

Minutes of the OIBC4 Working Group: Africa RCP Joint Secretariat/OIBC4 Dialogue on Carbon Markets, Energy Access, and COP 29 Outcomes held on 25 February 2025 on Microsoft Teams

Present

Chair: Excellent Hachileka, (Working Group Lead, UNDP)

- William Otieno (UNFCCC)
- Christopher Ambala, (UNEP)
- Chiagozie Udeh (UNFPA)
- Gabriel Labbate (UNEP)
- Rhoda Wachira (UNEP)
- Catherine Mwangi, (OIBC4 Secretariat, UNEP)
- Daniel Fisher, (UNEP)

Agenda Items & Key Discussions

1. Introduction & Objectives

- The Dialogue which will be held on 8 April 2025 in Kampala, Uganda is at the request of UN Resident Coordinators. This dialogue aims to discuss COP 29 outcomes, activation of carbon markets, and energy access. The meeting emphasized the need to move from conceptual discussions to practical mechanisms for African countries to engage in carbon trading.
- The chair informed the meeting that the purpose of the group was to develop a concept note and agenda for the dialogue covering COP 29 outcomes, carbon markets and energy access.

2. COP 29 Outcomes

- William Otieno (UNFCCC) noted ongoing work by the UNFCCC in distilling COP 29 outcomes and integrating them into regional dialogues.
- He informed the meeting about the March Carbon Markets Dialogue in Nairobi which will provide input to the carbon markets segment of the dialogue.
- UNFCCC to lead drafting the section on COP 29 outcomes with support from UNDP.

3. Carbon Markets & Article 6

- Discussions were made on practical implementation of mechanisms for operationalizing carbon markets by African countries following the finalization of Article 6.2 & 6.4 rules. The meeting also emphasized the need for ensuring alignment with ongoing efforts to avoid duplication.
- UNFCCC & UNEP to lead drafting the section on carbon markets. They will incorporate UNECA who were absent for the session.

4. Energy Access

- The members emphasized the need to define scope to ensure focus on critical follow up action on improving energy access.
- UNEP to take the lead in drafting the energy access section, with support from UNFPA and UNECA.

5. Concept Note & Timeline

- The concept note should be concise (~7 pages total) with 2 pages per component. (To be consolidated and summarised).
- Submission deadline was set for **5 March 2025**, to meet RCP Africa Joint Secretariat requirements.
- The draft thematic concept note segments must be completed and submitted to the Working Group Chair for consolidation by **5 March 2025** and the draft will be used for securing a slot for the dialogue.

6. Next Steps & Future Meetings

- Draft concept note to be submitted to RCP Africa Joint Secretariat by March 6 March 2025.
- Next meeting to be scheduled after submission for review and further planning.
- Time slot for meetings to remain as current time (3:00 PM).
- UNECA were requested to indicate the thematic area where they will be involved.

Action Items Table

Task	Responsible	Deadline
Draft thematic area on COP 29 outcomes	UNFCCC (William Otieno) & UNDP (Excellent)	March 5, 2025
Draft thematic area on Carbon Markets	UNFCCC, (William) UNEP (Gabriel Labbate)	March 5, 2025
Draft thematic area on Energy Access	UNEP (Rhoda Wachira), UNFPA (Chiagozie Udeh)	March 5, 2025
Consolidate Concept Note	Chair/Secretariat	March 5, 2025
Plan next meetings for review of concept note and drafting of agenda	Chair/Secretariat	6 March 2025
Submit concept note to OIBC4 Conveners	Chair/Secretariat	7 March 2025
Submit Concept Note and agenda to RCP Africa Joint Secretariat	Rose Mwebaza, Director and Regional Representative, Africa Office, Convener OIBC4	7 March 2025