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Africa Summit

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Unlocking Africa's Carbon Value:
Integrity | Investment | Impact.



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Welcome to the Carbon Markets Africa Summit 2025

It is with great excitement that we welcome you to the inaugural **Carbon Markets Africa Summit (CMAS)**, a landmark continental event dedicated to unlocking Africa's carbon value through integrity, investment, and impact.

As the world intensifies efforts to tackle climate change, Africa stands at a unique crossroads. With abundant natural assets and a growing pipeline of carbon projects, the continent has the opportunity to lead in shaping a carbon market that delivers real climate outcomes and inclusive development.

Over the course of the three-day event, policymakers, investors, project developers, and carbon market leaders will come together to forge partnerships, exchange solutions, and accelerate market readiness. From a carbon 101, a high-impact dialogue, in-depth workshops to investor and high-level policy roundtables, CMAS 2025 is designed to drive action, not just conversation.

We invite you to be part of this important journey. Together, we can shape a high-integrity, African-led carbon future.



Emmanuelle Nicholls
Portfolio Director: Green Economy
VUKA Group

What is CMAS

Carbon Markets Africa Summit (CMAS) is THE gathering dedicated to catalysing the growth of high-integrity carbon markets across Africa by fostering collaboration, innovation and investment.

With a focus on ensuring equitable participation, the event will explore how Africa can leverage its vast natural resources for sustainable development while navigating geopolitical shifts and emerging carbon policies.

Not just another carbon event

- Africa's marketplace for carbon credit supply and demand
- Focused on high-integrity, MRV-ready solutions
- Grounded in African policy, finance, and climate priorities
- Shaped by expert guidance from AfDB, VCMI, UNDP, AUDA NEPAD and more
- Timed to influence global climate finance and Article 6 agendas towards COP30.



PROMOTE
HIGH-INTEGRITY
CARBON MARKETS



STRENGTHEN POLICY
& REGULATION
FRAMEWORKS



FACILITATE
PARTNERSHIPS



BUILD CAPACITY
AMONG AFRICAN
STAKEHOLDERS



SHOWCASE
SUCCESSFUL
PROJECTS

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Why Attend?

- Apply insights on trends, policies, and geopolitics to strengthen your carbon strategy
- Build partnerships with key players across policy, finance, and project development
- Unlock funding to launch or scale high-integrity carbon projects
- Stay compliant by aligning with evolving regulations and Article 6 guidance
- Source deals by connecting with owners of investment-ready carbon projects
- Adopt best practices for transparency and integrity in carbon trading



“High-integrity carbon markets can offer Africa a powerful tool to mobilise the financing required to advance climate action and ensure fairly shared benefits while driving sustainable and inclusive development.”

Mr. Maxwell Gomera, Resident Representative and Director, Africa Sustainable Finance Hub (ASFH), UNDP South Africa

What to expect



HIGH-IMPACT
DIALOGUE

3-DAY

SUMMIT



13 PROJECT
PRESENTATIONS



250+
PARTICIPANTS



30
PROJECT
DEVELOPERS



60
INVESTORS



Audience profile

Overview of the high-level participants:

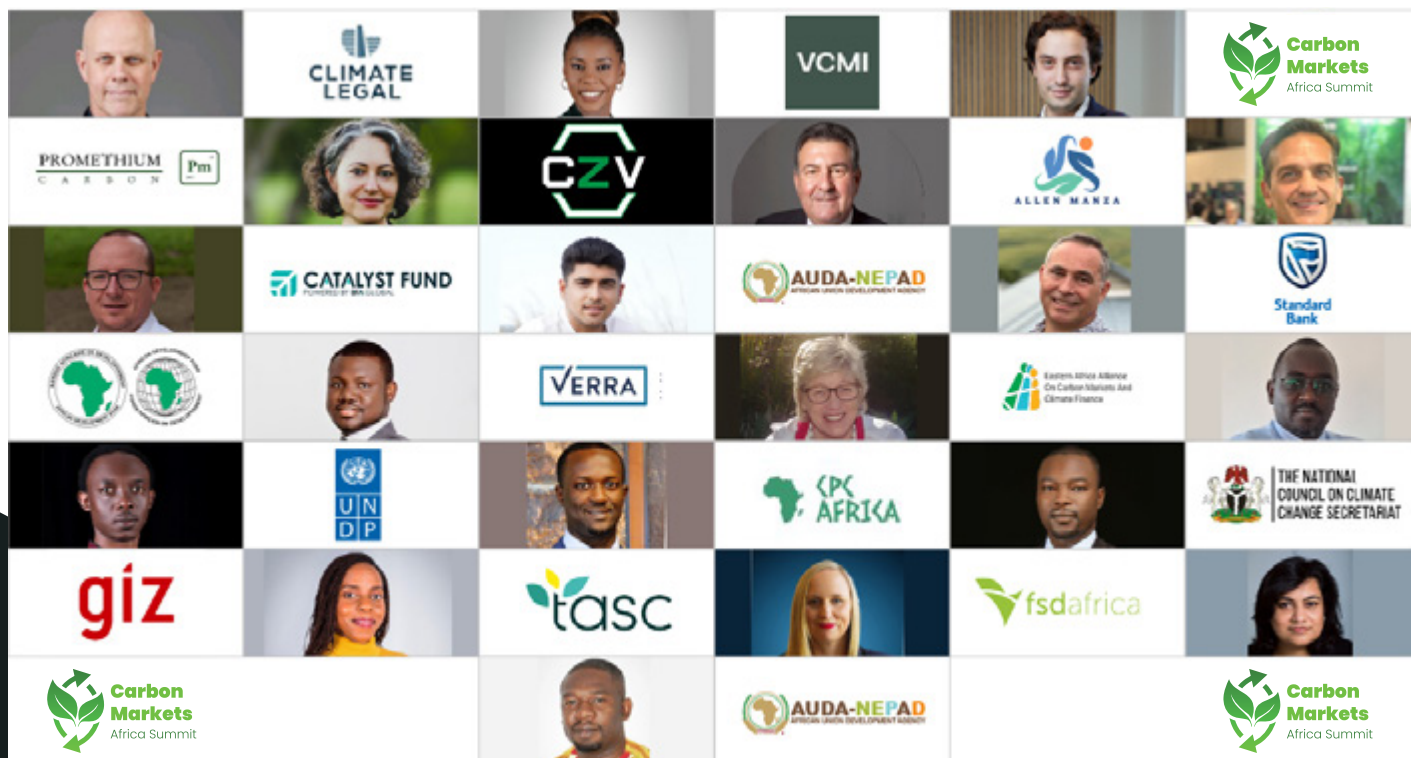
- Carbon project developers
- Policymakers and regulators
- Governance bodies
- Standard & certification bodies
- Government agencies
- Traders & brokers
- Aggregators
- Development partners
- Civil society & indigenous groups
- Insurance and guarantees
- Legal & advisory firms
- Technology & solution providers
- Academics & think tanks
- Corporate buyers / off-takers
- Experts
- Investors:
 - DFIs
 - Institutional investors
 - Carbon funds and asset managers
 - ESG and climate Funds
 - Philanthropic and climate-focused foundations
 - Banks
 - Private equity and VC
 - Impact investors

