infrastructure Roundtable (Invite Only)**

The Rwanda Sustainable Infrastructure Roundtable is organised by the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) in partnership with the Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia (ISCA). The Roundtable aims to bring together government officials, critical infrastructure asset owners, private sector consultants and contractors to demonstrate the benefits of infrastructure sustainability with the potential to lead to pilot projects in Rwanda applying the Infrastructure Sustainability (IS) international tool.

- **Green Growth Concert and Awards**

As part of the Forum, a concert and awards event will be held at which the Rwanda Green Growth awards will be presented in four areas: industry, media, youth and local government. The concert and awards will be an important opportunity to publicly recognise those leading green growth and climate resilient development, and for Forum participants to network.

- **Dialogue on Increasing Private Sector Access to Finance for Climate Action**

The Rwanda Green Fund (FONERWA) and the Global Green Growth Institute are co-organising a dialogue to increase the private sector’s awareness of and access to climate finance. The one-day dialogue will cover some of the climate finance sources and financial tools and mechanisms (such as green banks) available to the private sector. It will also include the role of incubators to drive private sector investment in green growth and the opportunity to partnering with and access the fund’s Green Incubators and Accelerators Facility.

- **Rwanda Green Growth Projects Showcase (Site Visits)**

As part of sharing Rwanda’s experience in green growth, learning tours will be organised to showcase green growth initiatives in Rwanda including the Rweru Model Green Village, Enviroserve Rwanda E-Waste Dismantling and Recycling Facility and a working lunch at Golden Tulip Hotel to present the greening of the Bugesera International Airport.

RESOURCES

- Visit www.greengrowth.rw to learn more about the event.
- Download the Participant Information Note [here](#).

PARTNERS



High Level Policy Dialogue on Green Growth and Climate Resilience Strategy & Launch of NDC Partnership Plan

8:30-13:00 | 26 November 2018, AD12 - Kigali Convention Centre

BACKGROUND

The Green Growth and Climate Resilience Strategy (GGCRS) is guiding Rwanda's climate responsive sustainable development. As the basis for the nation's Climate Action Plan (Nationally Determined Contribution - NDC), the strategy is fast tracking the country's vision to become a developed, climate resilience economy by 2050.

The strategy aims to achieve a range of important development milestones, including:

- Energy security through low carbon sources that increasingly supports the development of green industry and services
- Sustainable land use and water resource management that supports food security, green urbanisation and the preservation of biodiversity and ecosystem services
- Disaster risk management and improved health that enhances social protection safety net against vulnerability to climate change.

The strategy lays out 14 programmes of action that present the potential to transition productive sectors from "business as usual" to resource efficient, low-carbon and climate resilient development.

Rwanda has embarked on the next stage of its development through the National Strategy for Transformation and green growth is strategically integrated to ensure the goals of the strategy are achieved. As part of these events, the Government of Rwanda, through the Ministry of Environment and partners, is hosting the 2018 High Level Policy Dialogue on the Green Growth and Climate Resilience Strategy.

The dialogue will take stock of lessons to date and provide orientation on how green growth will support the realisation of a climate resilient future through the National Strategy for Transformation. It will provide a policy level synopsis on sector specific implementation of the GGCRS and how the strategy will accelerate achievement of sector specific targets over the NST period and beyond. Additionally, policy makers from across the continent will share experiences on how green growth and climate resilience will facilitate the implementation of Agenda 2063.

The event will also include the launching of Rwanda's NDC Partnership Plan, which will guide Rwanda's implementation of its commitments under the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. This event will be joined by international green growth leaders and Ministers of Environment from across the continent to facilitate sharing of experience.

OBJECTIVES

- Present status, gaps and the way forward for GGCRS implementation
- Find green and climate resilient action oriented solutions to implementation of Africa agenda 2063
- Build commitment and momentum for the Africa we want

PROGRAMME

Time	Topic	Speakers	Facilitator
08:30-08:50	Registration & Coffee	Briefing	Protocol
08:50-9:00	MC Welcome & Introduction	Chris Mburu, UNDP Rwanda	
09:00-09:10	Opening Remarks	Minister of Environment, Rwanda	
09:10-09:20	Remarks	UN Resident Coordinator, Rwanda	
9:20-9:30	Remarks	Naoko Ishii, Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson, Global Environment Facility	
9:30-9:40	Remarks	Dr Frank Rijsberman, Director-General, Global Green Growth Institute	
Session 1: Roundtable Discussion			
9:40-11:30	A broad ranging discussion to advance implementation of the GGCRS; Africa's perspectives on GGCR and linkages with Agenda 2063	Led by Firestarters (See below)	Sir David King
Session 2: Dialogue Recommendations			
11:30-12:00	Recommendations	Rapporteur	MC
Session 3: Launch of Rwanda's NDC Partnership Plan			
12:00-12:40	Launch of NDC Partnership Plan Video on NDC Partnership	Pablo Vieira, Global Director of the NDC Partnership Support Unit Minister of Finance, Rwanda	MC
12:40-12:50	Closing Remarks	Minister of Environment, Rwanda	MC
12:50-13:00	Group Photo	Comms Team	Comms Team

Discussion Firestarters

- Gerardine Mukeshimana, Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources, Rwanda
- Kampeta Pitchette Sayinzoga, Director General, National Industrial Research and Development Agency, Rwanda
- Stephen Anthony Rodrigues, UNDP Country Director, Rwanda
- Dr. Belay Begashaw, Director General, Sustainable Development Goals Center for Africa
- Edward Kyazze, Urbanisation Division Manager, Ministry of Infrastructure, Rwanda

Moderator: Sir David King, Special Advisor to the President

MC: Chris Mburu, UNDP Rwanda

Advancing Climate Action Plans (NDCs) Workshop

14:00-17:00 | 26 November 2018, MH3 - Kigali Convention Centre

OVERVIEW

Rwanda has developed an ambitious Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) as a country-driven climate action plan to implement the Paris Agreement through actions to adapt to and mitigate climate change. The plan covers a broad range of sectors including agriculture, forestry, water resources, land-use, disaster management, renewable energy, off-grid electrification, transport, industry, and waste.

In June 2018, the Government of Rwanda formally requested the NDC Partnership to strengthen coordination and resource mobilisation to support the implementation of its NDC.

Rwanda's engagement with the NDC Partnership has involved sector consultations to develop a national NDC Partnership Plan based on the following outcomes:

- A strengthened institutional and regulatory framework for sector coordination of NDC relevant priorities (environment and climate change)
- The development and implementation of a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, with measurement, reporting and verification systems and processes to track progress on emissions, adaptation and gender responsive targets
- Enhanced institutional and technical capacity to develop and implement cross-sector NDC priority actions
- Accelerated financing for national flagship projects for sector specific NDC priorities

The World Bank, with targeted assistance through the NDC Support Facility, is providing technical support for the implementation of Rwanda's climate agenda through the NDC Partnership Plan. Now that the Partnership Plan has been established, this event will provide an opportunity for dialogue between key development partners and sectors. The purpose of this dialogue is to distinguish support activities in the plan and to identify mechanisms for supporting these to both deepen coordination and maximise impact.

