



## SIDE EVENT DESCRIPTION FORM 2.

### 10<sup>TH</sup> WORLD WATER FORUM

**This Session Description 2 is for the specified program of the side event. Please complete this form no later than 22nd of April 2024.**

*\*The session description 1 (online form) is separately requested for the session coordinators to deliver a concise session outline with the contact info and the logistical requests.*

**Session Code and Title:**

SE18: Climate finance for greater resilience of African water resources

**Side Event Coordinators (Name, Position, Organization, email, mobile number):**

**Session coordinator and moderator:**

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**Session Description including objectives and expected outcomes (500 words maximum):**

**Promotional session description:**

*The growing devastation caused by climate change on water resources in Africa is undeniable and profoundly impacting all facets of life. Nevertheless, there is hope through the convergence of technology, scientific advancements, and financial resources. This side event emphasizes the urgent need for actionable, attainable, and pragmatic strategies in climate finance to foster shared prosperity across Africa.*

The aim of this side event is to catalyze a substantive discourse, grounded in a comprehensive analysis of the repercussions of climate change on water resources in Africa. It seeks to advocate for the central role that climate finance can play in aiding populations to adapt to these impacts, particularly in addressing disparities in water availability, escalating water stress, and deteriorating water quality.

Key emphasis will be placed on the critical function of climate finance in addressing the adverse effects of climate change on water resources in Africa through encompassing financing adaptation initiatives, investing in infrastructure, and devising innovative financial mechanisms tailored to the specific contexts of identified intervention zones. Deliberations will revolve on identifying the most effective adaptation strategies to confront these challenges and ensure the sustainable management of water resources, thereby bolstering ecosystem services and improving income levels for livelihoods enhancement.

The event will serve as a vital platform for dialogue among international donors, representatives of regional organizations, and esteemed experts. It aims to be a catalytic event for garnering increased international support for solutions aimed at alleviating the impacts of climate change on water resources. While the primary focus will be on the African context, the event will also provide a broader platform to spotlight global water resource issues and advocate for unified, concerted global action.

**Keywords to describe the content of the session**

#Africa  
#Water\_resources  
#Climate\_Finance  
#Adaptation  
#Advocacy



**Detailed Session plan :** \*F/M indicates Female or Male

ESTIMATED TIMING	ITEM DESCRIPTION / ROLE	SPEAKERS	SPEAKERS STATUS (OK OR TBC)
10mn	Keynote Speaker	Dr. Florence Grace Adongo, Executive Director of Nile Basin Initiative	TBC
8mn	Panelist	Miko Ollikainen, Head of Adaptation Fund	TBC
8mn	Panelist	Alex Simalabwi, Executive Secretary of the Global Water Partnership (GWP) Southern Africa and Head of GWP Africa Coordination Unit	TBC
8mn	Panelist	Al-Hamndou Dorsouma, Director and Manager for Climate and Green Growth Division within the African Development Bank	TBC
8mn	Panelist	Representative - Indonesia AFD country Office	TBC
8mn	Panelist	Khaoula Jaoui, Climate Department Director - OSS	OK
8mn	Panelist	Callist Indomalaya, Water Commissioner, Ministry of Water and Environment	TBC
8mn	Panelist	Sidi Mohamed El Wavi, Advisor to the Minister, Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development	TBC
24 mn	ALL	Discussion	

**Additional information:**

This side event aligns perfectly with the theme of "Water for Shared Prosperity" by addressing critical global water issues and advocating for collective well-being. It highlights the OSS's 30 years extensive experience in sustainable water resource management, especially regarding transboundary aquifers. With accreditation to major climate funds (GCF&AF), it serves as a vital conduit for financial resources for adaptation projects, crucial in the face of pressing water challenges. By sharing its expertise, the event promotes more effective resource mobilization through holistic approaches, integrating scientific, technical, and financial aspects to ensure sustainable water management and shared prosperity.

**Session length:** 90 minutes  
**Expected number of participants:** 10 - 50 pax  
**Preferred room configuration:** Theatre  
**Interpretation:** French - English