Programme overview

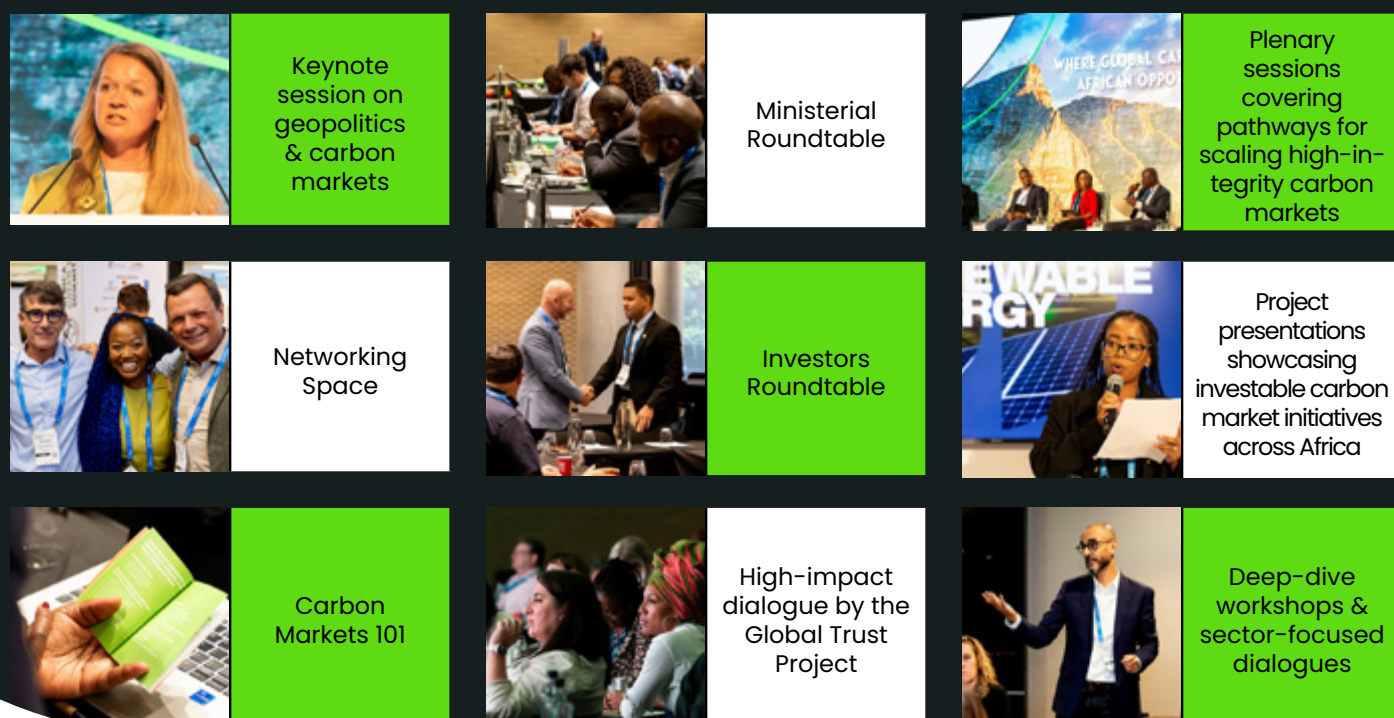
“Scaling carbon markets for Africa’s sustainable growth amid a shifting global landscape”

The Advisory Board helps shape the Summit’s agenda by highlighting the most pressing issues, top speakers, and market trends. Their guidance ensures the event is relevant, credible, and action-driven, making it a key platform for advancing Africa’s carbon markets

2025 Advisory board



Programme key components



Programme Overview

Tuesday 21 October		Wednesday 22 October	Thursday 23 October			
Pre Conference Day		Plenary Sessions	Plenary Sessions			
Carbon 101	High-Impact Dialogue The Global Trust Project	Keynote Opening: Scaling carbon markets for Africa's sustainable growth amid a shifting global landscape	Theme 4: Finance & Investment			
		Coffee Break				
		Theme 1: Policy & Regulation				
		Lunch				
		Lunch		Lunch		
		Theme 2: Market Signals & Buyer trends		Workshops	Investment-ready Carbon Markets	Market Entry for African Businesses
		Coffee Break		Demystifying Carbon Project Certification	Domestic Voluntary Carbon Markets	
		Theme 3: Integrity & Standards		Sector-focused Dialogues		
Welcome Drinks		Energy, Cookstoves & Renewables	Blue-Carbon & Coastal Ecosystems			
		Nature-Based Solutions & Forest projects	Urban Carbon & Circular Economy			

Sectors Highlighted



Renewable Energy



Reforestation & Forest Conservation



Energy Efficiency



Waste Management



Sustainable Agriculture



Blue Carbon Initiatives



“The carbon markets provide Africa with the ability to monetise its significant carbon sequestration potential to fund socio-economic development and badly needed adaptation, while making a meaningful contribution to combatting climate change.”