This event, organised with support from the World Bank and the NDC Partnership, will bring together NDC sectors and development partners who have contributed to the Plan to coordinate projects and support on implementation and discuss ways forward with the in-country facilitator. Rwanda's green growth and climate agenda is ambitious, and achieving this long-term vision requires concerted, coordinated and extensive support.

OBJECTIVES

- Review Rwanda's priorities as defined in the NDC Partnership Plan
- Discuss the implementation and resource mobilisation strategy
- Present and share the lessons learnt on NDC Partnership Country Engagement across the globe
- Foster a collective understanding of the government's goals and the respective roles and responsibilities of the government and the development partner community

This session will focus on the programming of the NDC Support Facility funding as well as coordinating the support of other development partners who are contributing to the Partnership Plan. The World Bank, with the NDC Support Facility, and the NDC Partnership have already provided some resources to kickstart NDC and climate action implementation.

PROGRAMME

- **14:00** - Welcome by MC – Chris Mburu, UN Rwanda
- **14:05** - Remarks – Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Rwanda
- **14:15** - Remarks by the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Rwanda
- **14:25** - Remarks by the European Union Ambassador to Rwanda
- **14:35** - Introduction of the NDC Partnership and process of coordinating support for NDC implementation and lessons learnt on NDC Partnership country's engagement from other countries – NDC Partnership Support Unit
- **14:50** - Introduction of the World Bank NDC Support Facility and its support to the NDC Partnership's country engagement process – World Bank
- **15:05** - Overview of the NDC Partnership Plan with a focus on the priority areas of support and the development partners contributing to the Plan
- **15:20** - Group Plenary - Moderator
 - To carry forward the NDC, through the Partnership Plan, how will this group coordinate and communicate to ensure sequential impact and avoided redundancy?
 - What resources can this group quickly mobilise to support short term technical assistance or longer term embedded advisors to support the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning and the Ministry of Environment to carry forward the Plan?
 - How can partners use existing governance mechanisms more effectively for joint planning, programming and implementation?
 - To track progress, can partners share information transparently on their respective activities that contribute to shared goals?
- 16:00** - Closing Remarks – Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning
- 16:10** - Group Photo

Green Schools Event

15:00-17:00 | 26 November 2018 - Kigusa Primary School, Musenyi Sector, Bugesera District

OVERVIEW

During the Africa Green Growth Forum, participants will have the chance to support greening schools activities at Kigusa Primary School (Musenyi Sector, Bugesera District). This activity will also take place at Mbyo and Gatore Primary Schools in Bugesera District.

The Green Schools events will support efforts to instill a culture of environmental protection from the ground up. The events will include greening school playgrounds through tree planting and installing rainwater tanks. Speakers at the event will share experiences and lessons in greening schools. The Green Schools events aims to get school communities thinking about solutions to environmental and sustainability challenges, and to make schools healthier.

Rwanda's broader Green Schools programme run by the Ministry of Education empowers kids to make a difference, and teaches environmental and health values that will stay with them for life: "Plant A Tree – Grow With It". Green schools not only offer a favourable and conducive environment for learning and teaching, but can also be an effective tool to create environmental champions.

OBJECTIVES

- Contribute to greening schools efforts and raise awareness about how to make schools healthy environments for learning and teaching
- Share with participants achievements and best practices in greening schools

PROGRAMME

14:00 – Departure from Kigali Convention Centre (Limited Spaces Available)

15:00 – Tree Planting and Water Tank and Solar Installation

16:00 – Official Proceedings

- Welcome by the Mayor of Bugesera District
- Introduction by Director General, Rwanda Environment Management Authority
- Remarks by the Minister of Environment, Rwanda
- Address by the Director General, Global Green Growth Institute
- Creative Performance by School Students
- Closing Remarks by the Guest of Honour, Minister of Education, Rwanda

MC: Headteacher, Kigusa Primary School

Africa Green Growth Investment Forum

10:00-17:30 | 27 November 2018 - MH 1&2, Kigali Convention Centre

OVERVIEW

The Africa Green Growth Investment Forum will be the centerpiece of the Africa Green Growth Forum. The one day event will bring together leaders from government, the private sector and civil society to explore the opportunities for green growth across the continent and chart a course for harnessing these opportunities.

The event will be an opportunity for investors to discuss investment ideas and the overall investment climate from key national and regional players, investment promotion specialists and green and climate responsive businesses currently operating nationally and in the region.

Innovative green growth financing mechanisms such as green bonds, climate bonds and green banks will be discussed through experts panels on the opportunities and barriers for investing in green growth in Africa.

To ensure complementary partners hold fruitful engagements, participants have the opportunity to select and match partners with mutual interests and personally meet through 'Business-to-Business' meetings.

PROGRAMME

10:00 – Introduction by Rwanda Development Board

10:10 – Creative Performance by Mashirika Performing Arts Company

10:20 – Remarks by Dr. Frank Rijsberman Director-General, Global Green Growth Institute

10:30 – Introduction of Guest of Honour by Vincent Biruta, Minister of Environment, Rwanda

10:40 – Presentation on the State of Green Growth Investment in Africa by Anthony Nyong, Director for Climate Change and Green Growth, AFDB

10:55 – Group Photo

11:00 – Opening of Green Growth Exhibition (Foyer 1A) and Health Break (Concourse)

11:30 – Panel Discussion on the Opportunities and Barriers for Investing in Green Growth in Africa

- Kampeta Pitchette Sayinzoga, Director General, National Industrial Research and Development Agency, Rwanda
- Dr Marcelo Mena Carrasco, Practice Manager, Climate Research and Analytics, Climate Change Group, World Bank
- Vera Leitão Machado, Efrican - Ae Foundation/Aenergia

12:30 – Address on the Role of Financial Mechanisms to Support Innovative Climate Finance by Angela Falconer, Associate Director, Climate Policy Initiative

12:45 – Panel on Utilising Financial Mechanisms to Support Green Growth

- Ayaan Adam, Director, Private Sector Facility, Green Climate Fund
- Mikko Ollikainen, Manager, Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat
- Amar Inamdar, Managing Director, KawiSafi Ventures
- Dr. Gerd Drosesse, General Counsel, World Green Economy Organisation

Lunch – 13:45 (MH3 & Concourse)

14:45 – The Role of Public-Private Partnerships to scale up Green Growth in Africa

- Lea Mikala, Minister Delegate to the Minister of Water and Forests in charge of Environment and Sustainable Development, Gabon
- Diane Karusisi, CEO, Bank of Kigali
- Pablo Vieira, Global Director of the NDC Partnership Support Unit
- Gayatri Datar, CEO, EarthEnable

Health Break

15:45 – Climate Finance Instruments – Opportunities for Africa’s Private Sector led by The Global Innovation Lab for Climate Finance

