



The Climate Mobility Pavilion

COP27 BLUE ZONE, AREA B: Delegation Pavilions 3, Pavilion P28

UCESA Advocacy for a Joint African Action on Climate Change
Union of Economic & Social Councils and Similar Institutions of Africa (UCESA)

11:15am-12:45pm | 14 November 2022

Concept Note

A. Context & Objectives

The purpose of this Panel discussion is to present and discuss the Advocacy for African Action on Climate Change, through which UCESA has formulated political and technical guidance for the implementation of effective, inclusive and coordinated climate action by and for African citizens. It is based on the perception of respondents, scientific knowledge and good practices developed in other countries. The priorities that emerge are useful both for governance frameworks, as a key function in the implementation of an inclusive citizen-centred climate strategy, and for strengthening the continental cooperation mechanism. This advocacy has three main parts: 1) respondents' perception of climate change compared to scientific knowledge; 2) guidelines for effective climate action for citizens; and 3) recommendations for a sustainable and resilient Africa in the face of climate risks.

African Economic and Social Councils have the opportunity to facilitate how African countries can rethink their development models by investing in inclusive, resilient, and decarbonized development through effective and coordinated action in the face of the climate emergency. Aware of these issues, the UCESA, with the support of the Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (UM6P), has implemented a project on climate action in 16 African countries, consisting of individual key informant interviews, focus groups, workshops and a survey of nearly 8,200 citizens. The objective is to identify the perception of African citizens on climate change in terms of drivers, impacts, vulnerability and responses. The findings of this project, which were presented at the COP 26 in Glasgow, largely corroborate the scientific knowledge that considers climate change as a major security and development issue for Africa. The main lessons learned from the discussions underlined the need for a sustained and effective advocacy.

In this perspective, the **UCESA Advocacy for African Action on Climate Change** has been elaborated in accordance with the recommendations made for presentation at the COP 27. In addition to sensitizing the African and international community on the various implications of the climate challenge, UCESA calls, through this advocacy, for concerted African climate action with the objective of: 1) developing a pro African citizens climate governance based on inclusive adaptation and mitigation strategies; 2) communicating high levels of climate vulnerability and their implications for

people, socio-economic sectors and ecosystems despite Africa's low carbon footprint; 3) strengthening and coordinating the diplomatic positions of African countries, particularly during the COPs; and 4) mobilizing the various forms of international and continental support enabling the continent to strengthen its climate action in a perspective of social justice, human security and sustainable and resilient development.

As part of the subsequent phase of its climate action in Africa, UCESA has developed the Country Deep Dives in partnership with the Global Centre for Climate Mobility and the African Climate Mobility Initiative (ACMI) with the aim of assessing the impact of climate-induced displacement in Africa, to sensitize and inform policy makers on the urgency of governing these new migratory dynamics and to propose guidelines for effective policies and actions likely to mitigate the impact of this type of migrations. The choice of this area is linked to the scale of climate induced displacement in Africa and the need to generate robust evidence for future sustainability and resilience driven responses.

B. Guiding Questions

- How do everyday Africans' perception of climate change compare with current scientific understanding of climate change in Africa?
- What guidelines can enhance effective climate action for citizens across Africa?
- How can we build climate literacy for more informed responses to climate change in Africa?
- How might perception of climate change and its impacts at the local level affect climate mobility?
- What are the high-level recommendations for a sustainable and resilient Africa in the face of climate risks?

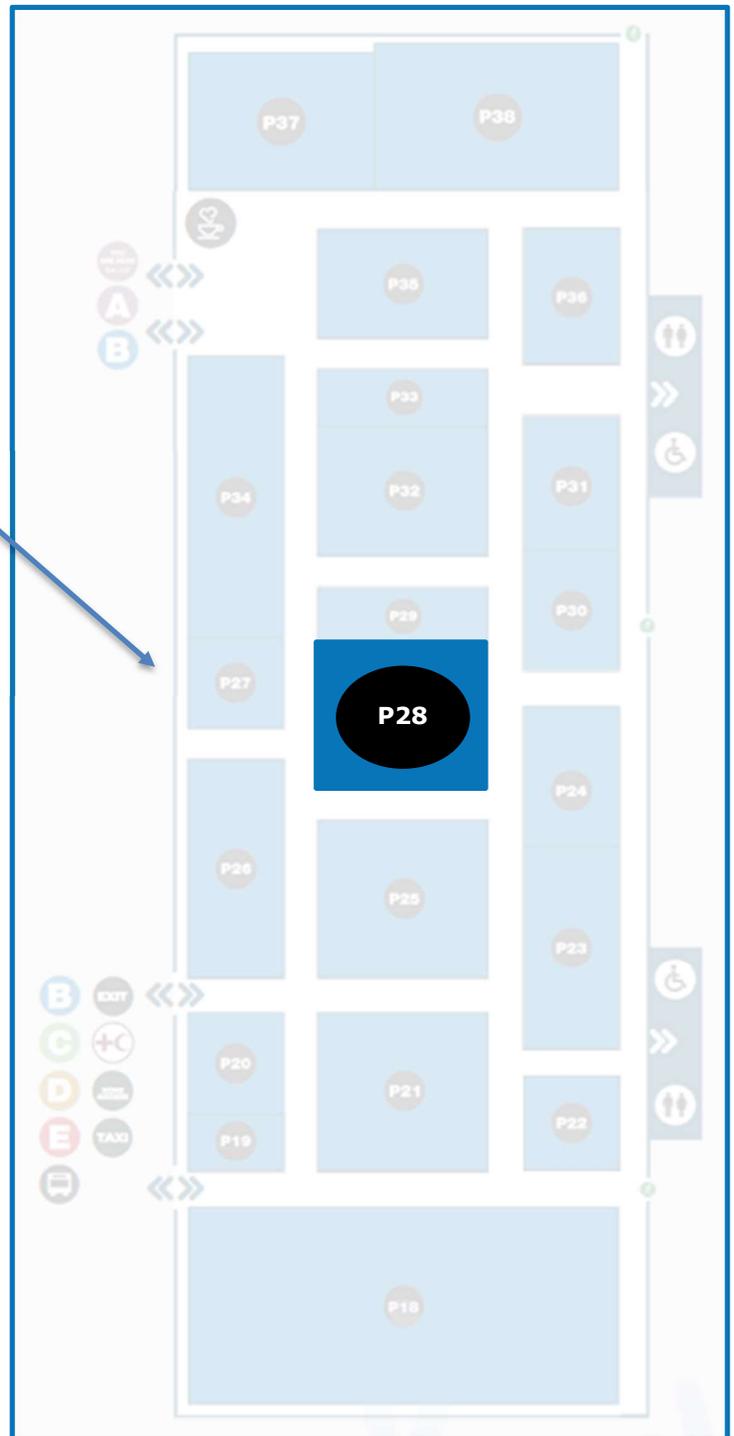
C. Information

This event will be held at the Climate Mobility Pavilion (*directions below)

The event will be chaired by Mr. Ahmed Reda Chami, President of ESEC-Morocco & UCESA (www.ucesa.africa)

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* *Climate Mobility Pavilion is located at P28 in the Blue Zone as shown in the map below*



Coffee & tea will be provided at the Climate Mobility Pavilion free of charge for the visitors & participants for this event. Any further inquiries may be directed to gccm@un.org