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PARLIAMENTARY DIALOGUE AT THE SIDELINES OF AFRICA CLIMATE SUMMIT

**Giving Effect to Pan-African Parliament's Resolutions and
Recommendations on Climate Policy and Equity in Africa**



31 AUGUST & 1 SEPTEMBER,



NAIROBI, KENYA

Concept Note





I. Background

Africa is poised to host its inaugural Africa Climate Week from September 4 to 6, under the leadership of H.E Dr. William Samoei Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya and Chair of the Committee of African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC). The Africa Climate Week aims to tackle the escalating challenges posed by climate change and the consequent global and continental ramifications. The CAHOSCC Chair is to facilitate informed discussions, establish a robust framework, and influence commitments leading to the formulation of the Nairobi Declaration.

Simultaneously, the African Climate Week will also convene policymakers, practitioners, businesses, and civil society representatives. This assembly will promote the exchange of insights on climate solutions, identification of barriers, and exploration of opportunities across diverse regions. The culminating point will be the inaugural global stock take, contributing to COP28's agenda in the United Arab Emirates in December 2023.

Building on a sequence of transformative events initiated during COP27 at Sharm El Sheikh, the Pan-African Parliament and the Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance agreed to convene a subsequent side meeting to create a platform for a continuation of discussions that took root during COP27, progressed through the 3rd Parliamentarians Summit on Climate Policy and Equity in Midrand, with a view to leaving a lasting impact on and effectively preparing for, the upcoming COP28.

The Third Pan-African Parliamentarians Summit on Climate Policy and Equity was held at the Headquarters of the PAP, located in Midrand, Republic of South Africa, on May 16 and 17 2023, with the theme, *"the continent at crossroads: Graceful just transition and NDCs implementation responsive to African development aspirations and economic realities"*. Hosted jointly by PAP and the Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA), the Summit brought together 350 delegates drawn from PAP, Member States' National Parliamentary Committees responsible for environment, as well as parliaments of the Regional Economic Communities. The Summit included participants from various parliamentary networks on climate change in Africa and several key stakeholders and partner organisations, including the African Union institutions, National Governments, intergovernmental institutions, civil society, and other relevant groups.

The Summit contributed to galvanising a critical mass of stakeholders capable of catalysing broad support for pro-poor, just, equitable, locally-led and science-based decisions in NDCs implementation and overall climate action. The collectivity of actors as detailed above contributed to the Summit's discussions and in shaping the outcomes of the Summit, which were to ,:

1. Strengthen advocacy efforts for enhanced ambition and action by our government and all parties to the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement, especially developed countries, to reduce greenhouse gas.
2. Promote a just transition to low-carbon and climate-resilient development pathways that are aligned with national priorities, inclusive of all stakeholders, respectful of human rights and responsive to gender equality.
3. Strengthen accountability & oversight measures in climate response by ensuring national level response policy program as provided for under NDCs are epitome of interests of communities at the front line of climate crisis & advance equitable access for women and children.

4. Mobilize all parliamentarians in Africa to undertake legislative and oversight actions to ensure effective implementation of national climate policies and plans and their alignment with the SDG, Agenda 2063, & Paris Agreement.
5. Strengthen our engagement with CSOs, women's movements, indigenous peoples, local communities, academia, media and other Non-State Actors to foster dialogue and build partnerships on climate action.
6. Intensify efforts towards strengthening climate change laws to ensure the relevance and responsiveness of African national laws with emerging climate change realities, in line with international and African Union policy and legal frameworks.

The recommendation and resolution developed target actions at global level focusing on operationalizing the global goal on adaptation, pushing developed countries to honor their commitments and sustaining pressure on developed countries to take urgent actions in cutting their emissions among others. Additionally, part of the Resolution mandated the PAP to develop a model law on climate change. The paramount significance of these recommendations in the wider climate discourse, necessitates broader dissemination to pivotal stakeholders, notably African parliamentarians.

