

# INCLUDE Knowledge Platform Side Events at COP 30



**PANEL  
DISCUSSION**

Resilience is Not  
Enough



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Importing Justice



**FIRESIDE  
CHAT**

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# Side Event 1: Resilience is Not Enough



This session will move the conversation from helping people survive climate shocks toward building institutions, markets and governance systems that prevent those shocks from destroying lives in the first place. We will examine how parliaments, regulators, ministries, and private actors can shift from coping policies to transformative structural reforms in LMIC contexts. INCLUDE will convene this as the opening of a long-term agenda where we can work with national and regional institutions to co-design practical systemic reforms in climate finance, infrastructure regulation and social protection. This dialogue is intended to seed a coalition that will continue after COP30 into 2026 partnerships with joint fundraising, joint experimentation and joint accountability to turn resilience into justice - not a permanent emergency.



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4:45 pm - 6:15 pm



Side Event, Room 8

# Hon. Ag Abdullah Attay



Member of Parliament, Republic of Mali



Speaker



Hon Ag Abdullah Attay is a Member of Parliament in the Republic of Mali. He serves in the National Assembly and contributes to national legislative functions. He participates in policy discussions affecting development and governance in Mali and has engaged in regional conversations concerning climate and development.

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# Dr. Idy Niang

 Ministry of Environment Sustainable Development and Ecological Transition, Senegal

 Speaker



Dr Idy Niang is a senior official at the Ministry of Environment Sustainable Development and Ecological Transition in Senegal. His work focuses on climate policy design implementation and the integration of ecological transition into national development strategies. He contributes to shaping evidence informed climate pathways that strengthen resilience protect biodiversity and unlock sustainable economic opportunities. He is engaged in regional platforms that advance African leadership in climate diplomacy and climate finance.

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# Mr. Bob Natifu

 Acting Commissioner, Climate Change Department  
Ministry of Water and Environment Uganda

 Speaker



Mr Bob Natifu is the Acting Commissioner for the Climate Change Department in the Ministry of Water and Environment in Uganda. He provides strategic leadership on national climate policy implementation, climate finance access and the alignment of national development with the Paris Agreement. His work strengthens national systems institutional capacity and regional cooperation so that climate action delivers real development value and resilience for Ugandan communities and for the broader East African region.

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# Dr Osei Kyeretwie Akwasi

 Head of Programmes, AU ECOSOCC Secretariat

 Speaker



Dr. Kyeretwie Osei leads with vision at the African Union's ECOSOCC Secretariat, empowering the Working Group on Climate Change. His dedication to aligning interventions with Agenda 2063 and the African Climate Change Strategy inspires impactful partnerships and strategic initiatives. Through his commitment, Dr. Osei champions a sustainable future, demonstrating that dedicated leadership can drive transformative change in the fight against climate change.

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# Dr. Nana Antwi Boasiako Amoah

 Acting Director, Climate Vulnerability and Adaptation, National Adaptation Plan Project Coordinator  
Environmental Protection Authority, Ghana



 Speaker



Dr. Antwi-Boasiako Amoah is a dedicated climate advocate and Director of Climate Vulnerability and Adaptation at Ghana's Environmental Protection Agency. As a key member of Ghana's NDC implementation team, he drives critical initiatives like the National Adaptation Plan and contributes to national climate communications. With extensive experience in UNFCCC negotiations, Dr. Amoah also shares his expertise as a part-time lecturer at the Centre for Climate Change and Sustainability Studies at the University of Ghana, inspiring the next generation of environmental leaders.

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# Daniel Morrell



 Chief Executive Officer, Balance Eco

 Speaker



Dan is a pioneering environmentalist credited with co-coining the term “carbon-neutral” (Oxford English Dictionary’s Word of the Year). He has advised the UN, 10 Downing Street, and AOSIS, and recently published a peer-reviewed methodology linking biodiversity, community equity, and climate resilience.

At Balance, he leads the development of Balance Units, sovereign natural assets designed to embed long-term biodiversity, social equity, and climate outcomes into national frameworks, supporting NDC delivery and Article 6 cooperation without relying on traditional offset models.

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# Victoria Manya

 Knowledge Manager, INCLUDE Knowledge Platform

 Moderator



Victoria Manya is the Knowledge Manager at the INCLUDE Knowledge Platform hosted by Leiden University. She has led evidence generation and public policy dialogues on green jobs and renewable energy including work to develop a national solar curriculum in Nigeria. She coined the hypothesis that the just transition is becoming the handmaiden of fossil by reproducing the same structures and injustices it claims to transform. Her work focuses on centering African agency within global climate policy.

