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Concept Note For Side Event At the UNFCCC COP 27 on:

**Benefits of building climate resilience in the Plan for Infrastructure
Development for Africa**

Date: 07-18 November 2022 Time : XXXXX-XXXXXX , Room: xx pavilion

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Abstract

This document describes the background, objective and outcomes of a Side event on “Benefits of building climate resilience in the Plan for Infrastructure Development for Africa”



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1. Background

Africa is among the most vulnerable continent to climate change. Impacts in terms of losses and damages to infrastructure due to climate change is high. But with the emergence of global COVID 19 pandemic the focus has been on crisis management leaving investment in infrastructure development underfunded.

The significant losses and damages to African infrastructure exposed to disasters are reported and a pivotal policy recommendation is to build resilient future infrastructure for development. Climate resilient Plan for Infrastructure Development for Africa (PIDA) is also essential for accelerating implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area but projected hazards and impacts are required for better planning, design, building, operation and maintenance for this infrastructure.

Weak climate services information systems for design and building resilient infrastructure are the main cause of significant infrastructure operations disruptions, losses and damages. Strengthening Africa climate services information systems is essential for building effective resilience and saving resources to be invested in COVID 19 and other threats.

The side event will raise awareness of negotiators and the public on prioritizing and financing resilience building for sustainable infrastructure. Emphasis on resilient infrastructure facilitating continental integration and implementation of the continental free trade area will be discussed.

2. Goal and objectives

The goal of the side event is to bring together international expertise to raise awareness of policy makers and the public on the significant benefits of building resilient infrastructure for adaptation to climate change.

The objectives are to;

- share information on the Plan of infrastructure Development in Africa with emphasis on major continental infrastructure accelerating integration and implementation of the African Continental free Trade Area;
- Discuss past and present-day disruptions of operation, losses and damages on infrastructure due to climate disasters;
- promote prioritization of building resilience in the Plan for Infrastructure Development by climate funds.

3. Methodology

Through presentations, this side event will highlight the key infrastructure for integration in PIDA by AUC and UNECA. Climate and impacts on infrastructure building, maintenance and operation during the recent past years will be presented. Following discussions during the dialogue session, key messages on the main infrastructure for integration and related resilience building programme elements will be highlighted. Feedback from the audience on key messages will be collected to further improve the side event outcomes



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4. Outcomes

Key expected outcomes during the Side event include:

- Legal, institutional, technical and operational systems presented for MHEWS;
- Lessons learnt on advisory and early warning demonstration at continental regional and national levels

5. Outputs

Essential information and documents to be generated and disseminated before, during and after UNFCCC COP 27 will be the following:

- ✓ Concept notes for the side event;
- ✓ Announcements, invitations and call for participation to the event;
- ✓ Reports on the side event;
- ✓ Briefs, and press releases highlighting key messages on building resilient infrastructure for continental integration;
- ✓ Emails, Facebook entries and Twitter messages on the event;
- ✓ Website publications;
- ✓ Interviews for media;
- ✓ Final Global COP 27 mission report.

6. Organization

ACMAD, AUC, UNDRR, partners are organizers of the **side event**. Other RECs and African member states negotiators at COP 27 are expected participants.

7. Program

5 min.	Introduction	Moderator
	AUC and UNDRR	ACMAD
	Presentations	
40 min.	<p><i>Introduction to PIDA and related climate impacts</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Major infrastructure for continental integration;</i> - <i>Progress on PIDA implementation in Africa;</i> - <i>Climate disasters impacts on infrastructure</i> 	AUC



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30 min.	Panel Discussion on: Benefits of building climate resilience for sustainable infrastructure supporting effective implementation of the African Continental free Trade Area	ACMAD
	Tentative Panelists: - AUC/DREA - UNECA - AfDB - WMO - UNDRR - UNDP - Copernicus Climate Change and emergency Services - EU programme for critical infrastructure protection	ACMAD/IGAD
15 min.	Exchange with audience	ACMAD

8. References

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