



PAN AFRICAN CLIMATE JUSTICE ALLIANCE

PLANS TOWARDS UNFCCC-COP 22

1.0 BACKGROUND

The outcome of the 21st UNFCCC Conference of Parties was a major step in the climate change dialogue process, following the inability of the parties to reach a binding agreement at COP 15 in Copenhagen five years earlier. The Paris Agreement heralds bold steps towards decarbonizing the global economy and reducing dependency on fossil fuel. Furthermore, references to climate justice, human rights, indigenous people and the roles of non-state actors in addressing climate change are enshrined in the Agreement.

As an important block of countries that share many things in common besides its land mass and resource endowments, Africa played a crucial role in shaping the outcomes of the Paris Agreement. Despite bearing the greatest burden posed by climate change compared to other global regions, the strengthened political will and leadership demonstrated by CAHOSCC, the exemplary participation of several African Heads of States and Government and who made statements in Paris during COP21. The strong foundation laid by the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) and the African Group of Negotiators (AGN) in the negotiation process, firmly established Africa's confidence and commitment before, during and after the COP21. A common and highly sequenced African position provided consistency and coherence among the African negotiators and the engagement of African ministers with their counterparts. PACJA was also able to contribute to the Paris Outcome through its several interventions with CAHOSCC, AMCEN, AGN and other related engagements. How much gains were made in safeguarding Africa's core interests, can only be adjudicated using the pre-defined position prior to Paris.

Moving forward with the Paris Agreement encompasses a twin track approach. Firstly, the implementation of the binding aspects and secondly, the continuous negotiations on the non-binding aspects of the Agreement. The implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) for example, will be preceded by stocktaking after five years to gauge and evaluate the progress made on the commitments made by Parties.

The upcoming UNFCCC- COP 22 to be held in Marrakech, Morocco from 7th – 18th November, 2016, referred as “An Action and Implementation COP” is expected to begin the process of delivering concrete solutions vital to addressing climate change. Among the key issues to be addressed in Marrakech – include transparency, capacity building, agreeing on common accounting guidelines for NDCs and the provision of climate finance to developing countries. With considerable progress in the ratification of the Paris Agreement this year, an obvious, overarching issue of this year’s meeting will be the time at which the Agreement will likely become operational. Several African countries are in the process of reviewing or operationalizing their NDCs as they are instrumental in the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

At the frontline of climate change impacts with least capacity to adapt is the African continent. The desire is that the implementation of the Paris Agreement should be urgent, fair and equitable in line with the continent’s realities and aspirations are paramount at this time. It is with the above rationale that PACJA is organizing various consultations and mobilization activities in ensuring that the implementation of the Paris Agreement fair, equitable and incorporates the Aspirations of the African people faced with the reeling impacts of climate change.

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S/NO	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	TIMELINES	VENUE	ORGANIZER
PRE-UNFCCC-COP 22 ACTIVITIES					
1.	Pre-CCDA African Civil Society Consultative Workshop <i>(Supporting 40 participants across Africa)</i>	The workshop aims to convene African Civil Society, Development partners, Media and other stakeholders within the continent in unpacking the Paris Agreement and developing key messages to CCDA VI and UNFCCC-COP 22. The Pre-CCDA-VI event ultimately contributes to Africa's preparedness for COP 22 and beyond. this is in line with this year's CCDA VI theme	16 th – 17 th October, 2016	UNECA Conference Centre, Addis Ababa-Ethiopia	PACJA
2.	3 rd Edition of the African Climate Change and Environmental (ACCER) Awards <i>(Supporting 15 ACCER Awards finalists and 10 Pan African Medial Alliance on Climate Change (PAMACC) members)</i>	African Climate Change and Environmental Reporting Awards (hereafter ACCER Awards) is Africa's premier environmental and climate change reporting program, run and founded by the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) in 2013. ACCER Awards aims at improving the African Narrative on climate change and raise the profile of Climate Change and Sustainable Development in Africa by recognizing the important role. This will be the third edition of the Awards	18 th October, 2016	Addis Ababa-Ethiopia	PACJA
3.	6 th Climate Change and Development Conference in Africa <i>(Supporting participation of 20 African CSO representatives from across Africa)</i>	The Climate Change and Development in Africa (CCDA) conference, conceived as an annual forum to enable linkages between climate and development policy and mainstreaming climate information into decision making, by enabling transparent discussions between key stakeholders in the climate and development community, provides a very good backdrop to strengthen capacities in climate change. This year's theme will be " <i>The Paris Climate Agreement: What Next for Africa?</i> ". Key CSO messages developed during PACJA Pre-CCDA VI conference will feed into this process	18 th – 20 th October, 2016	Addis Ababa - Ethiopia	ClimDev (UNECA, ACPC, AU, AfDB)
4.	PACJA Weeks of Action <i>(PACJA aims at supporting at least 20 National COP 22 mobilization Activities across Africa)</i>	PACJA's "Week of Action" is an Africa-wide annual initiative conducted across Africa aimed at stimulating actions and reinforcing efforts to exercise the power of collective action ahead of UNFCCC-COPs. The 2016 PACJA week of Action focuses on putting pressure to governments at national, regional and international level to facilitate implementation of climate responsive	14 th – 31 st October, 2016	Across Africa	PACJA