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# Side Event 2:

## Exporting Talent, Importing Justice: Digital Labour as Africa's Green Transition



Africa's digital labour market is no longer theoretical. From Lagos to Nairobi to Accra to Cape Town, young Africans are already providing digital services for global markets - designing solar systems, processing climate data, building green fintech tools, and supporting renewable energy platforms. This session studies digital labour not as a niche opportunity but as part of the economic architecture for a green and just transition. We will explore how exporting talent can also import justice dignity and fair value



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# Mr Davidson Oтуру



Co-managing Partner, Nubia Capital LLC



Speaker



Mr. Davidson is an accomplished corporate lawyer and investor with nearly 20 years of experience advising businesses and startups on mergers & acquisitions and regulatory compliance. He has led AELEX's Startups, Innovation and Technology Practice and contributed to the Nigeria Startup Act as a member of the Presidential Advisory Council. Additionally, he helped develop a fintech framework for the Nigerian capital market with the SEC. As a mentor, he empowers entrepreneurs on compliance, intellectual property, and startup challenges.

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# Mr. Ehud Gachugu

 Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Global Director Youth and Jobs and Ajira Digital Kenya Private Sector Alliance, Kenya

 Speaker



Dr. Ehud Gachugu is the Deputy CEO of KEPSA and Global Director of Youth and Jobs at the Ajira Digital Project. With a PhD in Business Administration from the University of Nairobi, he is a passionate advocate for youth empowerment and digital skills development. His leadership focuses on enhancing youth employment through innovation, entrepreneurship, and the digital economy.

Dr. Gachugu inspires young people to leverage technology for transformative opportunities and economic growth across Kenya and beyond.

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# Mr. Gerald Kato



Head of Programme and Business  
Development Coordinator, Self Help Africa



Speaker



Gerald is a dedicated Development Practitioner with 16 years of experience in social development and advocacy. As Head of Programme and Business Development Coordinator at Self Help Africa, he champions community-led initiatives to combat poverty and inequality. With a Master's in Local Governance and Human Rights, he has designed impactful programs across Africa, collaborating with renowned organizations like World Vision and The Hunger Project. Gerald's commitment to improving rural livelihoods inspires hope and change in vulnerable communities.

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# Mr Alexander Chinedu Obiechina



CEO, ACOB Lighting Technology Limited



Speaker



Alexander is the CEO of ACOB Lighting Technology Limited, a leading Nigerian renewable energy company providing PayGo solar systems, microgrids, and energy-efficient street lighting across Nigeria and West Africa. Under his leadership, ACOB has deployed over 25 microgrids, delivering power to 15,000+ households and businesses. A Political Science graduate of the University of Abuja and MBA holder from Cardiff Metropolitan University, Alexander is a Mandela Washington Fellow passionate about bridging Africa's energy gap through innovative, sustainable, and inclusive energy solutions.

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# Hon. Joseph Appiah Boateng



Chairman, Parliamentary Committee on Employment, Ghana



Speaker



Hon Joseph Appiah Boateng is the Member of Parliament for Afram Plains South in Ghana under the National Democratic Congress. He chairs the Committee on Employment Labour Relations and Pensions and also serves on the Committees on Local Government and Rural Development and on Assurance. He holds an MBA from Accra Business School and has served in the sixth and eighth Parliament. His policy focus includes decent work systems labour market reforms and rural development.

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# Nadia Owusu



INCLUE Platform Member



Moderator



Nadia Owusu is a sustainability and youth development specialist with over seven years' experience collaborating with UN agencies and international partners to make development processes more inclusive of young people and marginalized communities. Her expertise spans sustainability, circular economy, and climate action, with a focus on linking grassroots youth to entrepreneurial and employment opportunities. As a Youth Advisor to the International Trade Centre, she co-creates programmes on trade and entrepreneurship while partnering across sectors to promote green, inclusive, and youth-led business solutions for a sustainable and equitable future. She is passionate about advancing sustainable and inclusive economic transformation in Africa.

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# Side Event 3: The Just Transition is Local or it Fails



Global frameworks can guide but they cannot replace community reality. This high level fireside conversation examines the just transition. The session asks a simple question: Can we call a transition “just” if the people living that transition have no influence over its design? This dialogue places local governance community evidence and African lived experience at the centre of climate policy. The purpose is to clarify what real leadership looks like when action is grounded in local legitimacy not external validation.



