



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** **Lessons from the International Climate Initiative programme**
Corinna Enders, Managing Director, Zukunft – Umwelt - Gesellschaft
- 14:40** **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** **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
- 15:25** **Are EU policies towards Africa up to the job to support closing the missing middle?**
Antoine Oger, Head of Global Challenges and SDGs programme, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)
- 15:30** **Moderated Discussion**
- 16:00** **Concluding roundtable**
- Kumi Naidoo, Founding Chair at Africans Rising for Justice, Peace and Dignity
 - Corinna Enders, Managing Director, Zukunft – Umwelt - Gesellschaft
 - Wangu Mwangi and Jes Weigelt (TMG)
- 16:30** **Closing remarks by Gerrit Hansen**