Lawrence Cole-Morgan, Carbon Credit Trading Lead, Standard Bank

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PRE-CONFERENCE DAY – 21 October 2025

CARBON 101

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VENUE: Oxford

HIGH-IMPACT DIALOGUE

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VENUE: Cambridge

CAPE COHORT

Hosted by:



VENUE: Club room West

7:30
Registration
Coffee Connect

VENUE: Hotel Lounge, ground floor
VENUE: 4th floor foyer

9:00
16:00

Designed as a strategic primer, this pre-conference CARBON 101 offers a clear and comprehensive introduction to the architecture of carbon markets – from international frameworks and African policy landscapes to credit integrity and investment fundamentals.

Whether you are an investor, policymaker, or developer, this session is designed to equip you with the insights needed to engage meaningfully in the conversations, partnerships, and decisions that will shape Africa's carbon future.

As part of CMAS 2025's mission to catalyse high-integrity, African-led carbon markets, this High-Level Dialogue will convene a strategically diverse group of market actors to explore a defining question:

What must trustworthy carbon markets look like – and how can they be designed to deliver faster, fairer, and more verifiable impact?

Amid rapid growth, global scrutiny, and regional opportunity, trust has become a competitive advantage. This Dialogue creates space to unpack complexity, surface systemic tensions, and co-create solutions that make credibility real – and scalable.

This session will focus on advancing the Carbon Accelerator Programme for the Environment (CAPE) – an initiative designed to catalyse investment into high-impact, high-integrity nature-based projects across Africa. It will feature CAPE's inaugural cohort of projects in Kenya, Tanzania, Nigeria, and Zambia, which are delivering measurable climate benefits, enhancing biodiversity, and supporting local communities.

(By invitation only)

09:00
10:00

1) Why carbon markets matter – and why Africa's timing is critical

Gain a foundational understanding of global carbon markets and their evolving mechanisms: what they are, how they work – both voluntary and compliance. Explore the global architecture shaped by Article 6 of the Paris Agreement and Africa's emerging role in a system that's rapidly evolving.

Facilitator: Bernardin Uzayisaba, Carbon Market Programme Specialist, UNDP

This Dialogue directly advances CMAS objectives:

- Integrity – by providing candid diagnosis and capability-building tools
- Investment – by framing trust as a risk-reduction and value-multiplying asset
- Impact – by enabling African actors to shape frameworks from the inside out

Presented by: Dominic Wilhelm, Executive Director, The Global Trust Project, South Africa

Registration

VENUE: Hotel Lounge, ground floor

Coffee Connect

VENUE: 4th floor foyer

10:00
10:30
Refreshments & Networking

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VENUE: Club room West

10:30
11:30

2) The African Policy & Regulatory Environment

Dive into how African governments are transforming climate commitments into carbon market policy. From NDC integration and domestic carbon pricing to national registries and South Africa's pioneering carbon tax, this session highlights the frameworks enabling project development and private sector participation.

Facilitator: Andrew Gilder, Director, Climate Legal, South Africa

This is a working session – not a showcase.

Participants will:

- Map where trust breaks down across the carbon value chain
- Explore governance, inclusion, and verification challenges
- Prototype tools and frameworks that operationalise trust

The Carbon Accelerator Programme for the Environment (CAPE)

10:00 – 16:00

Discussions will centre on project progress, investment readiness, and practical pathways to accelerate financing for Africa's growing pipeline of nature and carbon projects.

VENUE: Club West, 4th floor

11:30
12:30

3) The Carbon Project Cycle

A practical walk-through of the carbon project development process, from origination and feasibility to monitoring and credit issuance. This session outlines the essential milestones, common challenges, and what makes a project both viable and bankable in today's market.

Facilitators:

- **Olivia Tuchten, Principal Climate Change Advisor, Promethium Carbon, South Africa**
- **Abdilahi Nuh, Founder and Director – Climate Innovation, Presto innovations, Kenya**

High-impact Dialogue Programme

9:00 – 09:30

Opening Frame: Why Trust? Why Now? Welcome and orientation

9:30 – 10:30

Panel Dialogue: Where Trust Is Won or Lost in Carbon Markets

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:15

System Mapping: Where Trust Must Be Restored

12:15 – 13:15

Lunch & Peer Conversations

VENUE: The Conservatory – ground floor

12:30
13:30

LUNCH CONNECT

VENUE: The Conservatory – ground floor



Kent Davis

Partner, Webber Wentzel, South Africa



Andrew Gilder

Director, Climate Legal, South Africa



Stella Napanu

Indigenous Peoples, Outreach and Policy Senior Manager, ICVCM



Olivia Tuchten

Principal Climate Change Advisor, Promethium Carbon



Bernardin Uzayisaba

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VENUE: Club room West

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4) Carbon Credits as an Asset Class – Value, Risk & Revenue

14:30

Unpack how carbon credits are priced, valued, financed. Explore key investment risks, learn how revenue structures are built, and discover emerging financial tools – essential context for investors and developers.

Facilitator: Kent Davis, Partner, Webber Wentzel, South Africa

14:30

Refreshments & Networking

15:00

15:00

5) What Makes a High-Integrity Credit? Standards, Safeguards & Social Impact

What does *high integrity* really mean in carbon markets—and for whom? This session unpacks the building blocks of a quality credit, including core principles like additionality, permanence, and robust MRV, but also looks beyond technical metrics.

We will explore how leading standards now embed social and environmental safeguards, ensure community inclusion, and address equity and benefit-sharing. With a spotlight on controversies and lessons learned, the session offers a balanced view of integrity that aligns both climate and justice goals.

Facilitator: Stella Napanu, Indigenous Peoples Outreach and Policy Senior Manager, ICVCM

13:15 – 14:30

Prototyping Trust: What Could We Practically Do?

14:30 – 15:00

Coffee Break

15:00 – 15:45

Collective Synthesis: Toward a Roadmap for Credible Carbon Markets

15:45 – 16:00

Closing Reflections & Next Steps

16:15

19:15

UNEP UN-REDD SUPPLY AND DEMAND ROUNDTABLE II

Hosted by:



Building on a successful launch during London Climate Action Week, the UNEP UN-REDD is convening the next edition of its Supply and Demand Roundtable, with a regional focus on Africa.

