



## Virtual event

# The road to COP28: Strengthening the role of farmers in climate change policy

**2-3 | NOVEMBER | 2023**  
**Time | 09H00 – 17H00 (EAT)**

## Background

The recent African Leaders Nairobi Declaration on Climate Change, adopted at the first Africa Climate Summit held on 4-6 September 2023 in Nairobi, Kenya, highlights 'that African countries face disproportionate burdens and risks arising from climate change-related unpredictable weather events and patterns, including prolonged droughts, devastating floods, out-of-season storms, and wildfires, which cause massive humanitarian crisis with detrimental impacts on economies, health, education, peace and security, among other risks.'

The annual UNFCCC Conference of Parties meeting (COP), this year COP28, being held in the United Arab Emirates from 30 November-12 December 2023, offers an opportunity for farmer organizations to strengthen their involvement in the international dialogue on climate change, through active participation. To effectively achieve this, EAFF and its National Farmer Organizations, need to deepen their understanding and knowledge of agriculture and food systems in the COP processes, as well as to get to grips with some of the key ongoing and emerging issues to be discussed. For Farmer Organizations, this includes, for example, a specific focus on climate adaptation and resilience building within sustainable production systems, as well as a good understanding of the science, its likely impacts on the agricultural sector, and what finance they can attract to curb the impacts of climate change.

Given the vital importance that agriculture and food systems play in mitigating and adapting to climate change, it is important that farmers and farming organisations continue to enhance their capacity, knowledge, and advocacy positions around climate policy processes. To spearhead these important conversations, the Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF) and the Accelerating the Impacts of CGIAR's Climate Research (AICCRA) invites you to a two-day, virtual workshop, to achieve the following:

- Reflect on COP27 and SB58 outcomes on agriculture, including unpacking the Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security as the successor of the Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture (KJWA).
- Update farmers on the negotiation process and to deepen their understanding on key emerging areas of interest, including the Rural Just Transition; Global Goal on Adaptation; Loss and Damage; Climate Finance, the Global Stocktake; Soil Health; Africa's Livestock Narrative; and Carbon Markets.
- Enhance farmer awareness of the Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC) scientific processes, including increasing farmer participation in the IPCC assessment cycle.
- Consolidate a common position ahead of COP28 and discuss the approach that farmers should take to advance their voices in the negotiations.



## Agenda - Day 1

### SESSION 1: Welcome, introductions and opening remarks

**09.00 am**



**Welcome and overview of meeting**  
**Stephen Muchiri**  
CEO of the Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF)

**09.10 am**




**Opening remarks**  
**Elizabeth Nsimadala**  
President of the EAFF



### SESSION 2: Setting the scene – climate change and the international negotiations MODERATOR: Romy Chevallier, AICCRA

**09.30 am**



**Overview of the climate policy landscape: Unpacking COP27, the SB58 and the road to COP28**  
**Dr. Aditi Mukherji, Director**  
Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Impact Action Platform of the CGIAR

**10.00 am**

**Q and A**

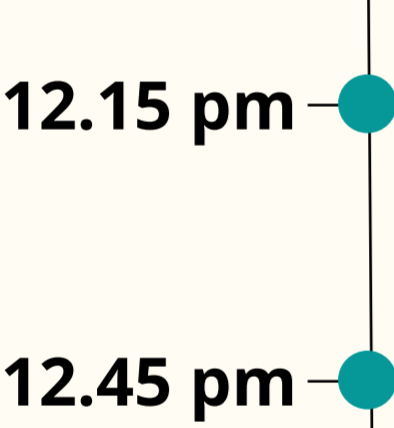
**10.15 am**



**Strategically positioning farmers and farmer organizations to take advantage of climate policy and finance opportunities: What farmers need to know ahead of COP28**  
**Fredrick Ochieng Ouma**  
Transparency Lead Negotiator, Africa Group of Negotiators and Kenya

### SESSION 3: Deepening farmer understanding on key ongoing and emerging issues

**12.15 pm**



**Private sector-farmer partnerships to promote regenerative agriculture: The case of Regen10**  
**Marc Gijsbers**  
Senior Associate on Agriculture and Food, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)

