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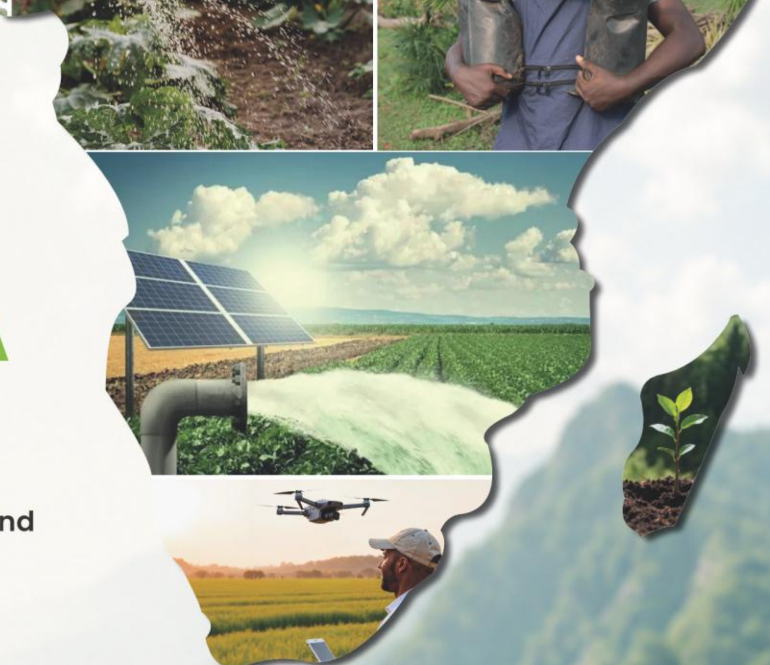

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Accelerating Climate Adaptation Finance and innovation for a Resilient Future

Session Title:

Financing Climate-Resilient Agri-Food Corridors in Africa: Mobilizing Investment Through Climate Resilient Trade and Transport Corridors

Convened by:

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Session 7: Investing, Trade and Innovation: Day 1: 16:00-17:30hrs.

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Lead theme	Financing Climate-Resilient Agri-Food Corridors in Africa: Mobilizing Investment Through Trade and Transport Corridors.
Venue	Twiga
Status	Working draft for joint refinement by the convening group

Session Objective

The session will be anchored around the corridor work being undertaken by TradeMark Africa (TMA), Trade Catalyst Africa (TCA), AUDA-NEPAD- ECDPM.

The objective is to demonstrate how a corridor-based approach can unlock trade, climate resilience, and investment opportunities across Africa, using food and commodities trade as an example. In this session there will be a macro focus on the Northern (Mombasa Kisangani), Western Lagos- Abidjan, and Southern (Lobito–Kolwezi–Lubumbashi–Solwezi–Ndola) Corridors.

The session has evolved to focus on how taking a corridor-based development approach can strengthen climate resilience while unlocking trade and investment opportunities across Africa.

Rather than looking at financing in isolation, the discussion will explore how coordinated interventions along trade corridors can address systemic constraints, improve market access, and catalyse private investment.

The session will bring together policymakers, implementing partners and practitioners who are actively designing and delivering corridor programmes. Through their combined perspectives, participants will gain practical insights into how corridor investments can support resilient value chains while contributing to regional integration and sustainable economic growth.

The session also aims to highlight the opportunities and needs along the corridors and surface what financing structures and interventions are working, are needed and give practitioners a chance to share what solutions they find can work.

The discussion seeks to explain what climate adaptation and interventions are happening at a corridor level, highlight what financing packages are being developed, highlight what challenges remain, make recommendations how the gaps can be addressed. In summary the discussion will highlight emerging investment opportunities along these corridors and explore innovative approaches to mobilizing climate and agri-food financing at scale.

Proposed Session Structure (90 Minutes)

The session comprises of 4 main segments,

	Session Program	Who	Logistics
2min	Session introduction and welcome	Antoinette Tesha	**On stage**
5min	**Intervention by AUDA-NEPAD** See below for more information.	TBC	Video Conference- Online
10 min	**Presentation by ECDPM** See below for more information	Francesco Rampa	Video Conference- Online
5min	**A practitioner's perspective: Taking an innovative approach for climate resilient infrastructure-** Presentation by Anyway Solutions	Caylee Talpert	Video Conference- Online
	Panel is welcomed on stage		
40 min	Discussion: Financing Climate-Resilient Agri-Food Corridors in Africa: Mobilizing Investment Through Climate Resilient Trade and Transport Corridors • Realities of investing in Climate adaptation-practitioners perspective and recommendations panel	**Moderator-** Antoinette Tesha Panelists: 1. County Rep- Anyway Solutions 2. Anataria Uwamaria- TMA 3. Kahiga Musaari- Kasama Solar 4. Daniel Njiwa- AGRA 5. Equity Bank Ltd- Cheyo.Mwenechanya	**On stage**
20 min	QnA for the Audience	**All- Online speakers to stay connected to answer audience questions**	
3 min	Session Close	**Moderator**	**On Stage**

1. Opening Address by AUDA-NEPAD and ECDPM Presentation (15 Minutes)

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Lead Presenter: ECDPM- Francesco Rampa (hybrid- Require video conferencing facilities

AUDA- NEPAD ECDPM will provide an overview of the AUDA-ECDPM Initiative across the Northern, Lobito, and Abidjan Corridors, including:

- The rationale for adopting a corridor-based development approach.
- Key findings from recent corridor studies and initiatives.
- Emerging opportunities in agri-food systems, trade infrastructure, and climate-resilient investments.
- Financing gaps and opportunities for public, private, and blended finance solutions.

2. Panel Discussion

The panel will explore innovative financing mechanisms that can support the development of agri-corridors, food trading systems, agro-industrial parks, and climate adaptation investments along Africa's major trade corridors.

Key Discussion Questions-

1. How can corridor development accelerate climate-resilient agricultural transformation?
2. What is lacking in the corridor to make this happen?
3. What opportunities exist within specific value chains where a corridor approach can unlock greater investment and resilience?
4. What innovative approaches is your institution taking to increase the profile and attractiveness of climate resilient interventions to investors.
5. How can climate resilience be more integrated into corridors – what incentives and structures can incentivize private sector to be more supportive of climate resilient activities;
6. How can an ecosystem approach augment the possibility to scale financing for climate adaptation.
7. What role can instrument such as blended finance, guarantees, and climate funds play in scaling investment for climate adaptation.

3. Audience Q&A

Interactive discussion with participants to explore practical opportunities, lessons learned, and potential partnerships.

4. Closing Remarks

Lead - Antoinette Tesha

Summary of key messages and identification of priority actions for collaboration among development partners, financial institutions, and corridor stakeholders.

Strategic Participants and Invitees

- AUDA-NEPAD – ECDPM (online)
- AGRA- TMA
- Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)- TMA
- Nature Finance- TMA
- Mastercard Foundation -TMA
- Gates Foundation- TMA
- European Investment Bank (EIB)- TMA/TCA
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)- TCA
- Trade and Development Bank (TDB)- TCA
- Development finance institutions- ECDPM- TCA

- Corridor authorities and management institutions -TMA-KCV
- Climate finance and impact investment organizations- all

Expected Outcomes

- Increased awareness of corridor-based approaches to climate-resilient agricultural development.
- Greater understanding of financing opportunities emerging along Africa's major trade corridors.
- Identification of practical mechanisms for mobilizing public and private capital including for the benefit of smallholder farmers.
- Strengthened partnerships among corridor institutions, financiers, and development organizations.
- A roadmap for continued collaboration on climate-smart agri-food corridor investments.