		strategies at the various levels in line with the Paris agreement. PACJA national platforms and Focal points across Africa will take lead in the coordination of the Week of Action activities at the national level.			
5.	Pan African CSO-GCF Readiness workshop	This workshop intends to bring together CSOs from Across Africa to discuss issues related to GCF and the proposal CSO-GCF Readiness project for Africa	5 th October, 2016	Marrakech, Morocco	PACJA, CARE, AVEST, Germanwatch, ENDA
6.	African Civil Society Pre-COP 22 Consultative Workshop <i>(Host 50 CSO representatives)</i>	The Pre-COP 22 Workshop held prior to the COP is a key strategic meeting for African CSO's participating in COP as it will consolidating African CSO plans for engagement during the COP	6 th October, 2016	Marrakech, Morocco Ibis Hotel	PACJA
UNFCCC-COP 22 ACTIVITIES					
7.	UNFCCC-COP 22 <i>(Support at least 30 CSO representatives to participate in COP 22)</i>	The UNFCCC- COP 22 referred as “An Action and Implementation COP” is expected to begin the process of delivering concrete solutions vital to addressing climate change in line with the Paris Agreement	7 th – 18 th November, 2016	Marrakech, Morocco	PACJA
8.	Side Event: The Unfinished Business: How to close the Post-Paris adaptation and climate finance gap	The Side Event will focus on Climate Change Adaptation as a key focus for Africa and its means of implementation	10 th November, 2016 16:45—18:15	Marrakech, Morocco Observer room 6 (300) – Official UNFCCC side event	PACJA
9.	GCF Watch side event	The event will showcase CSOs efforts to ensure the Green Climate Fund supports developing countries’ inclusive and just transformation It will also feature the official Launch of the CSO-GCF Website	15 th November, 2016	Marrakech, Morocco 19:00-20:30 GREEN ZONE	HBS PACJA AIDA, IPS, FoE, APMDD, Germanwatch, ActionAid
10.	Side Event: The Big Shift – Transition to Low Carbon Energy	The Side event will highlight the opportunities and challenges African countries in the transition to low carbon development pathway as part of the Paris Agreement Implementation	16 th November, 2016	Marrakech, Morocco Blue Zone	PACJA/CA
11.	Side Event: The Green Climate Fund (GCF), expectations for funded projects under the Green Climate Fund and the place of multi-stakeholders' engagement in the GCF paradigm shift principle.	The Side event will highlight the GCF progress, opportunities for African countries and expectations for funded projects under the Green Climate Fund	13 th November, 2016. 12:00-13:30	Marrakech, Morocco African Pavilion	PACJA

12.	Side Event: Making It Work for Africa: The Parliamentarians and the Paris Agreement	The side event will highlight the role of parliamentarians in the implementation of the Paris Agreement	15 th November, 2016 14:30-15:30	Marrakech, Morocco African Pavilion	UNECA/PACJA
13.	Press conferences during UNFCCC-COP 22	The Press Conferences will highlight African CSO expectations in COP 22, provide key CSO messages/interventions on different negotiation tracks	9 th November 2016 12:00hr 14 th November 2016 11:30hr 17 th November 2016 11:00hr	Marrakech, Morocco Press Conference Room	PACJA