- Remarks by Hubert Ruzibiza, CEO, Rwanda Green Fund (FONERWA)
- Introduction by Angela Falconer, Associate Director, Climate Policy Initiative
- Introducing innovative financial instrument being developed and piloted in Africa
 - Eric Rutabana, CEO, Development Bank of Rwanda (BRD)
 - Joseph Murabula, CEO, Kenya Innovative Finance Facility for Water (KIFFWA)
 - Tomo Kumahira, Corporate Finance Manager, Komaza and the Smallholder Forestry Vehicle
 - Gloria Namande, Project Manager NDC Support Programme, Uganda

16:40-17:00: Audience and Innovators Q&A

17:00: Closing Remarks

17:10-17:30: Networking Session & Business-to-Business Meetings

15:30-17:30 – Business to Business Meetings - MH3 (Concurrent)

Moderator

- Julie Gichuru - Kenyan Entrepreneur and Media Personality

Business to Business Meetings

The Africa Green Growth Forum provides the opportunity for business-to-business networking and public-private investment development. Participants have the chance to meet with like-minded individuals at a ‘Business to Business Green Zone’ to further partnerships for green growth initiatives, investments and innovation across the continent.

OBJECTIVES

1. To bring together the Africa’s green growth leaders
2. To promote investment in green growth initiatives across Africa
3. Provide a platform for partners to engage and build relationships that will contribute to and accelerate Africa’s green growth agenda

Rwanda Green Growth Roundtable (Invite Only)

16:00-18:00 - 27 November 2018 | AD12, Kigali Convention Centre

OVERVIEW

For more than two decades, Rwanda has striven to incorporate the environment into its national development plans and strategies. As a result, the country has created a strong legal, institutional and policy framework for environmental protection and green growth. Rwanda is now working towards becoming a developed, climate resilience nation by 2050.

To advance the implementation of this green growth ambition, especially through the Green Growth and Climate Resilience Strategy (GGCRS) and the Strategic Programme for Climate Resilience (SPCR), a roundtable will be held with key stakeholders to assess opportunities and avenues to realise Rwanda's sustainable development vision. The event will be followed by a Green Growth Champions dinner.

In 2015, Rwanda was supported to prepare a Strategic Programme for Climate Resilience (SPCR) and a Forestry Investment Plan (FIP). The SPCR and FIP complement one another to advance green growth and build climate resilience. These efforts are supported by the World Bank and the African Development Bank. The SPCR identified a number of critical areas that require around US \$600 million to implement.

The roundtable will bring together key partners in Rwanda's green growth journey including development partners, private investors, representatives of International multilateral institutions, philanthropists and friends of Rwanda. Rwanda's green growth and climate resilience vision will be presented, with a focus on the GGCRS and the SPCR to determine how these partners can contribute towards the implementation of these key programmes.

The roundtable will highlight green and climate responsive investment opportunities to investors and partners, and will provide high level guidance to establish contacts and subsequent relations with investors and partners.

OBJECTIVES

- Build understanding and support of Rwanda's green growth and climate resilience vision
- Determine how key partners can best contribute to the realisation of Rwanda's green growth and climate resilience vision

PROGRAMME

- 15:30 - Coffee
- 16:00 – Welcome by the CEO, Rwanda Green Fund
- 16:10 – Short Video on Rwanda's Green Growth vision
- 16:55 – Presentation by Rwanda's Minister of Finance on the National Strategy for Transformation and its Green Priorities

- 16:10 – Contributions
 - Development Partners
 - Country Director, World Bank
 - Anthony Nyong, Director for Climate Change and Green Growth, African Development Bank
- 16:50 – Roundtable Discussion
- 17:50 – Closing Remarks by Guest of Honour
- 18:00 – Group Photo

Green Growth Champions Dinner (Invite Only)

18:30 - 27 November 2018 | MH4, Kigali Convention Centre

OVERVIEW

Following the Rwanda Green Growth Roundtable meeting, attendees will be hosted at a high level and gathering with Friends of Rwanda and various partners in which we will showcase the country's achievements to date as well as present Rwanda's plans to manage the impact of climate change. The dinner will be an opportunity to thank existing partners and invite others to be part of our journey to become a developed low carbon nation by 2050.

OBJECTIVES

- Reinforcing existing partnerships and forging new relationships
- Raising awareness about Rwanda's green growth plans

PROGRAMME

- 18:30 - Arrival of Guests & Performance by Traditional Dance Troupe
- 19:00 - Welcome by the Master of Ceremonies
- 19:10 - Remarks by Chief Executive Officer, Rwanda Green Fund
- Dinner
- 20:30 - Remarks by the Minister of Environment
- 20:40 - Remarks by Resident Coordinator, One UN Rwanda
- 20:50 - Address by the Guest of Honour

Attendees

Visiting dignitaries, VVIPs, Friends of Rwanda, Cabinet members, Diplomatic Corps, Development Partners.

Entertainment will be provided by a Rwandan music group.

Moderator

- Gisele Umuhumuza, Deputy CEO, Rwanda Water and Sanitation Authority (WASAC)

Africa Regional Consultation on Sustainable Cities Impact Programme (Invite Only)

27-29 November 2018 | Kigali Convention Centre & Field Visits

OVERVIEW

Rapid urban growth both in terms of increase in population and land coverage and its potential impact on GHG emissions and loss of rich biodiversity makes the Africa region central to achieving the sustainable urban development goals and Global Environmental Benefits (GEBs). Initiatives such as the Africa Union action framework to implement New Urban Agenda, the pledge for zero emissions by 2050 of the eight growing cities from Accra to Dar-es-Salaam and a number of Mayors from African cities who joined various global city networks working towards sustainability testify a growing national as well as regional level momentum across national and local leaders in African cities to adopt sustainable, low carbon and climate resilient growth path.

One of the main challenges that African countries and cities continue to face is related to the determination of approaches to integrate sustainable development practices into the planning, financing, and implementation dimensions of their projects. Discussions are needed to catalyze this momentum by providing a regional forum and strengthening partnerships.

The Africa Regional Consultative Workshop on the Sustainable Cities Impact program being prepared as part of Africa Green Growth Forum and jointly organised by GEF and Government of Rwanda aims to sensitize leaders from priority countries and cities, and key stakeholders to realize this potential and follow the sustainable, low carbon, inclusive and resilient growth path as well as brainstorming on best approaches. It will bring in policy makers, urban planners and designers, financial institutions, environmentalists, private sector and other key stakeholders across Africa.

OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of the workshop is to discuss how the GEF Sustainable Cities Impact Program can help countries and cities tackle the challenges of urbanization through the integrated approach to urban planning and implementation. Specific objectives include:

- Explore with key stakeholders how African countries and cities can harness the IP for transformational impact.
- Share their experiences about the implementation of policies and programs related to sustainable urban planning, with tackling challenges of urbanization, and explore ways for enhancing learning and knowledge sharing by cities and municipalities.
- Discuss criteria for countries and cities to be considered for participation in the IP, including national level criteria to plan for alignment with relevant MEAs and SDGs, level of decentralization and governance of the city as well as its capacity to mobilize financial resources.
- Deliberate on 'green' model of human settlement development which is cutting across different types of settlements such as cities, neighborhoods and villages, and showcase the success achieved by Rwanda in few of these areas.

PROGRAMME

Day One | 27 November 2018 (AD10, Kigali Convention Centre)

- 14:00 – 14:30: Registration
- 14:30 – 14:45: Welcoming Remarks – Mayor of City of Kigali
- 14:45 – 15:00: Opening Statement – Minister of Environment, Rwanda
- 15:00 – 15:20: Workshop objectives and Overview of Sustainable Cities Program – GEF Secretariat
- 15:20-15:40: Global Platform on Sustainable Cities – World Bank & Resource Team
 - Shagun Mehrotra, Senior Urban Specialist – The World Bank Group
 - Hastings Chikoko, Regional Director for Africa – C40 Cities
 - Tori Okner, Head of Strategy and Partnerships – ICLEI
- 15:40 – 16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:00 – 17:30: Session 2: Interactive Open Classroom
 - Shaping the conversation
 - Sharing experience
 - Agenda setting
- 17:30 – End of Day One
- 18:00 – 19:00: Reception

Day 2 | 28 November 2018 (AD10, Kigali Convention Centre)

- 9:00 –11:00 Session 3: Urbanization in Africa and Need for Sustainable Cities, an exploration of the urbanization challenge and overall context for advancing sustainable cities in the Africa region. The chair will facilitate Q & A as part of each round. Technical presentation will be done by an expert followed by panel discussion with city representatives.
 - Panel Discussion 1 - Urbanization trends in Africa and the need for Sustainability (30 minutes) Expert Presentation - Gora Mboup, President & CEO, Global Observatory linking Research to Action (GORA)
 - Growth of secondary cities, local perspective
 - Climate change and cities
 - Panel discussion 2 - Importance of integrated planning- 30 minutes (Expert presentation, TBD)
 - Food water energy nexus projects
 - Integrated land use planning from a natural infrastructure perspective. Land use planning
 - Local perspective
 - Panel Discussion 3 - Multilevel governance: empowering local governments and role of an enabling national policy framework - 40 minutes (Expert Presentation, TBD)
 - Multilevel governance
 - Local perspective on the need for urban plans
- 11:00 – 11:30: Coffee Break
- 11:30 – 13:00: Session 4: Working Groups to Discuss Emerging Lessons (Facilitator: TBD; Speakers: City/National Representatives)
 - Based on the inputs from Session 2, these break out groups will deep dive into specific and recurring issues such as:
 - Perceived tradeoffs of social/environmental/economic development
 - Financing for urban sustainability

- Approaching integrated vertical & horizontal governance
 - Private sector roles (private-public-partnerships)
 - Localizing climate action; community power etc.
- This session will enable country representatives to share learnings and identify gaps in their understanding which they want to address. These can be supported with experiences of the select African countries, including those participating in the GEF program.
- 13:00 – 14:00: Lunch
- 14:00 – 15:00: Session 5: Discussion of Lessons and Priorities (Working Group Reports) (Chair: GEF):
 - Plenary working groups report, comments and inputs from partners and stakeholders.
- 15:00 -16:00: Session 6: Stakeholder Perspectives (Moderator:: TBD)
 - Presentation on Green Cities, Neighborhoods, Villages - RHA (15 min)
 - Documentary film on achievements related to green villages (15 min)
 - Others (TBD)
- 16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break
- 16:30 – 17:15: Panel Discussion: Potential opportunities for supporting countries and cities in advancing the integrated approach.
 - Moderator: GEF.
 - Participants (TBD): AfDB, UN-Habitat, UN-Economic Commission for Africa, RHA, CoK, GGGI, GCF, STRAWTEC, others from Africa TBC)
- 17:15 – Wrap-up and Workshop Closure
 - Speakers: Government of Rwanda and GEF

Day 3 | 29 November 2018 (Field Visits)

- 9:00 – 17:00: Field visits

Rwanda Sustainable Infrastructure Roundtable (GGGI – ISCA) (Invite Only)

9:00-17:00, 28 November 2018 | AD11, Kigali Convention Centre

OVERVIEW

The Rwanda Sustainable Infrastructure Roundtable, is organized in line with GGGI's partnership with the Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia (ISCA) to undertake a Rwanda diagnosis for Infrastructure Sustainability.

GGGI's partnership with ISCA to enhance Infrastructure Sustainability in Rwanda is against the backdrop of increased investment flows to develop infrastructure in the country. Making the right choices in favor of infrastructure that is climate resilient and locks in a low carbon development pathway is critical and urgent to avoid huge costs later.

GGGI's partnership with ISCA comprises of a program of activities to showcase the benefits of infrastructure sustainability frameworks and engaging stakeholders on potential piloting activities of the Infrastructure Sustainability (IS) International tool. This event aims to bring together Government of Rwanda officials, critical infrastructure asset owners, private sector consultants and contractors to demonstrate the benefits of infrastructure sustainability potentially leading to piloting projects in Rwanda using the IS International tool.

OBJECTIVES

- To understand infrastructure sustainability issues in Rwandan context
- Discuss current methods of addressing sustainability issues in Rwanda
- Present the Australian experience and how the IS tool has assisted in enhancing infrastructure sustainability performance
- Deliver Half-Day Introduction to IS training package

PROGRAMME

Time	Activity	Facilitator
8:00 – 9:00	Registration	GGGI
9:00 – 9:05	Welcome Remarks	GGGI
9:05 – 9:10	Opening Remarks	ISCA
9:10 – 9:20	Address by the Guest of Honour	Minister of Trade and Industry/ Minister of Infrastructure

9:20 – 9:25	Group Photograph with the Guest of Honour, Guest of Honour Departs	GGGI
9:25 – 9:35	Self-Introduction by all participants	GGGI
9:35 – 9:45	Introduction to ISCA	Jon Avery ISCA General Manager Sustainability Leadership
9:45 – 10:45	Facilitated discussion of key sustainability issues and concerns encountered and facing Rwanda in the infrastructure context - Case studies of projects/assets that have issues	Independent Moderator
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee Break (Foyer 1B)	
11:15 – 12:00	Facilitated discussion on current mechanisms that are addressing infrastructure sustainability issues pertaining to: - Government policy initiatives/perspectives - Academia - Private sector performance - Multi-lateral perspective	Independent Moderator
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch (Larder Restaurant)	
13:00 – 13:45	The Australian infrastructure sustainability experience, the issues and the responses with Q & A	Jon Avery ISCA General Manager Sustainability Leadership Kieren Heikkinen ISCA Case Manager
13:45 – 14:45	Introduction to Infrastructure Sustainability training (interactive session)	Kieren Heikkinen ISCA Case Manager
14:45 – 15:15	Coffee Break (Foyer 1B)	
15:15 – 16:15	Introduction to Infrastructure Sustainability training (interactive session) Continued	Kieren Heikkinen ISCA Case Manager
16:15 – 16:30	Suggested next steps	Jon Avery

