

Policy 1: Nature-Based Solutions

Title: The Policy Framework

Date: Thursday, 21 March 2019

Time: 08:30 – 10:55

Venue: Committee Hall 1

Status: Open

Organized by: IETA and WBCSD

Support organizations: Climate Resilience Network, CIFOR-LED/NDCs, CIAT-CCAFS, ICLEIT, FAO

Opening Key-Note: Shining a Light on Natural Climate Solutions in Africa

Speaker 1: Ms. Shamiso Nandi Najira, Deputy Director, Environmental Affairs Department, Malawi

Panel Discussion 1: Ambitious Policy to Unlock Nature-Based Solutions at Scale

The session will explore what policy frameworks can help scale nature-based solutions across Africa, discuss the role that forests can play in delivering Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement and the implications of new market mechanisms being developed in Article 6, discuss how these two elements combined can facilitate greater climate action, enabling NDCs to become more ambitious in their upcoming review in 2020, and finally, address some of the policy requirements to achieve this, such as political leadership & responsibility and climate risk management.

Moderator: Edwin Aalders, DVN GL

Speaker 1: Maggie Comstock, Senior Director of Climate Policy, Conservation International

Speaker 2: Oblé Neya, Senior Scientist & Head, Ecosystem Change & Ecosystem Services, WASCAL

Speaker 3: Richard Eba'a Atyi, Director, CIFOR

Speaker 4: Isaac Gyamfi, Regional Director, Solidaridad West Africa

Speaker 5: Michael Thompson, Senior Manager, C2G2

Panel Discussion 2: Accelerating Action on Nature-Based Solutions through Climate Policy

The session will outline how state and non-state actors have complimentary roles to play in supporting and accelerating the deployment of NCS in Africa, and thus will need to work closer together than ever before. It will showcase examples of how companies and/or financial institutions are actively incorporating NBS into their business practices, and finally explore how businesses need an enabling policy environment for investments.

Moderator: Chris Webb, Director Climate Markets, The Nature Conservancy

Speaker 1: Thomas Yaw Gyambrab, Program Lead, Ghana cocoa-Forest REDD+ Program, Ghana

Speaker 2: Marc Baker, Founder, Carbon Tanzania

Speaker3: Mithika Mwenda, Secretary General, Pan African Climate Justice Alliance. (Awaiting Confirmation)

Speaker 4: Finance Speaker (TBC)