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SIDE EVENT

**Leveraging on the Global Goal on  
Adaptation and the New Collective  
Quantified Goal to transform Climate  
Security context in the IGAD Region**

Venue: IGAD Pavilion      November 11, 2024

Time: 14:00 – 15:30

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**Themes of focus:** Climate and Security; Climate Migrations; Global Goal on Adaptation; National Adaptation Plans; Climate Finance; NDCs

## Context and Key Objectives

The IGAD region is particularly vulnerable to climate-related risks like droughts, floods, and heat waves. Since 2020, the region has experienced five failed rainy seasons, pushing millions into food insecurity with around 2 million people affected by floods annually. As of June 2022, about 31 million people across six IGAD member states were highly food insecure. Floods affect nearly 2 million people and displace over 1 million annually in the Greater Horn of Africa. Shockingly, the IGAD region hosts 4.5 million refugees and 12 million internally displaced persons as of March 2022 with climate security being a contributory factor. Key factors influencing climate-related conflict dynamics in the region include resource scarcity, loss of livelihood, migrations and food security, weak resilience and political fragility and instability. In a broader view climate change is viewed as a “threat multiplier” that exacerbates pre-existing vulnerabilities and the correlations between climate change and worsening climate insecurities are well established, including in the UNFCCC process.

Africa has grappled with positioning the loss and damages as the third pillar of the UNFCCC process and securing a fund, that largely remains voluntary to address associated losses and damages caused by climate change, yet the phenomenon of climate migrations is growing. Already the trends are indicative of declining humanitarian support and funding, globally as funding for the loss and damage fund remains meagre. To holistically address the challenge, investing in immediate to long-term measures that build resilience to climate shocks is an imperative of climate justice. The growing efforts in the UAE-Belem Programme on global resilience aimed at securing the Global Goal on Adaptation is a welcome progress towards strengthening global resilience. The strive to actualize this goal must buttress and address the growing climate insecurities in enabling communities to cope, address immediate challenges and build resilient livelihoods and ecosystems. The GGA processes identify critical sectors necessary for adaptation – the water, agriculture and livelihoods, ecosystems, and health among others. The process of developing sub-goals and indicators has been on but are the indicators so far developed relevant to the context of IGAD states and does it enable the region to address their context-specific climate security vulnerabilities? This event seeks to these poignant questions while exploring approaches to bring climate security to the mainstream of climate financing

In pursuit of increased adaptation actions, climate finance and partnerships, this event explores the following objective.

1. Strengthen the nexus issues between climate security, the global goal on adaptation and the New collective Quantified Goal on climate finance
2. Introspect the sufficiency of the indicators as proposed in the Global Goal on Adaptation in responding to climate security issues
3. Explore measures and mechanisms to catalyse climate finance flow to support climate security actions in the IGAD region.

## Expected outcomes

- A. Opportunities for advancing climate security in the GGA and NCQG are identified
- B. Additional indicators that support climate security outcomes are identified and shared with our negotiators to inform the next phase of GGA negotiations
- C. Action plan (draft) for accelerating climate finance flows to address climate security is developed

## Partnership:

Care International; Clim-Sec Africa; Fredrich Ebert Stiftung; The Kenya Water and Sanitation Civil Society Network (KEWASNET); Pan African Climate Justice Alliance; University of Addis Ababa; University of Nairobi

## Proposed speakers

- ▶ **Robert Muthami**, Regional Environment and Climate Change Specialist, Embassy of Sweden, Kenya
- ▶ **Malesi Shivaji**, Chief Executive Officer, KEWASNET
- ▶ **Vivienne Kingodu**, Programme Coordinator Climate Justice, FES – Kenya
- ▶ **Julius Ngoma**, Coordinator, CISONECC
- ▶ **Obed Koringo**, Climate Policy Advisor, CARE International
- ▶ **Charles Mwangi**, Head of Programs and Research, PACJA
- ▶ **Dr Eskedar**, Lecturer, University of Addis Ababa
- ▶ **Dr Elvin Nyakuri**, Lecturer, University of Nairobi
- ▶ **Representative** from IGAD



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