

THE CLIMATE SPOTLIGHT

@IMariashikongo: Cyclone Freddy has hit Malawi for the 2nd time. Africa is the least responsible for the climate crisis yet projects are being approved that will ensure the continuation of these disasters globally.

@FSDAfrica: Sustainability is life, not a concept. With the SADC region having the right natural resources, this provides the ultimate opportunity to promote sustainable development & livelihoods for its people & the next generations

@Afsafrica: Women are the backbone of African agriculture. By prioritizing women's roles and leadership in agroecology, we can create more equitable and sustainable food systems.

Europe eyes Africa as 'future source of cheap green hydrogen'



The recent signing of a US\$34 billion agreement for a giant green hydrogen project in Mauritania is just one of those developments in race to build up clean energy resources, part of a major, continued transition away from fossil fuels.

Kenya will help the bank's energy and finance experts identify and develop new renewable energy projects and unlock the construction of hydrogen production infrastructure

Source: *The Independent, Uganda*

Gabon One Forest Summit: Launch of the Libreville Plan

The summit saw the launch of the "Libreville Plan", which includes a €100m fund to "Libreville Plan", which aims to stop deforestation as an effective solution in the fight against climate change.

President Ali Bongo said that despite Gabon's efforts to preserve the critical rainforests, developed nations have not yet given the country the support and recognition it needs. French President Macron said that the carbon market has been "adrift in recent years" and it risks becoming a "failing model".



Source: *African Business*

African negotiators meet in Nairobi



Negotiators from over 33 African countries are meeting in Nairobi to reflect on COP27 outcomes and develop a common African position on climate action pertaining to agriculture and gender for COP28.

The meeting, convened by the African Group of Negotiators Experts Support (AGNES) aims to define policy solutions to tackle the ongoing climate crisis in Africa, which is compounding food insecurity on a continent already severely afflicted by hunger & malnutrition.

The experts will also discuss ways to rope in gender issues, especially for African women who are disproportionately affected by climate change.

Source: *The Standard, Kenya*

African Group of Negotiators on Climate Change call for balanced approach to Global Stocktake



Ahead of the final stage of the Global Stocktake (GST) later this year, the African Group of Negotiators on Climate Change (AGN) has called for a balanced approach by removing what it terms, inherent bias for mitigation at the expense of adaptation.

The first stocktake got underway at the UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow in November 2021 and is expected to conclude at COP28. Each stocktake is a two-year process that happens every five years.

AGN Chair, Ephraim Mwepya Shitima, called for the GST outcome to cover the state of current efforts—the gaps and the options for equitably closing them, with particular emphasis on finance and other means of implementation needed to raise ambition.

Source: *EnviroNews, Nigeria*