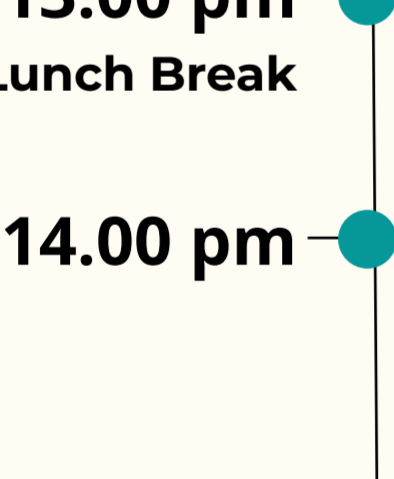
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**Q and A**

**13.00 pm**

**Lunch Break**

**14.00 pm**



**Just transition pathways for Africa's agriculture towards climate resilient and low emissions development**  
**Melissa Pinfield**  
Executive Director, Just Rural Transition

**14.45 pm**

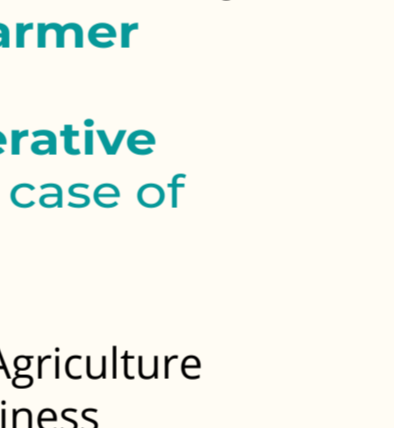


**Soil health for climate-resilient food systems**  
**Dr. Ermias Betemariam**  
Land health scientist, CIFOR-ICRAF

**15.15 pm**

**Q and A**

**15.30 pm**



**Understanding the Global Stocktake and what this means for farmers**  
**Walters Tubua**  
Regional Collaboration Center, Togo, UNFCCC

**16.00 pm**



**Africa Chapter findings of the IPCC AR6 report and farmers, food systems and climate change impacts**  
**Luckson Zvobgo**  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, African Climate and Development Initiative, University of Cape Town

**16.15 pm**

**Q and A**

**12.00 pm**

**Q and A**

**11.30 am**

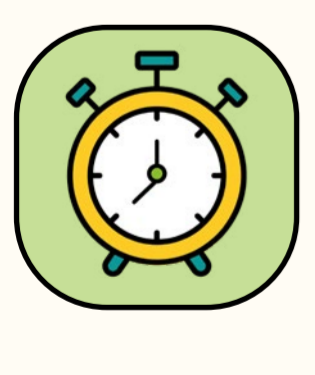
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**11.00 am**

**Q and A**

**10.45 am**

**Q and A**



## Agenda - Day 2

**09.00 am**



**Welcome back and recap of day 1**  
**Romy Chevallier**  
AICCRA

**09.10 am**




**Understanding Africa's livestock narrative**  
**Laura Cramer**  
Policy Engagement Specialist, Sustainable Livestock Systems, International Livestock Research Institute

**09.40 am**

**Q and A**

**10.00 am**



**Agriculture in the climate negotiators: a perspective from Uganda**  
**Freddie Kabango**  
Agricultural Negotiator, Government of Uganda

**10.15 am**

**Q and A**

**10.30 am**



**SESSION 4: Strengthening farmers participation in policy and climate advocacy at COP28**  
**MODERATOR: Norbert Tuyishime, EAFF**

**13.00 am**

**Close of day 2**

**12.40 am**

**The way forward and general discussion**

**11.40 am**

**Developing a common EAFF position and call-to-action for COP28**  
Open discussions on engagement action plans at regional and national level

**11.10 am**

**Tea break**

**11.00 am**

**Q and A**

**Engaging around key climate policy agendas at COP28**  
**Mr. Philip Kilonzo**  
Climate Change and advocacy specialist, PACJA



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