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Africa Summit

## PROGRAMME BROCHURE

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, Verra, and more
- Timed to influence global climate finance and Article 6 agendas



PROMOTE  
HIGH-INTEGRITY  
CARBON MARKETS



STRENGTHEN POLICY  
& REGULATION  
FRAMEWORKS



FACILITATE  
PARTNERSHIPS



BUILD CAPACITY  
AMONG AFRICAN  
STAKEHOLDERS



SHOWCASE  
SUCCESSFUL  
PROJECTS



**The time to act is now. We are in the right place and at the right time today to ensure Africa benefits from carbon markets.**

*Prof. Anthony Nyong, Director of Climate Change and Green Growth at the African Development Bank (AfDB)*

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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



**“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*

## What to expect



HIGH-IMPACT  
DIALOGUE

**3-DAY**

SUMMIT



10  
PROJECT PITCHES



200+  
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
- Civil society & indigenous groups
- Insurance and guarantees
- Legal & advisory firms
- Technology & solution providers
- Academics & think tanks
- Corporate buyers / off-takers
- 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

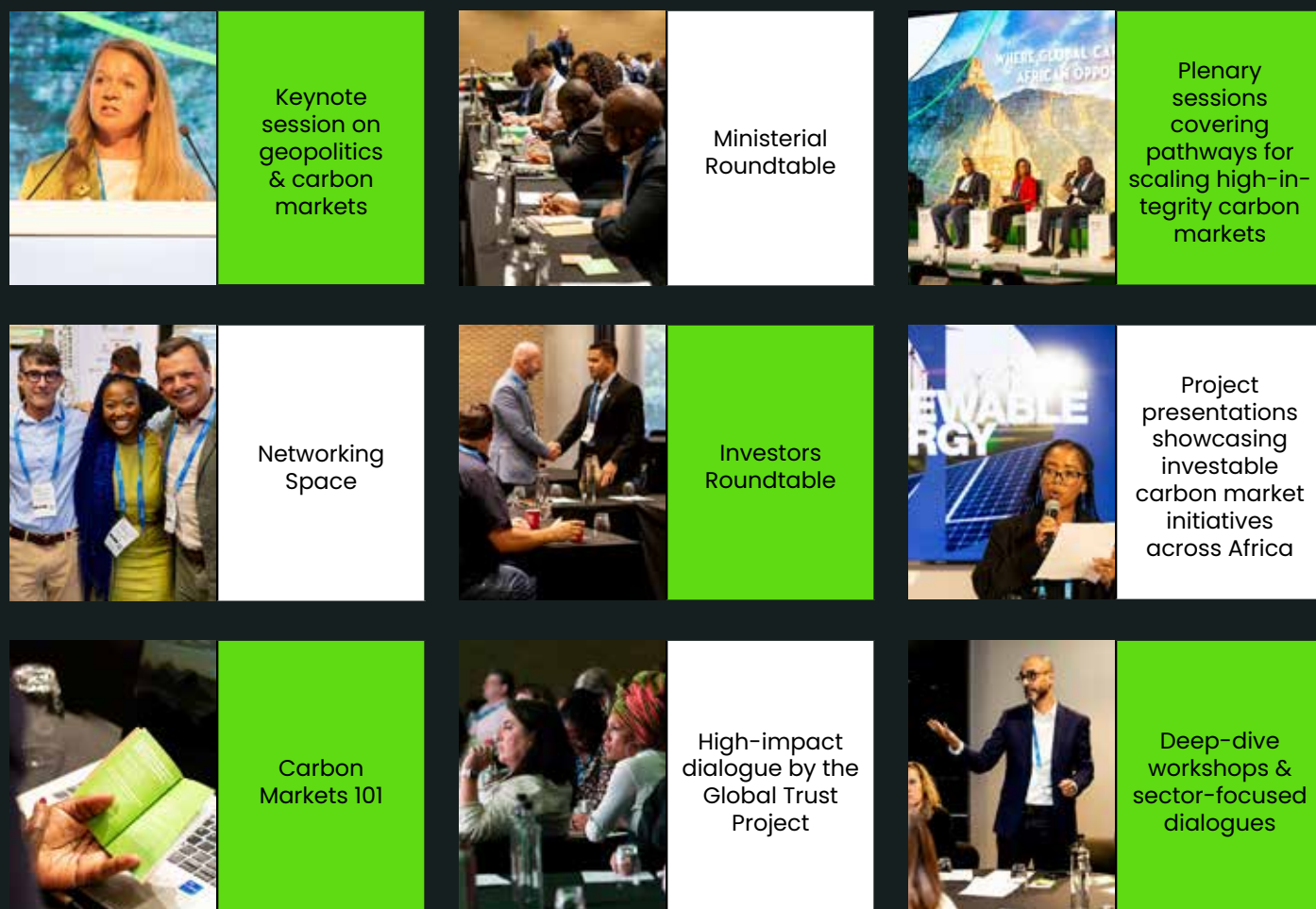
## “Scaling carbon markets for Africa’s sustainable growth amid a shifting global landscape”

