



## **SIDE EVENT ON**

### **Climate Change, Resource Scarcity and Conflict**

**Venue: Conference Room C, UN Headquarters, New York**

**Time: 13h15-14:30**

**Date: 23rd September, 2016**

#### **1.0 Introduction/rationale**

In response to the COP21 Paris Agreement on Climate change and on the other hand reflecting on climate change related aspects in Agenda 2063 including climate smart agriculture, sustainable and water management and ecosystems resilience, the NEPAD Agency have dedicated increasing effort to ensure the NEPAD Agriculture Climate Change and the Climate Change Fund Programmes are adapted to stimulate implementation – at community, national and regional levels. In Africa, as many other parts of the world, the effects of climate change will also bring pressure on social and civil stability, e.g. conflicts that may arise as communities are compelled to share the seemingly diminishing water and land resource. In this sense, implications of climate change will directly impact on peace and security issues, within communities as well as across boundaries.

The NEPAD Agriculture Climate Change and the Climate Change Fund Programmes is emerging as one of the continental strategic frameworks within which to mobilise and access knowledge, financing and partnerships support for implementation of the INDCs and NAIPs as well as broader national and regional development policies aimed at advancing shared vision and aspirations on sustainable and resilient economic growth.

In the last quarter of 2016, the NEPAD Agency intends to extensively expose the NEPAD climate change frameworks and programmes to various constituencies – implementing and financing partners as well as various stakeholder and interest groups. Various national, regional and global platforms will be used for this purpose – including the COP22 in November; Global Climate Week, <http://www.climateweeknyc.org/> in the margins of the 71st UNGA and the NEPAD Africa CSA Alliance Platform set for October 2016.

Therefore, the NEPAD Climate Change Side Event, in the margins of the UNGA, as part of the Global Climate Week will expose the NEPAD framework and programmes as key continental initiative to rally coherent implementation support for Climate Action. The Side Event will also bring into an agriculture, climate change discussion reflections on peace and security – linking to the body of knowledge and expertise mobilised by virtue of the UNGA central theme

#### **2.0 Side Event theme and subthemes**

The Theme of the side event is Climate Change, Resource Scarcity and Conflict with emphasis on:

- a) Climate Action in fostering resilience, peace and security and increased economic opportunities in rural communities
- b) NEPADs Response- Presenting CC Programme and CC Fund

## **Side Event Purpose and Objectives**

The core purpose of the side event is to expose practical opportunities in the NEPAD Agriculture Climate Change and the Climate Change Fund Programmes and initiatives to organise and provide coherent implementation support to national and regional level efforts to scale-up CSA and Climate change mitigation-adaptation measures.

The Side Event discussions will expose and broker potential (possible) financing and technical partnerships on CSA, Climate change and land restoration initiatives in Africa.

The Side Event will in this context contribute to the NEPAD Agency roadshow to identify and firm-up financing and technical partnerships including demonstrating the NEPAD Agency's capability in its bid to get accreditation to the Green Climate Fund

The Side Event is organised with two main aspects in mind, namely:

- (a) To stimulate policy-operational-science dialogue to stimulate accelerated implementation on Climate Action in Africa
- (b) Showcase and open up partnership opportunities for the NEPAD Climate Change Programmes.

## **Side Event methodology and Outline**

The Side Event will take the form of high profile panel sessions and highly interactive moderated plenary discussions.

## **Programme**

Time	AGENDA ITEM
13.15pm	<b>Introduction and Purpose of the Event</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Welcome Statement- Dr Ibrahim Mayaki, CEO, NEPAD Agency</li></ul>
13.20am	<b>Lead presentation:</b> NEPAD's climate actions in fostering resilience, peace and security and increased economic opportunities- <b>Mrs. Estherine Fotabong</b>
13.35pm	<b>High-level Panel Session:</b> Africa's response to enhance climate resilience and enhance economic opportunities especially for women farmers and youth <b>Panellists</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>H.E Tone Skogen</b>, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Norway</li><li>▪ <b>Dr. Erik Solheim</b>- Executive Secretary, United Nations Environment Programme</li><li>▪ <b>H.E Zenebu Tadesse</b>- Minister for Women, Children and Youth Affairs, Ethiopia</li><li>▪ <b>Ms. Yasmine Fouad</b>- Assistant Minister, Ministry of Environment, Arab Republic of Egypt</li><li>▪ <b>Ms. Wanjira Mathai</b>, Director, Wangari Maathai Institute for Peace &amp; Environmental Studies</li></ul>
14:25	<b>Synthesis</b> - Dr Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, CEO, NEPAD Agency
14:30	<b>Closing</b>

The Event is opened to all. For more information, please contact Kwame Ababio [[kwamea@nepad.org](mailto:kwamea@nepad.org)] with copy to Tendai Sithole at [[tendait@nepad.org](mailto:tendait@nepad.org)]