The Pan-African Parliament and Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance therefore plans to use the presence of African parliamentarians in Nairobi during the Africa Climate Week, to facilitate reflections and assert the prominence and visibility of African parliamentarians within the global climate change discourse. The meeting seeks to align the efforts of legislatures with international decisions and declarations and underscore the imperative of unified action in confronting the climate crisis as a beacon of parliamentary influence, harmonizing global aspirations with national imperatives and fostering a sustainable future for Africa and the world.

II. Aim and Objectives

The aim of the Parliamentary Dialogue is to mobilise and align the efforts of African legislatures and parliamentarians around the resolutions and recommendations on climate justice and equity as a means to influence the global climate agenda for a sustainable future for Africa and the world.

To this end, the Parliamentary Dialogue is expected to achieve the following objectives:

1. To sensitize African parliamentarians and other relevant stakeholders on the Third Pan-African Parliamentarians Summit on Climate Policy and Equity's outcomes, resolutions, and recommendations.
2. To equip African Parliamentarians with the necessary knowledge, tools and strategies for a positive contribution and influence on world and regional climate events, policies and actions, particularly to develop and support common recommendations to be mainstreamed in the Africa Climate Summit Declaration and the upcoming COP28.
3. Devise common parliamentary strategies and share best practices for bringing international climate decisions to the forefront of national, regional and international agenda and addressing the implementation gap of international declarations and resolutions.
4. To strengthen the capacity of African Parliamentarians for playing a critical oversight role on climate issues, bolster national action planning and leverage on budgetary function of National



Parliaments to bolster national action planning and local resource mobilisation to sustain climate policy and action.

5. Obtain diversified, comprehensive and inclusive contributions of national parliamentarians, civil society and other relevant stakeholders to enrich the legal and policy framework for the draft African Model Law on Climate Change Model Law.
6. To map out and better understand the existing African Climate laws and exchange best practices among AU Member States to inform the draft legal and policy framework for the African Model Law on Climate Change.

III. Expected Outcomes

1. African parliamentarians and other relevant stakeholders sensitised on the Midrand Climate Summit's outcomes, resolutions, and recommendations.
2. African Parliamentarians equipped with the necessary knowledge, tools and strategies for a positive contribution and influence on world and regional climate events, policies and actions, particularly to develop and support common recommendations to be mainstreamed in the Africa Climate Summit Declaration and the upcoming COP28.
3. Common parliamentary strategies and best practices for bringing international climate decisions to the forefront of national, regional and international agenda and addressing the implementation gap of international declarations and resolutions devised and shared.
4. The capacity of African Parliamentarians to play a critical oversight role on climate issues, bolster national action planning and leverage on budgetary function of National Parliaments to bolster national action planning and local resource mobilisation to sustain climate policy and action strengthened.
5. Diversified, comprehensive and inclusive contributions of national parliamentarians, civil society and other relevant stakeholders compiled to enrich the legal and policy framework for the draft African Model Law on Climate Change.
6. The existing African Climate laws and exemplary legislative practices in the AU Member States mapped out and identified with a view to inform the draft legal and policy framework for the African Model Law on Climate Change.

IV. Expected Outputs

The Parliamentary Dialogue is expected to result in the following outputs:

- i. A report documenting the various discussions and agreed actions.
- ii. A compilation of recommendations by African parliamentarians to inform and influence the Africa Climate Summit Declaration and the upcoming COP28.
- iii. A compilation of contributions of African parliamentarians, civil society and other relevant stakeholders to the draft legal and policy framework for the draft Model Law on Climate Change.

V. Methodology and Structure of the Parliamentary Dialogue

The Parliamentary Dialogue will be delivered in English, French and Portuguese through a blend of presentations, followed by plenary discussions. Participants will be expected to actively participate in plenary discussions. Where relevant and possible, participants will be expected to share challenges and best practices from their respective jurisdictions.

The Parliamentary is structured in a manner to enable:

- ▶ A sharing of topline highlight on key resolutions and recommendations of the PAP Summit on Climate Policy & Equity;
- ▶ Unpacking the legislative actions needed to actualize the resolutions;
- ▶ Cross sectoral mobilizations for accelerated implementation of resolutions; and
- ▶ Sharing of ideas to guide the development of the framework of the Model Law on Climate Change.