This closed-door dialogue will bring together African governments and jurisdictions developing high-integrity credits alongside global buyers and investors seeking to engage in transactions and deploy capital. The roundtable will spotlight near-term opportunities in countries such as Uganda, Zambia, Ghana, Ethiopia, and South Africa, while exploring what it takes to connect robust African supply with growing international demand.

(By invitation only)

VENUE: Cambridge

Highlighted Speakers: Conference day 1



Dion George

Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, South Africa



Maxwell Gomera

Resident Representative of UNDP South Africa and Director of the Africa Sustainable Finance Hub, South Africa



Storm Patel

Commercial Director, TASC, South Africa



Estherine Lisinge Fotabong

Director, Agriculture, Food Security and Environmental Sustainability, African Union Development Agency – NEPAD, South Africa



Lorna Ritchie

Policy Director, Integrity Council on Voluntary Carbon Markets (ICVCM), United Kingdom



Ephraim Mwepya Shitima

Chair, African Group of Negotiators on Climate Change (AGN); Director, Climate Change Department, Ministry of Green Economy and Environment, Zambia



Mkhuthazi Steleki

Director: Climate Change Developments and International Mechanisms, Department of Fisheries Forestry and the Environment (DFFE), South Africa



Ibrahim Shelleng

Senior Special Assistant to the President, Government of Nigeria



Fenella Aouane,

Managing Director – Head of Carbon Pricing, Global Green Growth Institute



Sandra Lindström

Head of International Climate Cooperation, Swedish Energy Agency



Gladys Warigia

Policy Advocacy Manager, Kenya Wildlife Conservancies Association, Kenya



Andrew Ocama

Coordinator, East Africa Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance



Tim McLellan

CEO, Trees for the Future



Shalendra Subramoney

Senior Manager Sustainable Business Mechanisms, Strategy and Sustainability, Business Building Strategy and Technology, Sasol, South Africa



Wakina Mutembe

Sustainability Lead, Kenya Airways, Kenya



Heather McEwan

Senior Manager of Africa & Middle East, VERRA

Highlighted Speakers: Conference day 2



Dorah Modise

Executive Director, Presidential Climate Commission, South Africa



Colin Porteous

Chief Investment Officer, Peace Parks Foundation, South Africa



Flora Ji

Vice President, Shell Nature Based Solutions, Singapore



Lawrence Cole-Morgan

Global Markets: Lead, Carbon Credit Trading, Standard Bank, South Africa



Kyoo-Won Oh

Senior Underwriter, Carbon Finance Lead, MIGA



Paul Muthaura

CEO, ACMI



Olufunso Somorin

Regional Principal Officer, African Development Bank Group, Kenya



Nick Marshall

Co-founder & Head of Carbon, TASC / Chairman, Project Developer Forum (PD Forum), Germany



Reshma Shah

Lead, Carbon Markets, FSD Africa, Kenya



Anelisa Matutu

Head: Commodities, Capital Markets, Johannesburg Stock Exchange, South Africa



Hugh Salway

Senior Director, Market Development and Partnerships, Gold Standard, Switzerland



Charles Nweke

Venture Building Engagement Lead, Catalyst Fund, Nigeria



Samantha Petersen

West Indian Ocean Seascape Lead, WWF, South Africa



Jonathan First

Senior Advisor, Climate Policy Initiative, South Africa



Lincoln Teo

Board Advisor, ZERO13, UK



Toni Heigl

Founder & CEO, CarbonWise Consulting, Germany

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CONFERENCE DAY 1 – 22 October 2025

7:00 **Registration** VENUE: Hotel Lounge, ground floor
Coffee Connect VENUE: 4th floor foyer

8:30 **KEYNOTE OPENING SESSION – Scaling Carbon Markets for Africa’s**
11:50 **Sustainable Growth Amid a Shifting Global Landscape**

As the global carbon landscape evolves through shifting geopolitics, financial realignments, and rising integrity demands, Africa emerges as a strategic frontier – rich in natural assets, climate ambition, and untapped potential. The continent now has a pivotal opportunity to define its own carbon trajectory, attract meaningful investment, and align carbon market growth with the priorities of climate resilience, equity, and sustainable development.

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Master of Ceremony: Candice Stevens, Founder and CEO, Sustainable Finance Coalition, South Africa

VENUE: Oxford

8:30 **OPENING VIDEO AND WELCOME BY THE MASTER OF CEREMONY**

WELCOME ADDRESS

8:39 **Iain Banner, Chairman, Go Green Africa, South Africa**

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

8:44 • **Dion George, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, South Africa**

Advancing Article 6 Implementation: GGGI’s experiences in moving from design to delivery

8:59 • **Fenella Aouane, Managing Director – Head of Carbon Pricing, Global Green Growth Institute, Luxembourg (V)**

Sweden’s Two Decades of Carbon Market Leadership: Advancing Global Ambition and Africa Partnerships through Article 6

9:09 • **Sandra Lindström, Head of International Climate Cooperation, Swedish Energy Agency**

Turning Carbon into Capital: Africa’s Moment to Lead

9:19 • **Maxwell Gomera, Resident Representative of UNDP South Africa and Director of the Africa Sustainable Finance Hub, Africa Region, UNDP**

Carbon Market that works for Africa: Integrity, Equity, and Impact

9:29 • **Estherine Lisinge Fotabong, Director, Agriculture, Food Security and Environmental Sustainability, African Union Development Agency – NEPAD, South Africa (Recorded video address)**

Seizing Africa’s Carbon Moment

9:35 • **Storm Patel, Commercial Director, TASC, South Africa**

9:50 **COFFEE CONNECT**

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10:20 **PANEL DISCUSSION: Road to COP30: Aligning Africa’s Carbon Strategy with Global Agendas?**

Moderator: Lincoln Teo, Board Advisor, ZERO13, UK

- Is Africa’s carbon strategy aligned with global frameworks like Article 6?
- How can Africa ensure global standards reflect local realities?
- What partnerships are needed to scale investment and demand?
- How can Africa present a united front ahead of COP30?

