

# Programme Outline



**2ND & 3RD  
AUGUST, 2023**



**KEMPINSKI HOTEL  
GOLD COAST CITY**  
ACCRA - GHANA



**8:00AM**

## DAY ONE | Morning (AM)

08:00 Arrivals and Registration

### CONTEXT SETTING

09:00 Event Introduction - Jackie Ankrah

09:05 State of the Climate Crisis

- Professor Eric Yirenkyi Danquah - Founding Director West Africa Center for Crop Improvement
- Professor Kwadwo Owusu - Director – Head, Center for Climate Change and Sustainability, University of Ghana
- Nana Ama Yirrah - Executive Director, COLANDEF

Moderator: Dr. Emma Birikorang

09:35 Documentary

09:40 Intergenerational Equity: Young Voices for Climate Action

- Michael Tetteh Doku
- Prince Kwesi Bonney
- Grace Akua Gyan- Darkwa
- Afia Tiwaa Obeng
- Prof. Stephen Kwankye – RIPs, UG-Legon

## OPENING CEREMONY

10:05	Call to Order by <b>Jackie Ankrah</b>
10:08	National Anthem
10:12	Welcome/Opening Statement by <b>H.E. Samira Bawumia</b> - Second Lady of the Republic of Ghana
10:18	Statement by <b>Honourable Kwaku Afriyie</b> - Minister for Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation, Ghana
10:23	Statement by <b>H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma</b> - Minister, Ministry of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, Former Chairperson Africa Union (AU), The Republic of South Africa
10:28	Statement by <b>Honourable Samuel A. Jinapor, MP</b> - Minister for Lands and Natural Resources, Ghana
10:33	Goodwill Message by <b>Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala</b> - Director General, World Trade Organization
10:38	Address by Special Guest of Honour, <b>H. E Amina Mohammed</b> - Deputy Secretary General, United Nations
10:45	Poem Recital - <b>Nakeeyat Dramani</b> (Young Climate Advocate)
10:50	Keynote Address by <b>H.E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo</b> - President of the Republic of Ghana
11:00	Opening Ceremony Closing Remarks - <b>Jackie Ankrah</b>
11:05	Photographs
11:10	Press/Media Interviews
11:15	<b>Panel Discussion (Plenary)</b> <b>Activating Policy in the Climate Change Economy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Poem recital by <b>Rahima Okwan</b> - Nyinase Child Protection and Climate change Ambassadors</li><li>• Statement by <b>Honourable Ansu Sekou Konneh</b> - Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture, Liberia</li></ul>

**Panelists:**

- Angela Lusigi - UNDP Resident Representative, Ghana
- Angelina Mensah - UNFCCC Negotiator on Response Measures, Ghana
- Dominic Asante Opoku Manu - Policy Advisor, SDGs Advisory Unit, Office of the President

Moderator: **Dr. Wilfred Ochan** - UNFPA Country Coordinator

12:30

Lunch

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

13:30

**Breakout Session 1**  
**Breaking Barriers and Increasing Representation in Climate Action: Empowering Women and Children in Africa**

Opening Statement by **Jewelina Ackah** - Youth Climate Negotiator

**Panelists:**

- **Hon. Lariba Zuweira Abudu** - Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection, Ghana/ Chief Director
- **Dr. Antwi Bosiako** - Climate Adaptation Negotiator, Environmental Protection Agency
- **Ramesh Bhusal** - Chief, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Programme and Deputy Representative OIC, UNICEF in Ghana
- **Justice Baidoo** - Media and Communication Advocacy Network (MCAN)
- **Josephine Agbeko** - Climate Advisory, C40 Cities and Mayor of Accra

Moderator: **Joshua Amponsem** - Director, Youth Climate Justice Fund & Founder, GAYO

13:30

**Breakout Session 2**  
**Leveraging Indigenous Resources for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation**

**Panelists:**

- **Mercy Owusu Ansah** - Country Director, Tropenbos International Ghana
- **Achenyo Idachaba-Obaro** - Founder of Mitimeth, Nigeria
- **Dr. John Kusimi** - Country Focal Person, The Salata Institute, Harvard University
- **Chibeze Ezekiel** - SYND Ghana
- **Prof. Seidu Alhassan** - Vice Chancellor, University of Development Studies, Tamale

**Moderator: Saadia Bobtoya Owusu-Amofah** - Natural Resource and Environmental Governance Expert

**Breakout Session 3**  
**Technology and Innovation in Enhancing Livelihoods of Women and Children Within Climate Action**

**Panelists:**

- **Clement Kandodo** - Young Innovator, Ecogreen
- **Dr. Mary Mbura Njenga** - Research Scientist, World Agroforestry Research Center
- **Ruka Sanusi** - Executive Director, Ghana Climate Innovation Centre
- **Aku Xornam Kevi** - Purim African Youth Development Platform (PAYDP, Ghana)