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	<div>High-Impact Dialogue</div> <div><div><div></div><div>The Global Trust Project</div><div></div></div></div>	Keynote Opening: <b>Scaling carbon markets for Africa’s sustainable growth amid a shifting global landscape</b>	Theme 4: Finance & Investment	
		Coffee Break		
		Theme 1: <b>Policy &amp; Regulation</b>		
		Lunch	Lunch	
		Theme 2: <b>Market Signals &amp; Buyer trends</b>	Workshops	
			Investment-ready Carbon Markets	Market Entry for African Businesses
		Demystifying Carbon Project Certification	Domestic Voluntary Carbon Markets	
		Coffee Break	Coffee Break	
		Theme 3: <b>Integrity &amp; Standards</b>	Sector-focused Dialogues	
		Energy, Cookstoves & Renewables	Blue-Carbon & Coastal Ecosystems	
Wellcome Drinks	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*

# Programme

## PRE-CONFERENCE DAY – 21 October 2025

### CARBON 101

### High-Impact Dialogue

8:00 Arrival, registration and refreshments

9:00  
17:00

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.

#### 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**

#### 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**

#### 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.

- **Facilitator: Olivia Tuchten, Principal Climate Change Advisor, Promethium Carbon, South Africa**

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.

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

#### 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

#### Purpose

##### 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



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## PRE-CONFERENCE DAY – 21 October 2025

### CARBON 101

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

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**

#### 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'll 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: Senior representative, ICVCM\***

### 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

**13:15 – 14:30**

Prototyping Trust: What Could We Practically Do?

**14:30 – 15:00**

Coffee Break

**15:00 – 16:15**

Collective Synthesis: Toward a Roadmap for Credible Carbon Markets

**16:15 – 16:30**

Closing Reflections & Next Steps



**Bernardin Uzayisaba**

Carbon Market Programme Specialist, UNDP



**Andrew Gilder**

Director, Climate Legal, South Africa



**Olivia Tuchten**

Principal Climate Change Advisor, Promethium Carbon



**Kent Davis**

Partner, Webber Wentzel



**Dominic Wilhelm**

Executive Director, The Global Trust Project



## Highlighted speakers



**Fenella Aouane,**

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



**Maxwell Gomera**

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



**Caroline Tixier**

Climate and Environmental Counsellor, European Union Delegation to South Africa



**Angela Churie Kallhauge**

Executive Vice President – Impact, Environmental Defence Fund, USA



**Mkuthazi Steleki**

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



**Ephraim Mwepya Shitima**

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



**Margaret Athieno Mwebesa**

Commissioner, Climate Change Department, National Focal Point, UNFCCC, National Project Coordinator, Investing in Forests and Protected Areas for Climate Smart Development Project, Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda



**Ibrahim Shelleng**

Senior Special Assistant to the President, Government of Nigeria



**Anthony Nyong**

Director Climate Change and Green Growth Department, African Development Bank



**Mandy Rambharos**

CEO, Verra



**Paul Muthaura**

CEO, ACMI



**Andrew Ocama**

Coordinator, East Africa Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance



**Shamini Harrington**

Senior Executive: Climate Change | GHG Management | Sustainability, Minerals Council, South Africa



**Shalendra Subramoney**

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



**Susan Nambusi**

Senior Manager Innovation & Sustainability, Kenya Airways



**Heather McEwan**

Senior Manager of Africa & Middle East, VERRA



# Programme

## CONFERENCE DAY 1 – 22 October 2025

7:30	Arrival, registration and refreshments
8:45	

**8:45 KEYNOTE OPENING SESSION – Scaling Carbon Markets for Africa’s Sustainable Growth**  
**12:05 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.