Panellists:

- **Olufunso Somorin, Carbon Markets Coordinator, African Development Bank Group, Kenya**
- **Heather McEwan, Senior Manager of Africa and the Middle East, Verra**
- **Kwame Ababio, Head of the Environment and Climate Change Unit, AUDA-NEPAD, South Africa**
- **Lorna Ritchie, Policy Director, Integrity Council on Voluntary Carbon Markets (ICVCM), United Kingdom**

11:05 **Q&A**

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11:15 **FIRESIDE CHAT: Walking the talk – Ensuring the Social Impact of Carbon Markets**

A conversation that grounds research in reality. This fireside chat brings together expert insights on ecosystem co-benefits with a powerful community voice. Together, they explore what high-integrity, high-impact climate action truly looks like – and how to ensure carbon markets deliver real value for people and planet.

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Moderator: Reshma Shah, Lead, Carbon Markets, FSD Africa, Kenya

Speakers:

- **Gladys Warigia, Policy Advocacy Manager, Kenya Wildlife Conservancies Association, Kenya**
- **Ben Taylor, CEO, Agora Global Ltd, United Kingdom**

PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

11:35 **The Lake Victoria Watershed Carbon Project**

- *Tim McLellan, CEO, Trees for the Future*
- *Mercy Karunditu, Country Director, Trees for the Future Kenya*
- *Ayub Ochieng Buyu, Farmer, Migori District, Kenya*

11:45 **Barotse Rangelands for Restoration Project – Zambia**

- *Renier van Vuuren, CEO, Pro Green Earth & co-founder and Managing Director, Impuls Africa, Zambia*
- *Lucy Pieterse, Chief Technical Officer, Progreen Earth, Zambia*

11:55 **Udongo Mzuri Biochar Carbon project – Kenya**

- *Fidoh Kens Ochieng, CEO, WICCARE Africa, Kenya*

12:05 **LUNCH CONNECT**

VENUE: The Conservatory – ground floor

13:00 **AFRICA'S CARBON MARKET FRAMEWORKS: TURNING POLICY INTO ACTION**

14:35

As African countries move from climate ambition to implementation, regulatory clarity is becoming the cornerstone of carbon market development. This session explores how national frameworks are evolving post-COP29, what integration of Article 6 looks like on the ground, and how public-private collaboration can drive effective execution. From South Africa's carbon tax to emerging registry systems, the focus is on unlocking the practical tools and governance models that will shape Africa's carbon future.

Moderator: Bernardin Uzayisaba, Carbon Market Programme Specialist, UNDP, South Africa

13:00 **Scene-Setter: Kalyani Inampudi, Independant Consultant (ESG, Sustainability, Carbon), UK (V)**

PANEL DISCUSSION

- What are Africa's early leaders in carbon policy getting right – and what can others learn?
- How are countries turning Article 6 commitments into national policy and legal frameworks?
- What's working in terms of national registries – and where are the gaps?
- What's next for South Africa's Carbon Tax and how this could serve as a continental model?
- What will it take to operationalise post-COP29 standards within African regulatory systems?

Panellists:

- **Ibrahim Shelleng, Senior Special Assistant to the President, Government of Nigeria, Nigeria**
- **Mkhuthazi Steleki, Director: Climate Change Developments and International Mechanisms, Department of Fisheries Forestry and the Environment (DFFE), South Africa**
- **Ephraim Mwepya Shitima, Director, Green Economy and Climate Change, Ministry of Green Economy and Environment, Zambia (V)**
- **Felix, Mechnig-Giordano, General Manager, Terraviva, Zimbabwe**

13:40 **Q&A**

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13:50 **DIALOGUE: Towards harmonised carbon markets in Africa – A regional alliance exchange**

This unique dialogue between Africa's leading regional carbon market alliances aims to surface a continental perspective on how Africa can align its carbon strategies, avoid fragmentation, and scale its influence in global carbon markets.

Moderator: Ravi Raichoor, Special Advisor Carbon Markets and Climate Finance, African Union Development Agency – NEPAD, South Africa

Speakers:

- **Andrew Ocama, Coordinator, East Africa Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance, Uganda (V)**
- **Ousmane Fall Sarr, Coordinator, West African Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance, Senegal (V)**

PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

14:15 • **Ago-Owu Forest Reserve Carbon Investment Project (AFRP) – Nigeria**
Olu Ademuwagun, Chief Executive Officer, Noblesse Green Energy, Nigeria

14:25 • **Akwaaba Project – Ghana**
Herman Neethling, General Manager, Shell Nature Based Solutions Europe, Middle East and Africa, UK

14:35 **COFFEE CONNECT**

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15:00 **MARKETS SIGNALS & BUYERS TRENDS**

16:30

With shifting global standards and rising demand, insight into buyer expectations is key to strategic positioning. This session unpacks what high integrity means in 2025, how post-COP29 dynamics are shaping purchasing decisions, and what trends are driving investment across sectors, standards, and credit types. From corporate net-zero strategies to the evolving role of CORSIA, we explore where the market is heading – and what investors, developers and policymakers need to know to stay ahead.

Moderator: Francesca Cerchia, Global Head of Climate Solutions, SGS, United Kingdom

VENUE: Oxford

MINISTERIAL ROUND TABLE

The Ministerial Roundtable will serve as a unique platform for high-level African policymakers to exchange experiences, address common regulatory and technical challenges, and align positions on key issues – including engagement under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, regional market linkages, and standards harmonisation.

This closed-door dialogue is designed to encourage candid discussion, strengthen political coordination, and foster regional leadership in shaping Africa's carbon market future.

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VENUE: Club East room



“There are real opportunities in this sector. But many clients think they can do spectacularly well. But if you are going to embark in these kinds of opportunities, you need to upskill yourself”

Olivia Tuchten, Principal Climate Change Advisor, Promethium Carbon

15:00 **Carbon Markets in Motion – Key Signals from 2025**
A 10-minute data-led overview of the latest demand, pricing, and integrity trends shaping global and African carbon credit markets.

Erisa Senerdem, Global Lead, Carbon, Argus Media, United Kingdom

15:10 **PANEL DISCUSSION: Carbon Gold Rush? Navigating Demand, Pricing & Buyer Expectations**

- What trends are shaping global and African carbon credit demand in 2025-2030?
- What does “high integrity” look like to a buyer in 2025?
- What’s hot in sectors, standards, and credit types – what are buyers really looking for in African credits?
- What’s driving pricing in African carbon markets – and what constitutes a fair price for African credits?

