



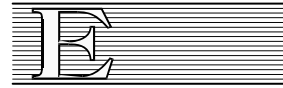
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**MINISTERIAL POLICY DIALOGUE ON  
THE OBJECTIVE AND THEMES OF RIO+20**



## **I. BACKGROUND**

1. In December 2009, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution agreeing to hold the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) in 2012 in Brazil. The objective of Rio+20 is to secure renewed political commitment for sustainable development, assess the progress to date and the remaining gaps in the implementation of the outcomes of the major summits on sustainable development, and address new and emerging challenges. It will focus on two themes: Green economy within the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication; and Institutional framework for sustainable development.

2. As an integral part of Africa's preparations for Rio+20, the Africa Regional Preparatory Conference for Rio+20 is being organized jointly by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the African Union Commission (AUC) and the African Development Bank (AfDB), in partnership with the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The Conference will comprise an expert segment, to be held from 20 to 22 October, and a Ministerial segment, to be held from 24 to 25 October 2011.

3. The Conference will provide a high-level forum to deliberate on the objective and themes of Rio+20 and other substantive matters of importance to Africa, with a view to arriving at a consensus on Africa's key priorities and concerns, to effectively articulate them and ensure that they are adequately reflected in the outcomes of Rio+20.

4. The Ministerial Policy Dialogue is being organized to provide political guidance on the objective and themes of Rio+20 with a view to further informing the Africa Consensus Statement to Rio+20 and the draft resolution on the Consensus Statement for consideration by the African Union Summit of January 2012. The Ministerial Policy Dialogue will benefit from the outcomes of the Expert Segment that will guide the panel discussions on the topics to be addressed.

## **II. FORMAT OF THE MINISTERIAL POLICY DIALOGUE**

5. The ministerial policy dialogue will comprise three plenary sessions, addressing the objective and themes of Rio+20.

6. Each session will be opened by the Moderator, who will invite the designated expert to make a brief presentation of not more than 15 minutes on the key findings and conclusions of the Expert segment on the relevant topics to guide the Ministerial policy dialogue.

7. The Moderator will then invite the Eminent Person and the Minister to intervene, and each will be allocated 20 minutes. Responses will then be invited from one representative of civil society organizations and one representative of the private sector (15 minutes each).

8. Following the interventions, the moderator will invite questions from the floor to be addressed by the panelists.

9. An expert designated by participants of the Expert segment will serve as rapporteur.

### **III. GUIDELINES**

#### ***Guidelines for the Moderator***

10. The moderator will preside over the assigned session of the Ministerial Policy Dialogue to ensure the smooth running of the discussions. In particular, the moderator will:
- (a) Introduce the session topic, theme and objectives;
  - (b) Introduce the session's presenter and panelists;
  - (c) Ensure that the presenter and each panelist adheres to the allotted time;
  - (d) Facilitate interventions from the floor, while ensuring that these are relevant topics; and
  - (e) Summarize the presentations and discussion at the end of the session.

#### ***Guidelines for the Presenter***

11. The Presenter, designated by the Expert Segment, will make a 15- minute presentation on the main outcomes of the Expert Segment. In particular, the Presenter will:
- (a) Summarize the key issues emerging from the Expert Segment, and the key recommendations put forward for consideration at the Ministerial segment; and
  - (b) Raise key questions from the issues emerging from the Expert Segment that will guide the panelists and the ensuing discussion.

#### ***Guidelines for the Panelists***

12. The eminent person and minister will have 20 minutes each to intervene on the topics of the session, while the representatives of CSO and the private sector will have 15 minutes each. The panelists are expected to:
- (a) Provide their perspectives on the subject under discussion;
  - (b) Respond to the key findings and recommendations of the Expert Segment, as presented by the designated expert; and
  - (c) Recommend key policy messages to be reflected in the Africa Consensus Statement.