**Moderator: Odelia Ntiamoah** - Oxford Africa Women Leadership Institute

15:00

Cocoa Break

15:20

Closing Plenary - Key Messages from the Day

16:00

Adjourn

17:00

Cocktail

## DAY TWO

Thursday, 3rd August, 2023

08:00	Arrival of Guests  Cocoa/Coffee/Networking
09:00	Welcome Note and Recap of Day One – Jackie Ankrah
09:30	Statement by H.E. Jewel Cianeh Taylor - The Vice-President, Republic of Liberia
09:35	Statement by Damilola Ogunbiyi - Chief Executive Officer of Sustainable Energy for All
09:40	Statement by Honourable Frema Osei Opare – Chief of Staff, Office of the President, Republic of Ghana

### HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUES

09:45	<p><b>Panel Discussion (Plenary)</b> <b>Green and Innovative Financing for Women’s Enterprises: The Real Game Changer</b></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Frank Adu - Former Managing Director of CalBank</li><li>• Mrs. Damtien L. Tchintchibidja – Vice President, ECOWAS Commission</li><li>• Seblewongel Negussie - Gender and Inclusion Specialist at the Green Climate Fund.</li><li>• Prof. Anthony Nyong – Director for Climate Change and Green Growth, African Development Bank</li><li>• Foster Aboagye Gyamfi – Principal Economics Officer, Economic Strategy and Research Division, Ministry of Finance, Ghana</li></ul> <p><b>Moderator: Ruka Sanusi – Executive Director, Ghana Climate Innovation Centre</b></p>
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10:55

**Panel Discussion (Plenary)  
Realizing Opportunities for Women as Change Agents in Africa's  
Climate Economy**

**Panelists:**

- **Fatima Denton** – Director, United Nations University Institute for Natural Resources in Africa
- **Portia Adu Mensah** - Climate Change Activist and Founder of Green Hunt
- **Hannatu Onugu** - Solar Sisters Nigeria
- **Loretta Alethea Pope** - Chairperson of the National Civil Society Council of Liberia

**Moderator: Barbara Tulu Clemens** - Country Director, World Food Programme

12:00

**Lunch Break**

13:30

**Breakout Session 1  
Incentivizing Clean Cooking for Health and Climate Action;  
What works?**

**Panelists:**

- **Wanjira Mathai** - Managing Director, Africa and Global Partnerships, WRI
- **Patience Alifo** - Co-founder of Econexus Ventures Limited and winner of the 2023 Clean Cooking Women Leaders Award - Youth Category
- **Dymphna Van Der Lans** - CEO Clean Cooking Alliance
- **Adwoa Etsiwaa Sey** - Chairperson, Clean Cooking Alliance Ghana
- **Sheila N. A. Ashong** - Ag. Director, Environmental Protection Agency

**Moderator: Nana Ama Yirrah** - Executive Director, COLANDEF

13:30

**Breakout Session 2  
Climate Change and Public Health: Navigating the Impact on Health**

**Panelists:**

- **Dr. Brama Kone** - World Health Organization, AFRO
- **Dr. Emmanuel Kyeremateng-Amoah** - Deputy Program Manager, Occupational and Environmental Health, Ghana Health Service
- **Prof. Benjamin Delali Dovie** - Research Fellow, Regional Institute for Population Studies, University of Ghana
- **Dr. Mrs. Wilhemina Quaye** - Science & Technology Policy Research Institute, Council for Scientific & Industrial Research, Accra
- **Dr. Ama Essel** - Health Expert & Member of the Africa Group of Negotiators

**Moderator: Dr. Linda Akua Darkwa** - Senior Research Fellow, Peace and Security Expert, Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy, University of Ghana, Legon

14:30

**Panel Discussion (Plenary)  
Building Synergies and Strategic Partnerships to Unlock Africa's Capacity to Address the Climate Crisis**

**Panelists:**

Video Presentation by **Professor Paolo Galizzi** - Clinical Professor of Law; Director, Sustainable Development Legal Initiative

- **Seblewongel Negussie** - Gender and Inclusion Specialist, Office of Sustainability and Inclusion, Green Climate Fund
- **Daniel Tutu Benefoh** - Ag. Director, Climate Change and Ghana Focal Person UNFCCC
- **Yaa Peprah Amekudzi** - Country Lead, Cocoa Life Mondelez International

**Moderator: Roselyn Fosuah Adjei** - Director Climate Change, Forestry Commission

15:30

Cultural Dance Performance

## CLOSING CEREMONY

15:40	Video Montage. The Roadmap to COP28, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
15:45	<b>Signing and Reading of Conference Communique</b> Ramatoulaye Diallo N'diaye - Founder and CEO of Great Green Wall of Africa (GGWoA) Foundation
16:00	<b>Statement on Communique</b> Irchad Razaaly - Ambassador of the European Union to Ghana
16:10	<b>Call to Action</b> Charles Abani - UN Resident Coordinator, Ghana
16:20	Closing Remarks - H. E. Samira Bawumia
16:30	Departure
19:00 - 21:00	AFRIWOCC CONCERT