Panellists:

- *Mandy Rambharos, Chief Executive Officer, Verra (V)*
- *Shalendra Subramoney, Senior Manager Sustainable Business Mechanisms, Strategy and Sustainability, Business Building Strategy and Technology, Sasol, South Africa*
- *Muireann Mageras, Global Head of Sustainability Strategy, Hartree Partners, Switzerland*
- *Bryan Adkins, CEO, Eden: People+Planet, Kenya*

15:55 **Q&A**

16:00 **FIREMOUNT CHAT: Navigating CORSIA: Opportunities for Africa in the Global Aviation Market**

- What role will CORSIA play in shaping demand for African credits? How can African airlines and governments effectively engage in CORSIA-aligned credit generation?
- What lessons can be drawn from early movers like Kenya Airways in navigating CORSIA frameworks?
- What opportunities exist for African project developers within the aviation-linked carbon market?

Speakers:

- *Will Gifford, Policy Manager, Aviation & NCS Lead, IETA, UK (V)*

Objectives

- **Political Coordination:** Facilitate alignment of national strategies and regional priorities across African jurisdictions.
- **Policy Exchange:** Share experiences on regulatory design, implementation, and Article 6 readiness.
- **Investor Confidence:** Signal political commitment to high-integrity, transparent carbon markets across Africa.
- **Regional Voice:** Strengthen Africa’s coordinated engagement in global carbon market discussions and negotiations.

Proposed topics for discussion

- **Domestic carbon market development**
Legislative and institutional progress; integration with NDCs; role of private sector and DFI support.
- **Article 6 readiness**
Experience with ITMO transactions, bilateral agreements, carbon registries, and MRV systems.
- **Benefit-sharing and community engagement**
Ensuring social equity, transparency, and legitimacy in carbon project implementation.
- **Regional coordination and market linkages**
Opportunities for harmonised frameworks, regional platforms, and collective standards adoption.
- **Climate finance and revenue allocation**
Use of proceeds for climate resilience, green infrastructure, and just transition objectives.
- **Demand-side signals:** Building investor confidence, corporate participation, and international market demand.
- **Market pathways:** Roadmaps for scaling domestic and regional markets, including voluntary and compliance linkages.
- **Use cases and contributions:** Examples of how carbon markets can complement national climate strategies, support compensation mechanisms, and unlock co-benefits.

Format: 90-minute closed-door roundtable (Chatham House Rule), moderated by an independent facilitator from the Global Trust Project

Participants: Ministers and senior officials from African environment, climate, and finance ministries

- **Key observers:** GIZ, UNDP, ICVCM, TASC and other Article 6 Implementation Partners

Facilitators:

- *Dominic Wilhelm, Executive Director, The Global Trust Project, South Africa*
- *Ravi Raichoor, Special Advisor Carbon Markets and Climate Finance, African Union Development Agency – NEPAD, South Africa*

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PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

16:15

Mafisa Project – Zambia

- *Wouter Drinkwaard, Business Development Manager, Shell, Netherlands*
- *Chileshe Chilangwa, Chief Operations Officer, Mafisa, Zambia*

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GIZ CooPSA project – South Africa

- *Atang Masilomagwe, Technical Advisor, CooPSA, GIZ, Botswana*

Biomass Conversion Technology project – South Africa

16:35

- *William Makwinja, Co-CEO, Phambili Energy, South Africa*

16:45

HIGH INTEGRITY IN PRACTICE – STANDARDS, VERIFICATION & MARKET TRUST

17:40

As integrity becomes the currency of carbon markets, questions around standards, verification, and local ownership are taking centre stage. This session explores the implications of evolving frameworks like Verra, Gold Standard, and Article 6.4, while addressing Africa's capacity to build trusted, locally grounded systems for certification and market oversight.

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Moderator: Olivia Tuchten, Principal Climate Change Advisor, Promethium Carbon, South Africa

VENUE: Oxford

16:45

PANEL DISCUSSION

- What recent shifts in global standards mean for African carbon projects
- How can verification bottlenecks be addressed through local capacity building?
- What's needed to build high-integrity carbon markets in the African context?
- Should Africa build its own certification and registry ecosystem – and if so, how?

Panellists:

- *Heather McEwan, Senior Manager of Africa and the Middle East, Verra*
- *Hugh Salway, Senior Director, Market Development and Partnerships, Gold Standard, Switzerland*
- *Franz Rentel, Managing Director, Anthesis, South Africa*
- *Roselyn Fosuah Adjei, Director of the Forestry Commission Training Centre of Ghana and Senior Advisor Consultant to the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF), Ghana*
- *Shikha Sharma, Global Technical Lead for Climate Change projects, SGS Group, India*
- *Carmen Alvarez, Jurisdictional Policy Lead, Sylvera, United Kingdom (V)*

17:35

Q&A

17:40 – 19:00

Welcome Drinks

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VENUE: The Conservatory – ground floor

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Global Carbon Solutions Local Impact

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CONFERENCE DAY 2 – 23 October 2025

7:00 **Registration**
Coffee Connect

VENUE: Hotel Lounge, ground floor

VENUE: 4th floor foyer

8:00
8:40

INVESTOR ROUNDTABLES

CONNECTING CLIMATE CAPITAL WITH SCALABLE CARBON SOLUTIONS

The Investor Roundtables aim to create a focused and dynamic setting where a select group of carbon market investors and financiers can present their funds, strategies, and investment opportunities to both potential capital partners and carbon project developers. This unique format facilitates dual engagement - fostering collaboration among investors while offering developers practical insights into accessing finance. The goal: to accelerate the flow of capital into Africa's carbon pipeline and support the scale-up of high-integrity, investable climate solutions.



AfDB – Olufunso Somorin, Carbon Markets Coordinator, African Development Bank Group, Kenya

This table will explore how the AfDB is driving investment in Africa's carbon markets and climate-aligned projects. The discussion will focus on the Bank's role in de-risking investments, scaling private sector participation, and supporting policy and financing frameworks that enable high-integrity, Africa-led carbon and nature-based projects.