		ISCA General Manager Sustainability Leadership
16:30 – 17:00	Presentation of certificates to participants, General discussion, questions and way forward	Chaired by independent moderator
17:00	Roundtable close	GGGI

African Circular Economy Alliance Event

9:30-12:45 - 28 November 2018 | AD12, Kigali Convention Centre

OVERVIEW

In November 2017, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa and partners, including the United Nations Environment Programme, the World Economic Forum and the Global Environment Facility, launched the African Circular Economy Alliance to spur the continent's transformation to a circular economy, which delivers economic growth, jobs and positive environmental outcomes. This new economic model seeks to ultimately decouple global economic development from finite resource consumption and rests on three principles:

1. Preserve and enhance natural capital by controlling finite stocks and balancing renewable resource flows.
2. Optimise resource yields by circulating products, components, and materials at the highest utility at all times in both technical and biological cycles.
3. Foster system effectiveness by revealing and designing out negative externalities

As part of these efforts, the Ministry of Environment in partnership with the Alliance is organising a Circular Economy focused event during the Africa Green Growth Forum.

OBJECTIVES

- Assisting Africa's private sector to understand the opportunities that lie in the Circular Economy and how these can benefit their businesses
- Briefing policy makers, partners and donors on the benefits of the Circular Economy for Africa's economic development
- Building momentum for incorporating the principles of the Circular Economy into Africa's economic development and environmental protection policies
- Identifying Africa business that could be partnered with global firms leading the way in the Circular Economy

The event will bring together Alliance members, partners, observer organisations and industry leaders and will be co-chaired by Nigeria, Rwanda and South Africa. Minister of Environment, Rwanda will open the event and provide highlighting progress from the first year of the Alliance.

Experts will brief the guests on opportunities for Africa in the Circular Economy, and open discussion on job creation and economic growth.

It is proposed that Nigeria will lead the showcasing of active circular economy initiatives, lessons learned, plans for circular economy initiatives to address challenges. The event is proposed to be closed by remarks from the Minister of Environment Affairs, South Africa and Africa Circular Economy Co-Chair.

PROGRAMME

09:30–10:00 Coffee

10:00–10:10 Welcome by the MC - Teddy Mugabo, Fund Mobilisation Specialist, Rwanda Green Fund

10:05–10:15 Welcome Remarks and Moment of Silence to Remember Former South African Minister of Environmental Affairs, Edna Molewa - Vincent Biruta, Minister of Environment, Rwanda and Africa Circular Economy Co-Chair

10:00–10:10 Welcome by the MC - Kgauta Sylvester Mokoena, Chief Director, Department of Environmental Affairs, South Africa

10:15–10:35 Presentation on opportunities for Africa in the Circular Economy, and discussion on job creation and economic growth - Frank Turyatunga, Deputy Director, UN Environment, Africa Office

10:35–10:50 Address by Christian Wessels, Founder, Sunray Ventures followed by Audience Q&A

10:50–12:00 Panel Discussion: Showcasing active circular economy initiatives, lessons learned, plans for Circular Economy initiatives to address challenges - Moderated by Mohamed Bakarr, Lead of Impact Programs at the GEF

- Discussion
- Contributions from country

12:00–12:10 Closing - Mohamed Bakarr, Lead of Impact Programs at the GEF

12:10 Group Photo

Green Technologies Exchange & Exhibition

14:00-16:00 - 28 November 2018 | AD12, Kigali Convention Centre

OVERVIEW

The global problem of environmental degradation has forced society to rethink development and advance the concept of green growth. Indeed, new environmentally friendly technologies are fundamental to attain sustainable development.

As part of the Africa Green Growth Forum, a green technologies event will be held as platform to exchange experience on green growth technologies and those that foster climate resilience. The event will examine how green technologies can be scaled up and aims to build partnerships to promote green innovations across Africa. The event will boost South-South cooperation and North-South sharing of technologies. It will focus on the uptake and upscale challenges and opportunities, as well as tools to overcome green technology bottlenecks.

A green technologies exhibition to be held throughout the week of the forum will provide a unique opportunity for the private sector to showcase technologies and innovations to tackle climate change, pollution, promote the Circular Economy and protect our environment.

The exhibition will cover the following areas:

- Renewable energy technologies
- Energy efficiency for industry and residential applications
- Recycling technologies (plastic, e-waste, paper waste, etc.)
- Clean cooking technologies (biomass, biogas, cook stoves, etc.)
- Bio-products, biofuels and production technologies
- Green building technologies
- Green transport solutions

OBJECTIVES

The Africa green technologies event will bring together innovators, green technology companies and experts to share knowledge and best practices on green technologies across the continent. The Africa Green technologies event will also include a presentation organised by the Rwanda Green Fund (FONERWA), Think Beyond Plastic and SYSTEMIQ on Incubating and Innovating to Think Beyond Plastics in Africa and creation of an Africa Plastics Innovation Hub in Rwanda.

Specific objectives include:

1. Provide a platform for participants to share knowledge and experience on environmental friendly technologies to achieve sustainable development in Africa
2. Build partnership to scale up green technologies and advance efforts to foster green growth and mitigate climate change
3. Promote investment in new technologies that support green growth

ATTENDEES

More than 20 companies and institutions from Africa will showcase their innovations and climate resilient technologies at the exhibition. Attendees from Rwanda and across Africa will be invited to attend the event, which will include panel discussions and presentations.

PROGRAMME

- 14:00 – Welcome from the Minister of Environment, Rwanda
- 14:10 – Presentation 1: Overview of Green Technologies in Africa
- 14:20 – Panel 1: The Role of Green Technologies for Africa’s Sustainable Development – Strategies to Unlock Innovation & Public Private Partnerships -

Moderated by Alex Ntale, CEO, ICT Chamber of Rwanda
 - Kampeta Pitchette Sayinzoga, Director General, National Industrial Research and Development Agency – Rwanda
 - Gayatri Datar, Co-Founder and CEO EarthEnable
 - Richmond Gatu, General Manager, ARF (Advanced Recycling Facility, Kenya)
 - Didier Sagashya, Chief Executive Officer, STRAWTEC
- 15:10 – Break
- 15:30 – Presentation 2: Oliver Mbera, Enviroserve Rwanda (E-Waste Recycling)
- 15:40 – Panel 2: Incubating and Innovating to Think Beyond Plastics
 - Presentation on Think Beyond Plastics:
 - Tom Blathwayt, Systemiq
 - Panel Discussion:
 - Wenceslas Habamungu, General Manager, Eco Plastic
 - Ignatius Mugabo, Managing Director, Jardin Meuble
 - Laban Ngeno, Business Development Manager, EcoPost Kenya
 - David Kinzuzi, Co-founder, My Green Home
- 16:20 – Closing Remarks from Minister of Trade and Industry, Rwanda

Rwanda Green Fund - Investing in Green Growth The Potential of E-Mobility

16:30-18:30 - 28 November 2018 | AD12 & Exhibition, Kigali Convention Centre

OVERVIEW

As part of the Africa Green Growth Forum, the Rwanda Green Fund (FONERWA), the German Development Cooperation through KfW, the UN Environment Programme and partners will hold an event dedicated to advancing e-mobility solutions and private sector green growth. The event will be an opportunity to highlight the role of the fund as an enabler of green growth and the potential of Rwanda's nascent e-mobility sector as part of the country's wider green urbanization programme.