## WELCOME ADDRESS

**8:50** • ***Iain Banner, Chairman, Go Green Africa, South Africa***

## MINISTERIAL ADDRESS

**9:00** • ***Dion George, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, South Africa\****

## KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

9:20 • *H.E. Moses Vilakati, Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment, The African Union Commission, Ethiopia\**

9:40 • **Fenella Aouane, Managing Director – Head of Carbon Pricing, Global Green Growth Institute, Luxembourg (v)**

9:55 • **Maxwell Gomera, Resident Representative of UNDP South Africa and Director of the Africa Sustainable Finance Hub, Africa Region, UNDP**

**10:10 FIRESIDE CHAT: Africa's strategic role in global carbon markets amidst changing geopolitical and financial dynamics**

**Host: Javier Manzanares, CEO, Allen Manza, Panama**

**Guests:**

- **Caroline Tixier, Climate and Environmental Counsellor, European Union Delegation to South Africa**
- **Angela Churie Kallhauge, Executive Vice President – Impact, Environmental Defence Fund, USA**
- **Catiana Garcia-Kilroy, Lead Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank, USA \***

**10:25 Refreshments & Networking**

**10:50** **PANEL DISCUSSION: Road to COP30: Aligning Africa's Carbon Strategy with Global Agendas?**

**Moderator: Hirander Misra, Co-Founder and Chairman, GMEX Group and ZERO13, UK**

- Is Africa's carbon strategy aligned with global frameworks like Article 6?
- What role should the G20 play in Africa's carbon market development?
- 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:**

- **Anthony Nyong, Director Climate Change and Green Growth Department, African Development Bank, Côte d'Ivoire**
- **Mandy Rambharos, Chief Executive Officer, Verra**
- **Paul Muthaura, CEO, African Carbon Markets Initiative (ACMI), Kenya**
- **Harsen Nyambe Nyambe, Director, Sustainable Environment, Blue Economy, African Union, Ethiopia\***

**11:35**      **Q&A**

**11:45 PROJECT PRESENTATIONS x 2**

**12:05 Lunch & Networking**

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## CONFERENCE DAY 1 – 22 October 2025

13:00

### AFRICA'S CARBON MARKET FRAMEWORKS: TURNING POLICY INTO ACTION

14:45

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

### 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*
- *Mkuthazi Steleki, Director: Climate Change Developments and International Mechanisms, Department of Fisheries Forestry and the Environment (DFFE), South Africa*
- *Sandra Lindström, Head of International Climate Cooperation, Swedish Energy Agency\**
- *Ephraim Mwepya Shitima, Director, Green Economy and Climate Change, Ministry of Green Economy and Environment, Zambia*
- *Margaret Athieno Mwebesa, Commissioner, Climate Change Department, National Focal Point, UNFCCC, National Project Coordinator, Investing in Forests and Protected Areas for Climate Smart Development Project, Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda*

13:45

### Q&A

13:55

### 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: Senior representative, African Union, Ethiopia\**

#### *Speakers:*

- *Andrew Ocamo, Coordinator, East Africa Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance, Uganda*
- *Ousmane Fall Sarr, Coordinator, West African Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance, Senegal\**
- *Senior Representative, Southern Africa Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance\**

14:25

### PROJECT PRESENTATIONS x 2

14:45

### Refreshments & Networking



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## CONFERENCE DAY 1 – 22 October 2025

15:10  
16:40

### MARKETS SIGNALS & BUYERS TRENDS

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

### 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.

*By invitation only*

15:10

### 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**

15:20

### 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:**

- **Shamini Harrington, Senior Executive: Climate Change | GHG Management | Sustainability, Minerals Council, South Africa**
- **Mathis Granjon, Trader in Environmental Commodities, Green Steps, Netherlands**
- **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\***

### 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.

16:05

### Q&A

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

**Host:** African Union Commission

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

**Key observers:** African Development Bank UNDP, GIZ, Article 6 Implementation Partners



# Programme

## CONFERENCE DAY 1 – 22 October 2025

### 16:15 **FIRESIDE 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:**

- **Susan Nambusi**, Senior Manager Innovation & Sustainability, Kenya Airways (V)
- **Karen Ortega Marín**, Environment Officer, ICAO, Canada\*
- **Senior representative**, KOKO Networks, Kenya\*

### 16:30 **PROJECT PRESENTATIONS x 2**

### 16:50 **HIGH INTEGRITY IN PRACTICE – STANDARDS, VERIFICATION & MARKET TRUST**

17:45

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.

