



1st Workshop on COVID-19 and the Health-Energy-Climate Nexus

16-17 February 2021 (online)

Tuesday, 16 February, 2021

14:00 CET Opening and welcome Introduction to the HLPD & CCSE Working Group

Leah Naess Wanambwa, *African Union Commission*
Dr Philippe Schild, *European Commission*

14:30 CET Session 1: COVID-19 recovery and resilience

a. What climate justice measures are needed to ensure access to energy, climate change adaptation, resilience and secure health in the context of Covid-19 among African/European countries?

Keynote speaker:

Stéphane Hallegatte, *Lead Economist Climate Change Group, World Bank Group*
Rafael Tuts, *Director of Programme Division, UN-Habitat*

b. How can gender sensitive measures be designed to address access to energy and public health concerns simultaneously?

Keynote speaker:

Sheila Oparaocha, *International Coordinator and Program Manager, ENERGIA International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy*
Anthony Nyong, *Director for Climate Change and Green Growth, African Development Bank*

c. How are African Small Island Developing States, largely economically dependent on tourism and heavily impacted by COVID-19 crisis, planning to recover taking the opportunity to integrate low carbon and climate resilience in their recovery plans?

Keynote speaker:

Rito Évora, *National Director of Industry, Commerce and Energy, Trade and Energy of Cabo Verde*
Jean-Paul Adam, *Director Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)*

15:30 CET Discussion Groups:

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17:15 CET Final remarks and closing

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14:30 CET Session 2: The Health-Energy-Climate Nexus

a. Africa and Europe are dealing with regional changes in aerosol load and the possibility of increasing regional risks in response to severe weather conditions associated with climate change (e.g. localised heat waves and changing precipitation geographically). What can possible scenarios and solutions be?

Keynote speaker:

Dr Aïda Diongue-Niang, *Advisor, Senegal Meteorological Service*
Prof Dr Alexander Baklanov, *Science Officer & Dr Roberta Boscolo, Climate and Energy Scientific Officer, World Meteorological Organization (WMO)*

b. How is indoor pollution related to health problems and what are possible solutions and future scenarios?

Keynote speaker:

Sandra Cavaliere, *Urban Health Initiative Coordinator, Climate & Clean Air Coalition*
Siré Diallo, *Coordinator of the Private Sector Support Facility, ECOWAS Center for Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency (ECREEE)*

c. How well is the energy support infrastructure of healthcare systems in Africa and Europe prepared to handle and manage the demands of an increased number of patients e.g. through air pollution and GHG emissions plus Covid-19? How can this need be met in a sustainable way?

Keynote speaker:

Sherry Kennedy, *Director of Communications, Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL)*
Dr Kirsten Westphal, *Senior Associate, German Institute for International and Security Affairs*

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