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# Amb William Carew

 Head of Secretariat, ECOSOCC

 Speaker



With over 20 years of experience in international development across Africa and Asia, Amb. Carew has excelled in leadership roles at NGOs and the African Union. His expertise in project management and capacity building has driven impactful programs in diverse cultural contexts. Passionate about fostering change, he blends strategic insight with a commitment to empowering communities for sustainable development. William Carew is a dedicated PhD candidate at the University of Stellenbosch, focusing on Development Planning and Public Administration.

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# Amb. Kocou Laurent Rodrigue Tossou



President of the ECOWAS Regional Electricity Regulatory Authority



Speaker



An Engineer by profession, Amb. Kocou Laurent Rodrigue TOSSOU was Managing Director of the Beninese Electric Power Company (SBEE) from 2016 to 2019. He actively participated in the process of setting up the West African Power Pool (WAPP) as a member of the Board of Directors. In June 2018, he organized the launching of phase 1 of the ECOWAS regional electricity market. in Cotonou, Benin. A Graduate in Energy Market Management at Centrale Supélec in France, he was a member of the National Regulatory Council of the Electricity Regulatory Authority of Benin, just before his appointment to ERERA,

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# Dr. Anika Altaf



Executive Director, INCLUDE  
Knowledge Platform



Moderator



Dr Anika Altaf is the Executive Director of the INCLUDE Knowledge Platform based in the Netherlands. She has more than a decade of experience in international development with a strong focus on Africa and South Asia. Her expertise is inclusive development and human wellbeing for the most marginalised. She has led research and knowledge brokerage to connect evidence to policy and practice and to shape better public policy outcomes for people.

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# Side Event 4: Legislate or Stagnate: Africa's Green Deal Must Be Made in Africa

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On 14 November at the INCLUDE Pavilion we convene a critical conversation titled Legislate or Stagnate Africa's Green Deal Must Be Made in Africa. Every energy transition needs law. Every climate ambition becomes real only when it is written enacted funded and enforced. This session will bring together African lawmakers and continental leaders to examine how legislation can unlock resources investments and accountability. The core message is clear. Africa must write its own climate future in its own language through its own institutions.



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# Hon. Gani Kofi

 First Parliamentary Secretary, Togo

 Speaker



Hon Gani Kofi is the First Parliamentary Secretary of Togo. He plays a central role in legislative coordination policy oversight and advancing reform priorities within the Togolese Parliament. He is engaged in regional conversations aimed at strengthening governance economic cooperation and inclusive development across West Africa. He also contributes to work on institutional strengthening and public accountability to build public policy that delivers better outcomes for people.

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# Hon. Edite Ten Jua



 Amujae leader, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf Presidential Center for Women and Development/ Representative of the African Union High Representative on Silencing the Guns in Africa

 Speaker



Hon. Edite Ten Jua is a senior jurist diplomat and board advisor from Sao Tome and Principe. She is the former Minister of Foreign Affairs and former Minister of Justice Public Administration and Parliamentary Affairs. She also served as Vice President of the Constitutional Court. She is National Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the MLSTP party and an Amujae Leader under the Ellen Johnson Sirleaf Presidential Center supporting women in public leadership across Africa.

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# Hon. Victor Ogene

 Committee Chairman, House  
Committee on Renewable Energy, Nigeria

 Speaker



Hon Victor Ogene is the Chairperson of the House Committee on Renewable Energy in the Nigerian House of Assembly. He provides parliamentary leadership on clean energy transitions and the regulatory environment needed to scale renewable energy markets in Nigeria. His legislative focus includes investment, enabling policies, energy access jobs and regional cooperation. He is a prominent advocate for a future where Nigeria builds prosperity through clean affordable and reliable energy systems.

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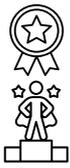


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# Sheila Oparaocha



Executive Director, Energia

Moderator



Dr. Sheila Oparaocha is a visionary leader in gender equality and sustainable energy, with over 21 years of experience. Holding a master's in Gender and Development Planning, she has directed the ENERGIA International Network since 1999, championing gender-transformative approaches in energy sectors across developing countries. As a recipient of the 2021 Carnot Prize and co-chair of the UN's Sustainable Development Goal 7 Technical Advisory Group, Sheila inspires change, empowers women entrepreneurs, and advocates for equitable energy access worldwide.

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