To demonstrate Rwanda's green growth best practices, the event will feature a display of electric motorbikes and the awarding of successful investments from the Rwanda Green Fund's Ninth Call for Proposals. The event is planned to be followed by a Green Drinks Kigali side event on Green Buildings and Design organized in partnership with FONERWA and KfW. The event will feature e-mobility initiatives in Africa as part of lesson learning and experience sharing aimed at catalyzing technology driven knowledge management to facilitate adoption and scale up of green urbanization practices on the African continent.

The event will also include a small exhibit of the Fund's investments – demonstrating the wide variety of projects that financed over the last five years.

OBJECTIVES

- Highlight the potential of Rwanda's e-mobility sector to catalyze scalable investment
- Raise awareness about the importance of transitioning to e-mobility solutions and the role of the private sector in supporting green urbanisation
- Position and enhance Rwanda Green Fund as an enabler of private sector driven green growth
- Lesson learning and featuring E-mobility initiatives in Africa

PROGRAMME

- 16:30-16:45 – Welcome and Introduction – Hubert Ruzibiza, CEO, Rwanda Green Fund
- 16:45-16:55 – Remarks by the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Rwanda
- 16:55-17:05 – Opening Remarks by the Minister of Environment, Rwanda
- 17:05-17:10 – Group Photo
- 17:10-17:20 – Presentation on E-mobility in Africa and UN Environment's Support to Rwanda's E-mobility Programme - Rob de Jong, Head of the Transport Unit at UN Environment
- 17:20-17:30 – Lessons learnt from South Africa's transition to e-mobility by Hiten Parmar, Director of uYilo e-Mobility Programme

- 17:30-17:40 – Presentation of cheques for successful investments from the Fund's ninth Call for Proposals and announcement of tenth call by Etienne Ntaganda, Chair of the Board, Rwanda Green Fund
- 17:40-17:50 – Presentation on e-bikes by Josh Whale, Managing Director, Ampersand
- 18:00-18:30 – Exhibit of Rwanda Green Fund investments led by Hubert Ruzibiza, CEO, Rwanda Green Fund
- 19:00 – Side Event: Green Drinks Kigali on Green Buildings and Design (at Rwanda Conference and Exhibition Village - Kivu Tent, Camp Kigali)

Venue: The event be held in AD12 and in the Foyer 1A at KCC.

ATTENDEES

The event will be attended by approximately 250 guests including the fund's development and investment partners, government representatives, the private sector and civil society.

In participation will also be Hiten Parmar, Director of uYilo e-Mobility Programme. The Technology Innovation Programme was initiated in 2013 as a national multi-stakeholder technology development programme to support the creation of products and services for the e-Mobility industry in South Africa

Knowledge Management and Green Growth Readiness Assessment in Africa

8:30-13:00 - 29 November 2018 | AD12, Kigali Convention Centre

BACKGROUND

At the Africa Green Growth Forum, the Global Green Growth Institute and the African Development Bank will host an interactive session discussion highlighting examples and best practices of global green growth interventions, policies and strategies through knowledge sharing. The session will highlight good practices in the development of GCF readiness and funding proposals that are country-driven and reflect countries' climate change priorities.

GGGI and its country offices in Africa in collaboration with the African Development Bank will share knowledge on green growth readiness performance in Africa, key milestones and interventions, and discuss South-South cooperation.

OBJECTIVES

- Bring together national and international green growth and sustainable development experts to share knowledge and experience within the continent and assess progress
- Highlight examples and best practices of global green growth interventions, policies and strategies through knowledge sharing.
- Assess green growth readiness in Africa.

The assessment will identify specific entry points for green growth interventions in the context of the AfDB's Green Growth Framework and High 5 priority areas, and GGGI's Thematic Focus Areas (TFAs) and long-term development outcomes, known as GGGI Strategic Outcomes. The panel discussion will be an in-depth analysis of results from Gabon, Morocco, Rwanda, Mozambique, Kenya, Tunisia and Senegal.

PROGRAMME

8:30-8:45 – Registration

8:45-9:00 – Opening Remarks by Guest of Honour

9:00-9:30 – Participant Self-introductions

Session 1: Overall Presentation of the Study

9:30-10:00 – Presentation on the result of Africa Green Growth Readiness and Prospects in the context of NDC and SDG implementation

10:00–10:50 – Country Results: Gabon, Morocco, Rwanda, Mozambique, Kenya, Tunisia and Senegal (5 mins per country)

10:50–11:20 – Question and Answer Session

11:20-11:30 – Coffee break

Session 2: Green Growth Readiness and Continental Green Growth Implementation

11:30–12:00 – Presentation on Aligning Private Sector investment to NDCs and SDGs Implementation

Session 3: South-South Knowledge Network

12:00-12:45:

- Green investment – GGGI, GCF, Rwanda, Ethiopia
- GGGI Green urbanization – Rwanda, Morocco, Senegal, Uganda
- Sustainable Infrastructure – Rwanda, Ethiopia, Senegal, Morocco

Session 4: Closing

12:45–13:00 – Closing Remarks, Wrap-up and Way Forward

ORGANISING PARTNERS

Global Green Growth Institute

With 28 member and partner countries, GGGI's mandate includes demonstrating that green growth is possible, and that inclusive economic growth and environmental protection are mutually reinforcing for achieving quality and sustenance of growth. The session is organised by the GGGI Rwanda Country Program in collaboration with GGGI's Office of Thought Leadership within the Office of the Director General of GGGI and AfDB and SDG Africa Centre. The Office of Thought Leadership was set up to advance GGGI's impact through global programs that deliver strategic research and analysis, knowledge sharing, and capacity building in green growth. Thought Leadership supports sharpening of GGGI strategic focus in operationalizing its Strategic Plan 2015-20 to maximize its contributions to long-term development outcomes and align its activities for NDC and SDG implementation in member and partner countries.