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

### 16:50 **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
- **Bianca Gichangi**, Regional Lead – Africa, Voluntary Carbon Markets Integrity Initiative (VCMI), Kenya\*
- **Senior Representative**, BeZero Carbon, United Kingdom\*

### 17:35 **Q&A**

### 17:45 **Welcome Drinks**

19:00



## Highlighted speakers



**Dorah Modise**

Executive Director, Presidential  
Climate Commission,  
South Africa



**Laura Lahti**

Head of Impact, Camco,  
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



**Roland Hunter**

Regional Lead for Business  
Development – Africa,  
South Pole



**Olufunso Somorin**

Regional Principal Officer,  
African Development Bank  
Group, Kenya



**Duncan Ward**

Group Managing Director,  
TransEnergy Global, Spain



**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



**Marc Baker**

Director & Co-Founder, Carbon  
Tanzania, Tanzania



**Toni Heigl**

Founder & CEO, CarbonWise  
Consulting, Germany

# Programme

## CONFERENCE DAY 2 – 23 October 2025

8:00

### 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.

*Seats are limited.*

9:00

#### FINANCING AFRICA'S CARBON PIPELINE – DE-RISKING, SCALING & INNOVATING

10:20

From designing investment-ready projects to attracting private capital and managing long-term revenue risks, this finance track addresses both sides of the investment equation. Through two focused discussions, we explore how Africa can build a pipeline of high-integrity carbon projects that meet investor expectations – and how global and regional financiers are preparing to deploy capital at scale.

9:00

#### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

- **Dorah Modise, Executive Director, Presidential Climate Commission, South Africa**

09:15

#### 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, 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**
- **Olufunso Somorin, Regional Principal Officer, African Development Bank Group, Kenya**
- **Roland Hunter, Regional Lead for Business Development – Africa, South Pole**

9:55

#### Q&A

10:05

#### PROJECT PRESENTATIONS x 2

10:25

#### Refreshments & Networking



# Programme

## CONFERENCE DAY 2 – 23 October 2025

### 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:**

- **Duncan Ward**, *Group Managing Director, TransEnergy Global, Spain*
- **Reshma Shah**, *Lead, Carbon Markets, FSD Africa, Kenya*
- **Anelisa Matutu**, *Head: Commodities, Capital Markets, Johannesburg Stock Exchange, South Africa*
- **Senior Representative**, *JP Morgan, South Africa*
- **Catherine Koffman**, *Director, Department of the Africa Region, Green Climate Fund, South Korea\**

### 11:35 **Q&A**

### 11:40 **PROJECT PRESENTATIONS x 2**

### 12:00 **Lunch & Networking**

#### Breakaway 1

### 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.

- 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.

**Facilitator:**

**Charles Nweke**, *Venture Building Engagement Lead, Catalyst Fund, Nigeria*

#### Breakaway 2

### **WORKSHOP 2 – How African Companies Can Enter the Carbon Market**

**Carbon markets are opening new frontiers for African companies.**

This session guides African corporates and SMEs through the strategic and operational steps needed to engage in carbon markets. Learn how to assess opportunity, build internal capacity, and identify viable market entry points.

- 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

**Facilitator:**

**Name to be advised**

## CONFERENCE DAY 2 – 23 October 2025

14:05

### 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.

- 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

**Facilitator:**

**Hugh Salway, Senior Director, Market Development and Partnerships, Gold Standard, Switzerland**

### 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. Through work done to date, participants will be able to understand the core building blocks of a viable domestic carbon market.

- Demand and Supply sides
- How this interacts with Article 6 and Carbon taxes
- Domestic registries and MRV systems
- Aligning with international standards while enabling local participation
- Case study

**Facilitator:**

**Jonathan First, Senior Advisor, Climate Policy Initiative, South Africa**

15:00

### Refreshments & Networking

15:30

### 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.*

**Contributor:**

**Senior Representative, Hummingbirds**

### 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.*

**Contributor:**

**Samantha Petersen, West Indian Ocean Seascape Lead, WWF, South Africa**

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16:15

### SECTOR-FOCUSED DIALOGUE Nature-based solutions & AFOLU

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**

### SECTOR-FOCUSED DIALOGUE Urban Carbon & Circular Economy

Cities are on the frontlines of climate action – and carbon markets are beginning to recognise the value of urban interventions in transport, buildings, waste, and circular economy models. This session convenes city leaders, technology providers, project developers, and financiers to explore how carbon finance can accelerate low-carbon urban transformation and inclusive service delivery.

*A conversation on turning urban systems into engines of low-carbon growth and circular innovation.*

#### Contributor:

**Toni Heigl, Founder & CEO, CarbonWise, Consulting, Germany**

17:00 –  
17:30

### CLOSING SESSION – Recommendations for COP30

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



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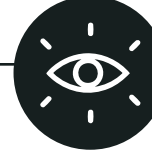

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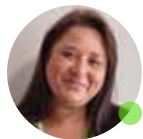


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