

Greening Industrialization in Africa

Date: Tuesday, 15 Nov 2016

Time: 12.00-13.30pm

Venue: Africa Pavilion, COP22, Marrakech, Salle 1

Organizers: Economic Commission for Africa, African Development Bank, African Union Commission, New Climate Economy, Ethiopian Development Research Institute, University College London

Context:

A paradigm shift towards low-carbon, resource-efficient and climate-resilient development pathways using science, technology and innovation is needed to steer growth towards inclusive and sustainable development for all on the continent. This paradigm shift - as elaborated by the Economic Commission for Africa's 2016 Economic Report on Africa (ERA 2016) by the ECA 2016 ERA and NCE's "Africa's New Climate Economy: Economic Transformation and Social and Environmental Change"- is structural transformation based on low-polluting and resource-efficient industrialization – i.e. green industrialization – that adds value to Africa's raw materials and increase global competitiveness, driven by a knowledge-based and inclusive economy. But how should this green industrialization be achieved, especially given that there is no blueprints from which to learn as no other region of the world has passed through the early phase of industrialization pursuing a green pathway? Many pathways to industrialization exist. But Africa as a latecomer, can define and design its own pathway – based on its own realities and learning from history and the experiences of other regions – to leapfrog traditional, carbon-intensive methods of growth and champion a low-carbon development trajectory.

Objective:

The objective of this joint event by the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the African Development Bank (AfDB), the African Union Commission (AUC), the New Climate Economy (NCE) and University College London (UCL) is to provide a high level dialogue platform, informed by evidence on the ground on the continent, for exploring how a policy-enabling environment can be created to successfully leapfrog towards climate friendly, resource-efficient and socially just industrialization for accelerated structural transformation of African economies.

Chair: **Dr Abdalla Hamdok**, Executive Secretary (a.i), Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

Moderator: TBC

Speakers:

- **Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma**, Chairperson, African Union Commission (tbc)
- **Dr Carlos Lopes**, Global Commissioner on the Economy and Climate
- **Dr. Akinwumi Adesina**, President, African Development Bank (tbc)
- **Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala**, Former Minister of Finance and Co-ordinating Minister for the Economy Nigeria; Global Commissioner on the Economy and Climate
- **Dr. Frank Rijsberman**, Director-General of the Global Green Growth Institute
- **Dr Arkebe Oukbay**, Special Adviser to the Ethiopian Prime Minister (tbc)
- **Dr Justin Yifu Lin**, Director, Center for New Structural Economics, Peking University (tbc)

Discussants:

- Dr Mulu Gebreeyesus, Senior Researcher Ethiopian Development Research Institute (tbc)
- Prof Yacob Mulugetta, Professor of Energy & Development Policy University College London (tbc)

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