#### ***Guidelines for the Rapporteurs***

13. The report will be provided in soft copy and will contain the following information at the head of the report:
- (a) Title of session;
  - (b) Location and time;

- (c) Speaker names, titles and organizations; and
  - (d) Discussant names, titles and organizations.
14. The reports should cover the following:
- (a) Summary of the main points made during the presentation and discussion;
  - (b) Key areas of consensus;
  - (c) Key areas of controversy, including a summary of the different contending points of view;
  - (d) Key recommendations and policy messages arising; and
  - (e) Summary provided by the moderator.

#### **IV. SCHEDULE OF THE MINISTERIAL POLICY DIALOGUE SESSIONS**

15. The sessions will be organized as follows:

##### **Monday, 24 October 2011**

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| 11:00 – 13:30hrs | Ministerial policy dialogue on Progress in the implementation of sustainable development commitments; and New and emerging challenges.  |
| 15:00 – 16:30hrs | Ministerial policy dialogue on Green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication; and Institutional and strategic frameworks for sustainable development.                       |
| 16:30 – 16:45hrs | Coffee/Tea Break  |
| 16:45 - 17:45hrs | Ministerial policy dialogue on Green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication; and<br><br>Institutional and strategic frameworks for sustainable development (Continuation). |

##### **Tuesday, 25 October 2011**

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| 09:00- 11:00hrs | Ministerial policy dialogue on Means of implementation: bridging the gap. |
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## V. MODERATORS AND PANELISTS

### Session 1: Progress in the implementation of sustainable development commitments and New and emerging challenges

16. Mr. Luc Gnacadja, Executive Secretary of Secretariat of the Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) will moderate the discussion on Progress in the implementation of sustainable development commitments and New and emerging challenges. An expert, nominated from the participants of the Expert Segment, will serve as rapporteur.

#### Panelists:

	<b>Progress in the implementation of sustainable development commitments</b>	<b>New and emerging challenges</b>
Minister	H.E. Sherry Ayittey, Minister of Environment, Science and Technology, Ghana	
Minister		1. H.E. James Musoni Rwanda's Minister of Local Government, Good Governance Community Development and Social Affairs  2. H.E. Mr.Immanuel Ngatjizeko, Minister of Labor & Social Welfare
Private Sector		Mr. Kebour Ghenna Executive Director, Pan African Chamber of Commerce and Industry Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Civil Society	Ms Lucy Mulenkei Executive Director Indigenous Information Network Kenya	

### Session 2: Green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication and Institutional and strategic frameworks for sustainable development

17. Mr. Yoshiteru Uramoto, Deputy Director-General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), will moderate the discussion on Green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication and Institutional and strategic frameworks for sustainable development. An expert, nominated from the participants of the Expert Segment, will serve as rapporteur.

**Panelists:**

	<b>Green Economy</b>	<b>Institutional and strategic frameworks for sustainable development</b>
Eminent Persons		Mr Nikhil Seth, Director, Sustainable Development Division, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs  S. E. Monsieur Tiémoko Sangaré Ministre de l'Environnement et de l'Assainissement Bamako, Mali
Minister	His Excellency Hon. Wycliffe A. Oparanya, MP Minister of State for Planning Nairobi, Kenya	
Private Sector	Mr. Dotun Ajayi Africa Business Roundtable West Africa Office	
Civil Society		Ms Marlene Laros – Advisor, Policy and Strategy: ICLEI Africa Secretariat Cape Town, South Africa

**Session 3: Means of implementation: bridging the gap**

18. Mr. Brice Lalonde, Assistant Secretary General, Executive Coordinator of Rio+20, will moderate the discussion on Means of Implementation: bridging the gap. An expert, nominated from the participants of the Expert Segment, will serve as rapporteur.

**Panelists:**

Eminent Person	Mr. Aly Abou Sabaa African Development Bank
Minister	Hon. Hlangusemphi Dlamini Minister of Planning and Economy of Swaziland
Private Sector	Mr. Stanford Mwakasonda Corporate Climate Change Specialist, Engen Petroleum Ltd, South Africa
Civil Society	Dr Edith Madela-Mntla Director ICSU Regional Office for Africa