African Development Bank

With 54-member countries, AfDB is the Africa's premier development financier with an overarching objective of promoting sustainable economic development and social progress for poverty alleviation in the continent. The Bank's Ten-Year Strategy 2013-2022 outlines its twin objectives as inclusive growth and green growth that aim to improve the quality and sustainability of economic growth in Africa. Climate Change and Green Growth Department (PECG) at AfDB is recently established under the Vice Presidency for 'Power, Energy, Climate Change and Green Growth'. PECG is mandated to effectively mainstream climate change into Bank's operations under the High 5 priority areas of the Bank and scale up climate finance by 40% in Bank's investments by 2020 from both internal and external sources. PECG is also leading the development of the Bank's second Climate Change Action Plan 2016-2020 (CCAP2) as a response to the needs of Regional Member Countries in implementing their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in alignment with the Bank's Ten-Year Strategy and the High 5 priorities.

Dialogue on Increasing Private Sector Access to Finance for Climate Action

10:00-16:00 - 29 November 2018 | AD10, Kigali Convention Centre

BACKGROUND

The Rwanda Green Fund (FONERWA) and the Global Green Growth Institute are co-organising a dialogue to increase the private sector's awareness of and access to climate finance. The one-day dialogue will cover some of the climate finance sources and financial tools and mechanisms (such as green banks) available to the private sector. It will also include the role of incubators to drive private sector investment in green growth and the opportunity to partner with and access the fund's Green Incubators and Accelerators Facility.

PROGRAMME

10:00 MC Welcome and Introduction - Anthony Annan, Global Green Growth Institute

10:05 Opening Remarks: Hubert Ruzibiza, CEO, Rwanda Green Fund (FONERWA)

10:15 Session One: Presentation of the Subnational Climate Fund in Africa by Christophe Nuttall and AfroChampions - followed by Q&A

10:35: Session Two: Discussion on Increasing Support to the Private Sector for Climate Action

- Innocent Bulindi, CEO, Business Development Fund
- Eric Rutabana, CEO, Development Bank of Rwanda
- Tom Blathwayt, SYSTEMIQ
- Rosette Muhoza, Co-Founder, My Green Home
- Teddy Mugabo, Fund Mobilisation Specialist, Rwanda Green Fund

11:45 Health Break

12:15 Session Three: Presentation on the role of Green Bonds by the African Development Bank, Davinah Milenge Uwella, African Development Bank, Principal Program Coordinator

12:30 Open Dialogue

13:00 Break

14:00 Session Three: Workshop on Partnering and Accessing the Rwanda Green Fund Green Incubators and Accelerators Facility for Climate Enterprises

- Presentation by Anthony Annan, Global Green Growth Institute on the Rwanda Green Fund Private Sector Strategy For Climate Action and Green Incubators & Accelerator Facility
- Presentation by Tom Blathwayt, SYSTEMIQ, on the Africa Plastics Innovation Hub

15:00 Open Dialogue

16:00 Dialogue Close

Roundtable on Accelerating Africa's Switch to Affordable and Efficient Cooling and Lighting

10:00-12:00 - 29 November 2018 | AD1, Kigali Convention Centre

BACKGROUND

UN Environment's United for Efficiency (U4E) is implementing the project Rwanda Cooling Initiative (R-COOL) in partnership with the Government of Rwanda. The partnership has demonstrated that rapid progress is possible and beneficial, and shows how an emerging economy can bring together unique resources to unlock transformational progress. The project is funded by the Kigali Cooling Efficiency Program (K-CEP), which supports the adoption of energy-efficient and climate-friendly refrigerators and air conditioners.

The Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol will help protect the climate by phasing down high global warming potential (GWP) gases used in refrigerators and air conditioners. Promoting energy efficiency while transitioning to lower GWP gases can yield significant climate co-benefits, as it mitigates the indirect greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) of electricity that is otherwise wasted while powering these appliances.

The quantity of refrigerators and air conditioners in developing and emerging economies is expected to nearly double to 2 billion by 2030, and the most ubiquitous models tend to be those with the worst performance. Products using outdated technology consume up to three times the amount of electricity as energy-efficient alternatives, costing consumers much more on their utility bills (with a higher life cycle cost of ownership), depleting natural resources and contributing to environmental deterioration. Inefficient products also make businesses less competitive, put added burden on already strained electricity grids, reduce energy security, and exacerbate pollution from fossil-fuel power plants.

The Kigali Amendment enters into force in January 2019 (one month after the COP24 Climate Conference in Katowice, Poland). The Rwanda Cooling Initiative aims to demonstrate the benefits of transitioning to energy-efficient and climate-friendly cooling products. Energy-efficiency is increasingly recognized as the fastest, cheapest and cleanest way to mitigate GHGs, but a lack of robust policies is inhibiting wide-scale adoption of modern technologies.

Ensuring sustainable control of inefficient products requires regional harmonization of regulation, otherwise products will always find their way back into the market, undermining the efforts and benefits of energy efficient products.

This session on green cooling will engage high level policymakers and government representatives to discuss how African markets and leapfrog to efficient and clean refrigerators and air conditioners by harmonizing around model regulations that UN Environment is developing. Rwanda will be the first country in the world to adopt these model regulations through the Rwanda Cooling Initiative.

OBJECTIVES

- Identify the need and benefits of accelerating Africa's transition to energy-efficient, affordable, and climate-friendly cooling
- Propose a declaration be made by political leaders to better align efforts and send a clear signal to industry
- Introduce the concept of aligning policies for refrigerators and air conditioners in Africa around the model regulations that UN Environment is developing and that Rwanda intends to adopt

PROGRAMME

10:00 – 10:15 Welcome by Minister Biruta, Minister of Environment, Rwanda

- Overview of the Kigali Amendment, Rwanda's commitment to lead, and COP24 high-level session on refrigerators and air conditioners, and a call for the continent to take bold action

10:15 – 10:40 Setting a Vision to Transform African Markets by Rashid Ali Abdallah, Energy Division Head, African Union

- Highlight the rapidly growing demand for cooling and lighting in Africa and its implications
- Note the status of policies for these products in the continent and collaborative activities that are already underway
- Propose a declaration be made to better align efforts and send a clear signal to industry, the COP participants and the public that Africa is taking bold action
- Gather input from the audience on the declaration idea

10:40 – 11:10 Rwanda's Commitment to Lead on Model Regulations for Cooling and Lighting by Morris Kayitare, Project Lead for the Rwanda Cooling Initiative, UN Environment

- Overview of UN Environment United for Efficiency's upcoming model regulations
- Update on the status and next steps in the Rwanda Cooling Initiative, indicating how Rwanda will apply these model regulations and share its findings to encourage others to do the same
- Q&A

11:10 – 11:50 Discussion: Going from Vision to Action with Moderator Michael Ahimbisibwe, Executive Director, East Africa Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

Discussants: Ministers of Environment

- Insights on each country's respective activities for cooling and lighting and how these could be better enhanced
- Support for the proposed Declaration and the opportunity to align on model regulations for refrigerators, air conditioners, and lighting
- Open discussion

11:50 – 12:00 Adoption of Declaration and Closing Remarks by Coletha Ruhanya, Director General, Rwanda Environment Management Authority

Africa Centre for Climate and Sustainable Development Workshop

14:00-16:30 - 29 November 2018 | AD12, Kigali Convention Centre

OVERVIEW

A side event is organized in line with an agreement that Italy and Rwanda signed in 2016 for cooperation to support the Government of Rwanda in the field of Climate Change Vulnerability, Risk Assessment, adaptation and mitigation as well as to implement its NDC to the Paris Agreement. Under the agreement, Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) is an implementing partner supporting the implementation of the MoU between IMELS and MoE. This special event will be a good opportunity to discuss the role that the Africa Centre for Sustainable Development (ACSD) to help African countries to increase their resilience, as well as barriers and solutions to implement sustainable development goals in Africa.