VI. Participants

The participants in the Parliamentary Dialogue will be as follows:

1. Speakers of African Regional Assemblies
2. Members of National and Regional Parliaments involved in Climate Action
3. Members of Pan African Parliament
4. AU Institutions
5. PACJA
6. CSOs

VII. Agenda

TIME	ACTIVITY	FACILITATOR
31st AUGUST 2023		
8 :30-9 :00	Arrival and registration	KPCG
9 :00-10 :30	<p>Opening session</p> <p>Remarks from Key Guests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Dr. Mithika Mwenda, Executive Director, PACJA ▶ H.E. Amb. Josefa Sacko, Africa Union Commissioner, ARBE ▶ H.E Dr Mahmoud COP27 Presidency Climate Envoy, Egypt ▶ H.E Moses Francis Masika Wetangula, Speaker National Assembly, Kenya ▶ H.E Amason Kingi, Speaker, Senate, Kenya ▶ Hon. Sen. John Binderi, Pan African Parliament ▶ H.E. William Samoei Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya 	Augustine Njamnshi, Chair Technical and Political Affairs Committee of PACJA Board
10 :30-11 :00	TEA BREAK AND GROUP PHOTO	HOTEL
11 :00-12 :00	<p>Presentation Meeting Objectives and Third Parliamentarians Summit on Climate Policy and Equity resolutions and recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Hon Barkat, <i>Deputy Chairperson, PAP Committee on Rural Economy, Agriculture and Natural Resources</i> <p>Q and A</p>	Hon. Acahayo Lodou, Pan African Parliament

TIME	ACTIVITY	FACILITATOR
12 :00-13 :00	<p>Reviewing of the progress made by National parliaments in domesticating the resolutions of the summit:</p> <p>Panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Hon. Charity Kathambi, Kenya National Assembly ▶ Hon. Jackline Amongin, Uganda ▶ Hon. Wod Joda, South Sudan ▶ Member of Cameroonian parliament 	<p>Hon. Esther Passaris, Kenya National Assembly</p> <p>Eugene Nforngwa, Thematic lead, Just transition and Energy Access, PACJA</p>
13 :00-14 :00	LUNCH BREAK	HOTEL
14 :00-14 :30	<p>The Role of African Parliamentarians in influencing the Africa Climate Summit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Mr Joseph Nganga Chief Executive Officer, Africa Climate Summit 	Sen. Moses Otieno Kajwang, Kenya National Senate
14 :30-15 :30	<p>Presentation and Discussion on the Common African Position for COP 28 by the Africa Group of Negotiators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Mr Ephraim Shitima, Chair African Group of Negotiators 	Charles Mwangi, Head of programs, PACJA
15 :30-16 :30	<p>Plenary Discussion on the action plan for implementation of the declaration from the Pan African Parliament third Summit on climate policy and equity</p>	Hon. Barkat, Deputy Chairperson, PAP Committee on Rural Economy, Agriculture and Natural Resources
END OF DAY ONE		



TIME	ACTIVITY	FACILITATOR
1ST SEPTEMBER 2023		
9 :00-13 :00	Participation in the day one of Climate Change and Development for Africa Conference	All
13 : 00-14 :00	LUNCH BREAK	
14 :00-15 :00	Development of the framework of the Model Law on Climate Change Background and Roadmap to the framework of the Model Law on Climate Change Phebe Mavungu Clément , PAP Legal Counsel Exploring the climate law landscape in Africa Prof Osafo , Africa Group of Negotiators Plenary Discussion	Hon. Robert Nkili Vice President of SENATE of Cameroon
15 :00-16 :00	Group Discussions on the Core Components of the Model Law on Climate Change	Phillip Kilonzo, PACJA Secretariat
16 :00-16 :45	Plenary discussion on the Core Components of a Model Climate law	
16 :45-17 :00	Wrap up, Way Forward and Closure	
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