

**Joining Forces for Climate Action –
African and European Civil Society Perspectives**
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***Unir les forces pour l'action climatique –
perspectives des sociétés civiles africaine et
européenne***
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Workshop 1 (in English & French)

Shaping Energy Cooperation in Africa to leapfrog towards 100% Renewable Energies



African countries have a considerable and largely untapped potential for renewable energies (REs). This gives them the opportunity to leapfrog to smart, participatory, distributed energy systems of the future without locking themselves into stranded fossil fuel assets and overly centralised energy systems. Thus, African countries can show the way to the future through bold plans and on-the-ground implementation. Many African countries have already begun to shape Africa's role as a

global leader for sustainable energy systems of the future. To harness the immense potential for RE on the African continent, a large number of programmes and initiatives have been put in place. However, these initiatives often lack coordination and exclude important stakeholders. Robust and just energy system leapfrogging entails proactive engagement of civil society organisations (CSOs), which will inevitably influence social change towards a globally and regionally just transition at every level of society, starting with the consumer. Civil society must play an essential role in energy cooperation on the African continent. The workshop focuses on the diverse roles of civil society in Africa's energy cooperation and initiatives to accelerate access to renewable energy, pursuing three main goals:

- Connect and empower African and European civil society to jointly shape energy cooperation in Africa and push for ambitious, equitable, and participatory implementation of the Africa-EU Strategy;
- develop recommendations and political demands for high-level policy debates based on local, on-the-ground experiences; and
- identify tasks of African and European civil society to help accelerate RE access.

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Kerstin Opfer, Germanwatch (Germany)

Speakers:

- ❖ **Mr Mohamed Adow**, Powershift Africa (Kenya)
- ❖ **Ms Safiatou Nana**, Centre d'Etudes d'Expérimentation Economiques et Sociales de l'Afrique de l'Ouest - CESA0-AI (Burkina Faso)



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Atelier 1 (en anglais et français)

Façonner la coopération énergétique en Afrique pour passer à 100% d'énergies renouvelables



Les pays africains ont un potentiel considérable et largement inexploité en matière d'énergies renouvelables (ER). C'est pour eux l'opportunité de passer aux systèmes énergétiques intelligents, participatifs et distribués du futur sans s'enfermer dans le puits des ressources isolées de combustibles fossiles et des systèmes énergétiques trop centralisés. Ainsi, les pays africains peuvent ouvrir la voie de l'avenir grâce à des plans audacieux et une mise en œuvre sur le terrain. De

nombreux pays africains ont d'ores et déjà commencé à façonner le rôle de l'Afrique en tant que leader mondial des systèmes énergétiques durables du futur. Pour exploiter l'immense potentiel des ER sur le continent africain, une multitude de programmes et d'initiatives ont été mis en place. Néanmoins, ces initiatives manquent souvent de coordination et excluent des acteurs importants. Passer à un système énergétique robuste et juste implique un engagement proactif des organisations de la société civile, ce qui influencera inévitablement le changement social vers une transition juste à l'échelle mondiale et régionale à tous les niveaux de la société, à commencer par le consommateur. La société civile doit jouer un rôle essentiel dans la coopération énergétique sur le continent africain. L'atelier se concentre sur les divers rôles de la société civile dans la coopération énergétique africaine et les initiatives visant à accélérer l'accès aux énergies renouvelables, et poursuit trois objectifs principaux :

- Mettre en relation les sociétés civiles africaine et européenne et leur donner les moyens de façonner ensemble la coopération énergétique en Afrique et d'agir pour une mise en œuvre ambitieuse, équitable et participative de la stratégie Afrique-UE ;
- Élaborer des recommandations et des demandes politiques afin d'avoir les débats politiques de haut niveau basés sur des expériences locales et de terrain ; et
- Identifier les tâches de la société civile africaine et européenne afin de contribuer à accélérer l'accès aux énergies renouvelables.

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Workshop 2 (in English only)

The Hydrogen Hype: Neo-Colonialism or Development Opportunities?

The hype around hydrogen will affect countries in the Global South as the German and the European hydrogen strategies rely heavily on imports and aim to build hydrogen partnerships with them. In this workshop, we will discuss associated opportunities and risks for people in the Global South, sustainability criteria for hydrogen production as well as political entry points for civil society in Germany.



