



## LAND-FOOD-CLIMATE: AN AFRICAN- EUROPEAN DIALOGUE ON CLIMATE RESILIENCE

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### TACKLING THE CLIMATE IMPLEMENTATION GAP: *ARE RIGHTS THE "MISSING MIDDLE"?*

19 OCTOBER 2021, 14:00 – 16:30 CENTRAL EUROPEAN TIME (UTC+2)  
VENUE: ONLINE

**SYNOPSIS:** Smallholder farmers, pastoralists, the urban poor, and other vulnerable groups in Africa, are already paying a disproportionate share of the cost for accelerated climate change. Addressing their needs while protecting Africa's rich biodiversity is too daunting a challenge for individual projects, programmes, or even governments. Against the backdrop of a global pandemic that has further deepened inequalities, "and risks sending over 70 million people into extreme poverty," international partnerships have an important role to play.

Building on [preceding discussions](#) that highlighted the importance of the progressive realisation of the right to food to achieve climate resilience, this event will bring together speakers from the human rights, climate, research, and development cooperation sectors to further explore how international partnerships can help galvanise more inclusive climate governance at the national and sub-national levels in Africa.

# PROGRAMME

## Opening Segment

14:00 – 14:15

Introductory remarks by co-hosts

- Wangu Mwangi and Jes Weigelt (TMG)
- Gerrit Hansen, Program Director Climate Change, Global Issues, Robert Bosch Stiftung

## Interactive Panel 1: Understanding Ways to Bridge the “Missing Middle”

- 14:20** **Characterising the missing middle: Insights from research into sustainable food systems**  
Cheikh Mbow, Director, Future Africa, University of Pretoria
- 14:25** **A youth and intergenerational rights perspective**  
Sanelisiwe (Mimi) Nyaba, Writer and Food Activist, Food Agency Cape Town
- 14:30** **Insights from women’s and indigenous community advocacy networks**  
Faith Alubbe, Chief Executive Officer, Kenya Land Alliance
- 14:35** **A historical reflection on the role of development cooperation in bridging the missing middle in Burkina Faso**  
Harouna Bary, Groupe de Recherche et d’Action sur le Foncier (GRAF)  
Burkina Faso
- 14:40** **Lessons from the International Climate Initiative programme**  
Corinna Enders, Managing Director, Zukunft – Umwelt - Gesellschaft
- 14:45** **Moderated Discussion**
- 15:00** **Embedding the discussions in the global governance context (leading the way to the next panel)**  
Alexander Müller, Managing Director, TMG Research

## Interactive Panel 2: Realising Rights-based Approaches through African – European Partnerships

- 15:10** **How can international partnerships strengthen inclusive governance across the land-food-climate spectrum: Insights from the UNFCCC**  
Youba Sokona, Special Advisor for Sustainable Development, South Centre
- 15:15** **What needs to happen to bridge the missing middle in climate adaptation and resilience programmes? Insights from practice**  
Susan Chomba, Director, Vital Landscapes for Africa, World Resources Institute
- 15:20** **Are EU policies towards Africa up to the job to support closing the missing middle?**  
Céline Charveriat, Executive Director, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)
- 15:25** **Strategic funding considerations for Germany’s international climate partnerships**  
Norbert Gorissen, Deputy Director-General, German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, and Nuclear Safety (BMU) (TBC)
- 15:30** **Moderated Discussion**
- 16:00** **Concluding roundtable**
- Kumi Naidoo, Founding Chair at Africans Rising for Justice, Peace and Dignity (TBC)
  - Corinna Enders, Managing Director, Zukunft – Umwelt - Gesellschaft
  - Norbert Gorissen, Deputy Director-General, German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, and Nuclear Safety (BMU) (TBC)
- 16:30** **Closing remarks by Gerrit Hansen**