FSD Africa – Reshma Shah, Lead, Carbon Markets, FSD Africa, Kenya

This table will focus on mobilising catalytic and blended finance to scale Africa's nature-based and biodiversity-rich carbon projects. The discussion will identify opportunities for investors to back high-integrity, high-impact initiatives that deliver climate resilience, community benefits, and measurable nature outcomes.

Offset8 Capital – Ivan Mozharov, Co-Founder, Offset8 Capital, UAE

This table explores the investment criteria Offset8 Capital applies when evaluating Nature-Based Solutions (NBS). Participants will gain insight into what institutional investors seek to underwrite large-scale climate projects – including credit quality, project readiness, and CORSIA eligibility. The discussion will highlight how well-structured projects can unlock upfront capital through prepayment mechanisms and secure long-term offtake agreements.

(Limited space. Booking essential.)

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SCALING IMPACT: UNLOCKING CAPITAL FOR AFRICA'S CLIMATE TRANSITION

From designing investment-ready carbon projects to mobilising private capital and managing long-term revenue risks, this track brings together impactful leaders, project developers, and financiers to address both sides of the investment equation. Through strategic discussions and curated project showcases, we explore how Africa can scale high-integrity climate solutions – and how capital can be deployed to accelerate the continent's just transition.

Master of Ceremony: Gofaone Modise, Director, Inbound Media, Botswana

VENUE: Oxford

08:45 **Welcome by the Master of Ceremony**

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

Redefining Climate Capital: Building and Tracking Finance Flows for a Just Transition

08:50 • **Dorah Modise, Executive Director, Presidential Climate Commission, South Africa**

The Role of Carbon Finance in Landscape Conservation

09:00 • **Colin Porteous, Chief Investment Officer, Peace Parks Foundation, South Africa**

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09:10 **PANEL DISCUSSION: Building Bankable Carbon Projects**

A deep dive into what it takes to build carbon projects that financiers trust – from risk management and guarantees to blended finance and structuring revenue streams for bankability.

- What does investor-ready actually mean in carbon markets?
- How can carbon finance be de-risked to unlock investment?
- Is carbon revenue bankable? Lessons from off-take deals, insurance, and guarantees
- How can blended finance unlock early-stage carbon projects in Africa?

Moderator: Laura Lahti, Head of Impact, Camco, South Africa

Panellists:

- **Flora Ji, Vice President, Nature Based Solutions, Shell Global**
- **Lawrence Cole-Morgan, Global Markets: Lead, Carbon Credit Trading, Standard Bank, South Africa**
- **Kyoo-Won Oh, Senior Underwriter, Carbon Finance Lead, MIGA**
- **Olufunso Somorin, Carbon Markets Coordinator, African Development Bank Group, Kenya**
- **Roland Hunter, Regional Lead for Business Development – Africa, South Pole**

09:50 **Q&A**

PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

09:55 **Grassland Restoration and Stewardship in South Africa (GRASS) Project – South Africa**

- *Lize Kok, Carbon Portfolio Manager, TASC, South Africa*

10:05 **The Papariko project – Kenya**

- *Robin Bartmann, Chief Operations Officer, Vlinder, Kenya*

10:15 **Rubeho Mountains Carbon Project – Tanzania**

- *Brian Adkins, CEO, Eden: People+Planet, Kenya*

10:25 **COFFEE CONNECT**

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10:50 **PANEL DISCUSSION: Mobilising Private Capital for Africa's Carbon Markets**

An inside view from major investors and financiers on when and how serious private capital will scale in Africa's carbon markets: what drives decisions, where risks lie, and how scalable investment models are evolving.

- What do investors need before backing carbon projects?
- Which structures are enabling large-scale capital flows?
- How are risk and return evaluated in today's market?
- When will serious private capital enter at scale?

Moderator: Jonathan First, Senior Advisor, Climate Policy Initiative, South Africa

Speakers:

- **Brad Moreland Co-Founder & Group Managing Director, TransEnergy Global, South Africa**
- **Reshma Shah, Lead, Carbon Markets, FSD Africa, Kenya**
- **Anelisa Matutu, Head: Commodities, Capital Markets, Johannesburg Stock Exchange, South Africa**
- **Paul Muthaura, CEO, ACMI, Kenya**
- **Tijani Nwadei, Partner, VIISAUS, Nigeria**
- **Mookho Mathaba, Climate Finance Specialist, DBSA, South Africa**

11:40 **Q&A**

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PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

- 11:45** **Earthbond Nigeria Distributed Solar for Productive Use – Nigeria**
- Chidalu Onyenso, Founder & CEO, Earthbond, Nigeria
- 11:55** **Deekali Plastic Recovery Project – Senegal**
- Nicole Dewing, Co-Founder & Managing Director, Africa Carbon & Commodities, Senegal
- 12:05** **OFF-Grid Europe & Africa – Zambia & Senegal**
- Toni Heigl, Senior Manager Corporate Finance, Off-Grid Europe, Germany

12:15 LUNCH CONNECT

VENUE: The Conservatory – ground floor

Breakaway 1

Breakaway 2

13:00

WORKSHOP 1 – Building Investment-Ready Carbon Projects



What makes a carbon project investable?

This workshop unpacks what it truly means to be “investor-ready” in today’s carbon markets. Through practical insights from developers and financiers, participants will explore financial structuring, risk allocation, and the building blocks of credible, fundable carbon project models.

Key themes:

- Designing bankable carbon project models
- Risk-return expectations and common pitfalls
- Insights from investors, project developers

This session is designed for carbon project developers and technical advisors seeking to attract investment, as well as climate-focused investors and DFIs looking to engage with early-stage pipelines.

Facilitators:

- **Charles Nweke, Venture Building Engagement Lead, Catalyst Fund, Nigeria**
- **Nick Marshall, Co-founder & Head of Carbon, TASC / Chairman, Project Developer Forum (PD Forum), Germany**

VENUE: Oxford

WORKSHOP 2 – How African Companies Can Enter the Carbon Market



Carbon markets are opening new frontiers for African companies.

This workshop is designed for African corporates and SMEs looking to understand the business case for engaging in carbon markets. Learn how to assess opportunity, build internal capacity, and identify viable market entry points.

