

Addressing the Climate Crisis & Human Settlements Nexus in Africa through Integrated Multilateral Action: Articulating Vision & Opportunity

Africa Pavilion, 1 December 2023



Panel participants:	Session highlights:
Mokgweetsi Masisi, President of Botswana	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The session underscored the critical need for integrated, cooperative multilateral approaches to tackle some of Africa's most pressing climate challenges.• Panelists emphasized that Africa has a responsibility and an opportunity for a responsible transition, while learning from the pitfalls of other countries.• Filling the finance gap to the required USD 1.8 trillion, and disbursement before 2030 is essential for developing countries.
Hage Gottfried Geingob, President of Namibia	
Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director, UN-Habitat	
Jean-Paul Adam, Deputy to USG-OSAA	
UN-SPBF	
Global Center for Climate Mobility	
Moderated by: Reuters	

Shaping a Climate-Resilient 21st Century: Role of Industry and Finance in Supporting the Adaptation Agenda

UNEP Pavilion, 1 December 2023



Panel participants:

Environmental Protection Agency of Ghana

Rwanda Environment Management Authority

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

Volvo Group

Schneider Electric

UNEP-GEF Climate Change Adaptation Portfolio

UNSPBF

Session highlights:

- The private sector has an interest in sustainability in order to ensure continued profitability while safeguarding investment against the impacts of climate change.
- Decarbonization has been good for business and has advanced progress toward achieving global environmental goals.
- Trust and mutually beneficial projects for private sector and governments drive progress for sustainable foreign direct investment (FDI) in Africa.

Aligning Climate and Development Financing to Achieve SDGs and Accelerate Climate Action

Egypt Pavilion, 4 December 2023



Panel participants

H.E Dr. Hala El Said, Minister of Planning and Economic Development, Egypt.

H.E Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, UN Climate Change High-Level Champion for Egypt and UN Special Envoy on Financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Dr. Abdallah Al Dardari, UN Assistant Secretary General and UNDP Regional Director for Arab States.

World bank

Global Trade Bank

PWC

UNSPBF

Unleashing Climate-Resilient Infrastructure Investments

Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 4 December 2023



Panel participants	Session highlights:
H. E. Peggy Onkutlwile Serame, Minister of Finance, Botswana	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Botswana and Indonesia shared insights from their national plans for infrastructure transition for climate resilience.• AfDB noted the challenges in aligning infrastructure investments with the climate goals of African nations. He stressed that, contrary to common perceptions, investment risk in Africa is relatively low. In spite of this, the cost of borrowing is high for Africa, while accessibility to climate financing is low.• The key risks associated with climate resilience can be managed through private-public-partnerships, aligning private and public investments with national climate resilience strategies.
KPMG	
Volvo Group	
Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia	
African Development Bank	

The Future of Energy: Leaving No one Behind

UNEP Pavilion, 5 December 2023



Panel participants	Session highlights:
REN21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Panelists called on raising the ambition to meet the challenges of achieving a just, inclusive transition in clean technology.Africa is at the point where renewables can be scaled up, including solar, wind, and geothermal resources.The panel underscored that renewable energy adoption and demands must be looked at beyond the power sector, such as mobility and heating.Indigenous Peoples must be consulted before implementation of renewable energy projects that are on their land, but that this is not happening, and that they must be recognized as the owners of waters that run through their land.
Indigenous rights activist	
International Copper Association	
Masdar	
Nordic Investment Bank	
UNEP Regional Office for Africa	
UN-SPBF	

Harmonizing Environmental Data: Towards a Global Environmental Data Strategy

UNEP Pavilion, 6 December 2023



Panel participants

International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change

Informatica

UNEP Chief Digital Officer

Shereen Zorba, Head, UN-SPBF

International Astronautical Federation

Estonian Ambassador for Climate and Energy Policy

Google

Session highlights:

The session explored the rationale and the requirements for the development of the UNEP-led Global Environmental Data Strategy (GEDS); gaps, priorities, and opportunities for climate action data; elements relating technology use and equitable sharing of Big Data products and services; as well as developments in the work of the Data for the Environment Alliance (DEAL).

Global Resource Outlook 2024: Tackling the triple planetary crises through sustainable resource use

Benelux-EIB Pavilion, 6 December 2023



Panel participants

H.E. Leila Benali, Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development, Morocco

Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Republic of Indonesia

Secretary for Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Innovation, Argentina

German Ministry for the Environment

IRP

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