

## INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION DIRECTORATE

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### AFRICA CLIMATE SUMMIT (ACS)

**WHAT:** Inaugural **Africa Climate Summit (ACS) 2023** to be held under the theme “*Driving Green Growth and Climate Finance Solutions for Africa and the World*”.

**WHEN:** The summit will take place from 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

**WHERE:** Nairobi, Republic of Kenya  
Livestream of opening session on AU website:  
<https://livestream.com/accounts/2466140/events/10935537>

**WHO:** The inaugural Africa Climate Summit is organized by the African Union Commission in collaboration with the host government, Republic of Kenya.

#### Media opportunities:

The opening session will be open for media. The official programme includes:

- Opening statements by African Union Head of State, Chairperson of the AU, Chairperson of the AU Commission (AUC); invited high level dignitaries, among other.
- Group photo
- Media interview

#### Objectives and deliverables of the Summit:

The Summit provides an opportunity for an African Leaders **Nairobi Declaration on Green Growth and Climate Finance Solutions**, and for a Call to Action for African Union Member States and supporting partners to champion its delivery. It seeks to launch a new ambition for Africa and invite partnerships with the rest of the world. The summit serves as a platform to showcase progress, exchange perspectives, and begin to converge on common priorities for global discussions (including UNGA, G20, World Bank Group (WBG) and IMF Annual Meetings, COP28 and beyond). It will enable African countries to define detailed plans, shape their associated tools and investments, inform and push for reforms of the international financial architecture, share innovation, knowledge, experience, and practical approaches to deepen and expand understanding of climate challenges and opportunities, and enable Africa to renew its vision and become more assertive in pursuing a climate and development agenda through a unified approach.

Furthermore, the Summit will provide a platform to address the intersection of climate change, Africa's development, and the need for increased global investment in climate action, particularly in Africa. It is also an opportunity for Africa to consolidate its united voice on matters of climate change, sustainable development and to mobilise support for the implementation of continental programmes and policies such as the African Union Climate Change and Resilient Development Strategy and Action Plan:

## Expected Outputs:

- i) African Leaders Nairobi Declaration on a Green Growth and Climate Finance Agenda and Solutions for Africa and the World;
- ii) Pathway to a new global financial deal that includes “at scale” and fit for purpose financing instruments/products to serve specific growth goals;
- iii) Investment commitments, including showcasing multi-billion dollar worth of green investment deals on the continent across all thematic sectors of the summit;
- iv) Announcements on tangible progress on ongoing major continent-wide/ global initiatives, and new partnerships/ initiatives; and
- v) Roadmap for implementation of key declarations.

## Participants:

The summit will be attended by African Heads of State and Government, global leaders, development partners, civil society organizations, researchers, academia and relevant stakeholders, among others.

## Background:

The Decision of the 36<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government, which took place in February 2023, mandated the African Union Commission to convene a summit on Climate Change and simultaneously endorsed the offer by the Government of Kenya to host the summit.

*Journalists wishing to cover the Africa Climate Summit are advised to register through the following link **before 28 August 2023**: <https://accreditation.au.int/en/media-accreditation/AfricaClimateSummit>*

*The programme will soon be available on the landing page of the ACS summit: <https://au.int/en/newsevents/ACS>*

For additional information please visit:

<https://au.int/en/newsevents/ACS>; [www.africaclimatesummit.org](http://www.africaclimatesummit.org)

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