Chair/Reporting: Simon Müller, Klima-Allianz Deutschland (Climate Alliance Germany)

Speakers:

- ❖ **Dr. Christiane Averbeck**, Klima-Allianz Deutschland (Climate Alliance Germany)
- ❖ **Andrea Wiesholzer**, Germanwatch (Germany)
- ❖ **Julius Mbatia**, Power Shift Africa (Kenya)



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Workshop 3 (in English only)

More Money Well Spent: Climate Finance Priorities from an African and European Civil Society Perspective



The session on climate finance will highlight key priorities on climate finance in the EU and Germany both from an African as well as European civil society perspective, aiming to increase participant's insights and understanding of pertinent issues in relation to the scale, quality and accounting of climate finance in support of African climate efforts, as well as strengthening key advocacy messages.

Chair/Reporting: Sven Harmeling, CARE/VENRO (Germany)

Speakers:

- ❖ **Salina Sanou**, Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance – PACJA (Kenya)
- ❖ **Titi Akosa**, Center for 21st Century (Nigeria)
- ❖ **Jan Kowalzig**, Oxfam (Germany)
- ❖ **Rachel Simon**, Climate Action Network Europe (Belgium)
- ❖ **Simon Stumpf**, German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
- ❖ **Alpha Kaloga**, Member of the UNFCCC Executive Committee on Loss and Damage (Guinea)



Workshop 4 (in English only)

Climate-Induced Migration – Closing the Risk Gap

Some progress on the international level has been achieved to address the protection gap for people affected by climate-induced migration and displacement but no mechanism is able to close it completely. In this workshop we want to discuss existing frameworks, policies and political platforms providing promising approaches that could contribute to closing this protection gap.



We will first look at the current situation in the Global South, and especially on the African and Asian continent. This will form the basis to discuss recommendations on how to deal with climate-induced migration and how to best implement and develop existing protection mechanisms further, e.g. the Global Compacts for Migration and on Refugees, the Platform on Disaster Displacement, the Paris Agreement and the Task Force on Displacement under the Warsaw Mechanism.

Chair: Sabine Minninger, Brot für die Welt/VENRO (Germany)

Reporting: Vera Künzel, Germanwatch (Germany)

Speakers:

- ❖ **Ernesta Swanepoel**, Independent Lawyer (South Africa)
- ❖ **Md Shamsuddoha**, Center for Participatory Research and Development – CPRDBD (Bangladesh)
- ❖ **Harjeet Singh**, ActionAid (India)
- ❖ **Christian Wolff**, ACT Alliance (Switzerland)



Workshop 5 (in English & French)

Youth Activism for Climate Justice



Young people need to be included in political decisions! Young people around the world are taking over the streets to claim their desire for a better world. However, youth activism faces a lot of challenges. This workshop aims to discuss youth participation in the fight for climate justice. We will give an example of how youth participation in international politics can look like by presenting our Senegalese-German-Beninese project “Youth perspective on climate justice in the EU-Africa

relations”. This will be the starting point for a wider discussion on what needs to be done in order to involve young people in international policy-making processes.

Chair: Sina Franz, Federal Manager, Naturfreundejugend Deutschlands (Germany)

Reporting: Nikolas Schall, Naturfreundejugend Deutschlands (Germany)

Speakers:

- ❖ **Aissatou Ndiaye**, Environmental and Feminist Activist, Founding Member of Association Sénégalaise des Amis de la Nature (ASAN) at the Gaston Berger University (Senegal)
- ❖ **Mamadou Sylla**, Environmental Activist, Founding Member of ASAN at the Gaston Berger University (Senegal)



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Atelier 5 (en anglais et français)

Activisme des jeunes pour la justice climatique



Les jeunes doivent être associés aux décisions politiques ! A travers le monde, les jeunes descendent dans les rues pour faire entendre leurs revendications pour un monde meilleur. L'activisme des jeunes fait cependant face à de nombreux défis. Cet atelier nous invite à débattre sur la participation de la jeunesse dans la lutte en faveur de la justice climatique. Pour illustrer l'importance de la participation des jeunes dans les décisions internationales, nous allons présenter notre

projet entre l'Allemagne, le Bénin et le Sénégal "Perspective de la jeunesse sur la justice climatique dans les relations UE-Afrique". Cela nous servira de point de départ pour une discussion plus approfondie sur ce qui doit être fait pour impliquer les jeunes dans les processus décisionnels au niveau international.

Présidente: Sina Franz, directrice fédérale, Naturfreundejugend Deutschlands (Allemagne)

Rapporteur: Nikolas Schall, Naturfreundejugend Deutschlands (Allemagne)

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- ❖ **Mamadou Sylla**, activiste environnemental, membre fondateur de l'ASAN à l'Université Gaston Berger (Sénégal)



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