

## Africa Climate Week 2022

### Key Messages

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Africa Climate Week 2022 (ACW 2022) is a platform to enable regional collaboration, integrate climate action into pandemic recovery and jump start implementation of the Glasgow Climate Pact and Paris Agreement. At COP26, decisions were taken relating to adaptation, mitigation, finance and collaboration around a common set of guidelines for implementation. ACW 2022 opens opportunities to advance action around these priorities and take a step together on the road to COP27 in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, in November.

Regional collaboration is emerging as a catalyst for global climate action. ACW 2022 is the third in the Regional Climate Weeks 2022 series and marks a return to in-person Climate Weeks in the region. The Climate Week will explore resilience against climate risks, the transition to a low-emission economy and collaboration to solve pressing challenges. Working together on these topics opens opportunity to address social inequalities and invest in development that is good for humanity and nature.

ACW 2022 will be held in-person from 29 August to 1 September in Libreville, Gabon. To ensure participant safety, all relevant COVID-19 protocols will be followed. Webcast and virtual participation elements are planned to enable broad and inclusive collaboration.

ACW 2022 is hosted by the Government of Gabon and organized by UN Climate Change in collaboration with global partners UN Development Programme, UN Environment Programme and the World Bank Group. Partners in the region include the Africa Union, the Africa Development Bank (AfDB) and the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA).

#### *Momentum for Implementation*

ACW 2022 carries forward momentum from COP26 into implementation by bringing together regional stakeholders to:

- Showcase climate action that demonstrates what is possible
- Promote progress on submission of stronger adaptation and mitigation plans
- Encourage climate action across all sectors of society, and showcase it through initiatives such as the [Race-To-Zero](#) and [Race-To-Resilience](#) campaigns
- Bring the voice of regional stakeholders to the UN Climate Change process

### Purpose

Africa Climate Week 2022 offers an opportunity to advance climate action, taking regional priorities and COP26 outcomes into consideration. It is also a venue to integrate climate action into pandemic economic recovery. The Week provides a platform for governments and stakeholders to work together and embed sustainability into recovery. Regional collaboration holds the potential to foster resilience and help achieve the Paris Agreement goal of limiting warming to as close to 1.5° C as possible.

ACW 2022 is inclusive and open to all stakeholders and includes opportunities for partnership building and advancing action. Sessions promote collaboration to:

- **Deliver on existing commitments** including those in the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), Long Term Low Emission Development Strategies (LT-LEDS) and transparency provisions
- **Mainstream risk-based approaches** in planning at all levels and in all sectors, accelerating National Adaptation Plan (NAP) implementation and resilience building
- **Give stakeholders clarity** on low-carbon development pathways and means of implementation for achieving carbon neutrality

ACW 2022 aims to drive a whole-of-government and society approach by bringing together governments, the private sector, cities and regions, indigenous communities, youth and civil society to accelerate implementation of Glasgow Climate Pact decisions and the Paris Agreement. Discussions are set to identify how national climate action plans can contribute to the SDGs and facilitate sustainable, equitable pandemic recovery.

These discussions will be advanced in Thematic Sessions organized into three tracks, each one convening stakeholders around a crucial theme for addressing the climate challenge. Side events will also align with these climate action themes. The Action Hub showcases what is possible in these thematic areas and shares success stories for discussion. ACW 2022 Affiliated Events will convene sessions related to the UN Climate Change process.

The three thematic tracks are in development and details will be shared soon.

### Regional Climate Weeks 2022

Regional collaboration was in focus at COP26, with a [Regional Climate Weeks 2021 COP26 Communique High-Level Event](#) to hand over key takeaways from the Climate Weeks to the COP26 Presidency. The Glasgow Climate Pact calls on all stakeholders to use the Regional Climate Weeks as a platform to strengthen credible and durable climate action.

ACW 2022 is the third Regional Climate Week in 2022 to be held in advance of COP27 in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, in November. Organized annually in Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa, Asia and the Pacific and the Middle East and North Africa regions, the Regional Climate Weeks are collaborative platforms for government and non-Party stakeholders to address climate issues under one umbrella and unity of purpose.

Bringing together diverse stakeholders from the public and private sectors around a common goal of addressing climate change is the primary aim of the Regional Climate Weeks 2022.