Africa Centre for Sustainable Development (ACSD) was established as a joint initiative by the Italian Ministry of Environment Land and Sea (IMELS), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for facilitating the voluntary exchange of information on increasing the effectiveness, synergies and complementarities of ongoing initiatives in support of Africa to implement the SDGs. The ACSD will focus on facilitating the exchange of information on development interventions and initiatives, best practices on climate change, food security, access to water, clean energy generation in support to the achievement of the SDGs by African Countries

The event is organised by the Rwanda Environment Management Authority, the Africa Center for Climate and Sustainable Development and the Global Green Growth Institute Rwanda Programme.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the event is to discuss concurrently the barriers and available solutions for sustainable development in Africa and raise awareness on the existence of the newly established centre and its position as a response to African countries to accelerate Africa's green growth agenda and increase resilience.

PROGRAMME

14:00 – 14:10 Welcome remarks by Faustin Munyazikwiye, Deputy Director General, Rwanda Environment Management Authority

14:10 – 14:30 Opening Session

- Vincent Biruta, Minister of Environment, Rwanda
- Francesco La Camera, Director General of Environment and Sustainable Development, Ministry for Environment, Land and Sea of the Republic of Italy

14:30 – 15:30 Keynote Address & Panel Discussion

- Keynote Address by Mr. Pier Carlo Sandei, Coordinator of ACSD, on the Africa Centre for Climate and Sustainable Development (ACSD), pathway to the achievement of SDGs by African countries.
- Panel discussion on the sustainable development of Africa: Barriers, solutions and the role of Africa Centre for Sustainable Development (ACSD)

Session Moderator:

- Juliet Kabera, Director General, Environment and Climate Change, Ministry of Environment, Rwanda

Panelists:

- Coletha Ruhamy, Director General, Rwanda Environment Management Authority
- Dawud Mume Ali, Director of Plan and Budget Preparation, Monitoring and Evaluation Directorate, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Commission of Ethiopia
- Dexippos Agourides, Deputy Director and Head of Africa and Middle East, Global Green Growth Institute
- Mr Olivier Mbera, Country Manager, Enviroserve Rwanda Green Park

15:30 – 16:30 Questions & Answers

16:30 Media Interviews

AFRICA CENTRE FOR CLIMATE & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Africa Centre for Climate and Sustainable Development was established as a joint initiative by the Italian Ministry of Environment Land and Sea (IMELS), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to facilitate the exchange of information to increase the effectiveness, synergies and complementarities of ongoing initiatives in support of Africa to implement the SDGs. The centre focuses on facilitating the exchange of information on development interventions and initiatives, best practices on climate change, food security, access to water, clean energy generation in support to the achievement of the SDGs by African countries.

Africa Green Growth Forum Learning Tours (Limited Spaces)

8:00-16:30, 30 November 2018 | Bugesera District

OVERVIEW

The Africa Green Growth Forum Learning Tours will introduce participants to a range of distinct initiatives leading green growth in Rwanda. Participants will be invited to visit these locations and learn about their operations and aspirations for green growth in Rwanda and across Africa. The three featured sites provide robust opportunities for investors and communities to contribute to sustainable development and climate resilient development, and each present a different element of the green growth transition.

The tour will take place on Friday 30 November 2018, and will visit three sites in Bugesera District:

- Enviroserve - Rwanda E-Waste Dismantling and Recycling Facility
- Rweru Model Green Village
- Bugesera International Airport - Presentation at Golden Tulip over lunch

OBJECTIVES

1. Provide first-hand experiences of Rwanda's green growth initiatives
2. Spark dialogues about green growth climate resilient initiatives that contribute to sustainable development across the continent
3. Encourage participants to invest in green innovations in their respective countries

LEARNING TOURS SITES

Enviroserve - Rwanda E-Waste Dismantling and Recycling Facility

Enviroserve Rwanda is dedicated to electronic waste recycling, green growth, and the circular economy. Enviroserve Rwanda operates the region's only state-of-the-art E-waste dismantling and recycling facility. Through a partnership with the Rwanda Green Fund and the Ministry of Trade and Industry, the facility is protecting millions from the hazardous threat of electronic and electrical waste and is turning trash into treasure. **Location:** Bugesera Industrial Park, Eastern Province, Rwanda

Rweru Model Green Village

Rweru Model Green Village is home to more than 400 Rwandans who were relocated from Mazane and Sharita islands in Rweru Lake. The islands were mapped as high-risk zones. With connection to electricity and clean, drinkable water, the village is comprised of a school,

a health post, and a modern market and has access to Internet connection. The village was greened with support from the Rwanda Green Fund, which provided trees, rainwater harvesting, livestock and biogas.

Rweru Green Village is part of the Government of Rwanda's efforts to promote a green environment and better living conditions for its citizens. **Location:** Bugesera, Eastern Province, Rwanda

Bugesera International Airport - Golden Tulip

The Bugesera International Airport is Rwanda's largest single infrastructure investment and is being developed as a green building. It's one of the few airports that is incorporating green initiatives that will support its daily operations. **Location:** Nyamata, Eastern Province, Rwanda

PROGRAMME

- **8:00:** Departure (Kigali Convention Centre)
- **9:30 – 11:00:** Visit Enviroserve Rwanda - E-waste Recycling and Dismantling Facility
- **11:30 – 12:30:** Visit Rweru Village
- **13:00 – 15:00:** Presentation & Discussion on Greening Bugesera International Airport & Lunch
- **15:00 – 15:30:** **Bugesera – Kigali**

Rwanda Green Growth Concert & Awards

17:00-22:00, 30 November 2018 | Intare Convention Arena, Rusororo

OVERVIEW

As part of the Forum, a concert and awards event will be held at which the Rwanda Green Growth awards will be presented in four areas: industry, media, youth and local government. The concert and awards will be an important opportunity to publicly recognise those leading green growth and climate resilient development, and for Forum participants to network.

PROGRAMME

- 17:00 Arrival of Guests
- 18:00 Arrival of VIPs
- 18:30 Presentation of Rwanda Green Growth Awards
- 19:00 Performance by Local Artists
- 20:30 Performance by International Artist
- 22:00 Close

Note: Registration Required For Attendance