Key themes:

- Where are the entry points for African corporates in carbon markets?
- How to align your business model with carbon revenue streams
- From buyer to developer: what roles can companies play across the value chain?
- Examples of African businesses leading in carbon market engagement

Facilitators:

- **Tomas Sales, Special Advisor, UNDP Africa Sustainable Finance Hub (ASFH)**
- **Gevano Dantu, CEO & Co-Founder, Poly Renewable Energy, South Africa**
- **William Makwinja, Co-CEO, Phambili Energy, South Africa**

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WORKSHOP 3 – Demystifying Carbon Project Certification

What developers need to know to get certified.

Long timelines, limited local verification bodies, and unclear certification pathways are slowing down Africa's ability to meet growing global demand for high-integrity carbon credits.

Through practical insights and real-world case studies, this session breaks down the project cycle, validation requirements, and verification processes. Experts will clarify how to work with standards bodies and avoid common bottlenecks in carbon credit issuance.

Key themes:

- Step-by-step of certification & MRV
- How to choose and apply the right methodology
- Working effectively with verifiers and standard-setting bodies
- Common bottlenecks and how to avoid them
- Tools and strategies to accelerate timelines and reduce costs

Facilitators:

- **Hugh Salway, Senior Director, Market Development and Partnerships, Gold Standard, Switzerland**
- **Madeleine Garlick, Africa Director, One Carbon World**

VENUE: Oxford

WORKSHOP 4 – Building Domestic Voluntary Carbon Markets

What it takes to design credible, investable voluntary carbon markets at the national level.

As African countries look to raise carbon finance from voluntary carbon markets to support priority infrastructure development, this workshop explores key aspects of the market and in particular the demand and supply sides anchored in national programs. Drawing from work done on the models like South Africa's, the session will unpack practical steps to establish market ecosystems, ensure alignment with global standards, and the alignment required among investors and stakeholders.

The workshop will also highlight the importance of operationalising Article 6 at the national level by putting in place enabling domestic crediting and governance frameworks. Participants will gain insights into how countries can establish their own Standardized Crediting Frameworks, ensuring integrity, transparency, and readiness to access international carbon finance.

Key themes:

- Demand and supply sides of domestic voluntary markets
- How this interacts with Article 6 and carbon taxes
- Domestic registries and MRV systems
- Establishing Standardized Crediting Frameworks to operationalise Article 6
- Aligning with international standards while enabling local participation

Facilitator:

- **Jonathan First, Senior Advisor, Climate Policy Initiative, South Africa**
- **Peng Liu, Senior Climate Finance Specialist, World Bank (V)**

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SECTOR-FOCUSED DIALOGUE Energy & Cookstoves

Clean energy access and efficient cookstove technologies are among Africa's most scalable climate solutions – and carbon finance has played a critical role in driving their expansion. This dialogue convenes manufacturers, financiers, project developers, regulators, and distributors to explore the evolving standards, market trends, and impact metrics shaping the future of energy-access carbon credits.

A dialogue at the intersection of clean energy, climate finance, health, and inclusive development.

Contributors:

- **Daniel Okoth, Head of Carbon, SunCulture, Kenya**
- **Shaun Slabber, Co-Founder & CEO, Crunch Carbon, South Africa**
- **Edwin Cogho, Carbon Portfolio Head, TASC, South Africa**

VENUE: Oxford

SECTOR-FOCUSED DIALOGUE Blue Carbon & Coastal Ecosystems

Africa's vast coastline holds untapped potential for carbon sequestration through mangroves, seagrasses, and marine ecosystems. This dialogue explores the emerging science, governance models, and investment approaches for blue carbon – from pilot projects to national strategies. It aims to bridge conservation, community stewardship, and carbon finance to unlock scalable coastal climate action.

Engaging coastal governments, conservation finance experts, blue carbon project developers, marine scientists, and policy leaders working to scale Africa's ocean-based climate solutions.

Contributors:

- **Samantha Petersen, West Indian Ocean Seascape Lead, WWF, South Africa**
- **Candice Stevens, Founder and CEO, Sustainable Finance Coalition, South Africa**
- **James Mansfield, Managing Director, Finance Earth, UK**

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SECTOR-FOCUSED DIALOGUE Nature-based solutions & AFOLU

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From conservation and agroforestry to regenerative agriculture and landscape restoration, this dialogue brings together the full AFOLU (Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use) ecosystem to explore carbon methodologies, investment models, policy frameworks, and the role of communities in delivering high-integrity, land-based carbon outcomes.

Featuring voices from project developers, Indigenous and local actors, investors, standard bodies, and government agencies in land use and environment.

Contributors:

- **Bernardin Uzayisaba, Carbon Market Programme Specialist, UNDP, South Africa**
- **Reshma Shah, Lead, Carbon Markets, FSD Africa, Kenya**
- **Marc Baker, Director & Co-Founder, Carbon Tanzania, Tanzania**
- **Tim McLellan, CEO, Trees for the Future**

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SECTOR-FOCUSED DIALOGUE Urban Carbon

As Africa's cities expand, the race is on to decarbonise the urban landscape. This dialogue explores how carbon markets and innovative finance can accelerate low-carbon transitions in transport, buildings, and urban infrastructure. From electric mobility and smart transport systems to energy-efficient architecture and data-driven planning, contributors will share insights on how carbon reduction can become an engine for sustainable urban growth and investment.

A forward-looking dialogue on how carbon finance can power cleaner transport, smarter buildings, and more resilient cities.

Contributors:

- **Toni Heigl, Founder & CEO, CarbonWise, Consulting, Germany**
- **Roland Dieterle, CEO, Spacial Solutions GmbH, Germany (V)**
- **Stefan Simon, CEO, SURUS Automotive, Tunisia**

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17:30

CLOSING SESSION – Recommendations for COP30

What should Africa take to the COP30 table? This forward-looking session distils collective insights from the Summit into strategic recommendations to inform the continent's engagement in global carbon market negotiations and climate finance discussions.

Summit envoy to COP: Estherine Lisinge Fotabong, Director, Agriculture, Food Security and Environmental Sustainability, African Union Development Agency – NEPAD, South Africa

VENUE: Oxford

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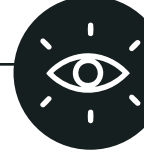

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