

Africa in the fight against climate change: An interactive exchange among experts from Africa and the African Diaspora

31 October 2012, 18.00 to 21.00 hours

Evangelischer Verwaltungsverband in Bonn Adenauerallee 37 - 53113 Bonn

Climate change is one of the issues that threaten the sustainable development prospects of Africa and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. Although Africa is the continent least responsible for climate change, it is particularly vulnerable to its effects and undoing its progress achieved in the eradication of poverty. To fight climate change requires the unprecedented participation and engagement of all stakeholders within and outside of the countries such as members of the African Diaspora.

Migrants such as African Diaspora are not only ambassadors of their homeland in the host land, but also of the host land in their respective countries of origin. In undertaking this dual role, African Diaspora is sometimes best placed to be well informed about global issues that impact their countries of origin. To fight climate change that is occurring in their country and so affecting their communities, migrants could on the one hand, act as a bridge between "North and South", by raising awareness in the host country about and by drawing the attention of the host country's population so as to increase their acceptance for the assistance provided by their countries to the vulnerable countries. On the other hand, they can not only participate in the adaptation action within their homeland, but also be seen as a catalyst that sensitizes the population about climate change and encourage their policy maker to integrate climate change into the development strategy.

On the occasion of the International Dialogue on Transformation and the meeting of the Least Developed Expert, Germanwatch would like to bring together African NGO representatives, civil society experts from Africa present for the above mentioned event in Bonn, and African Diaspora in Germany. The meeting should provide an opportunity for exchanging views and experience as well as exploring opportunities for cooperation, including how African Diaspora can be engaged in fighting climate change.

Agenda

- 18.00 Arrival at Evangelischer Verwaltungsverband in Bonn (Bonn)
 Adenauerallee 37 - 53113 Bonn
- 18.30 Welcome and brief introduction
 Sven Harmeling/Alpha Kaloga, Germanwatch
- 18.45 Climate Change as a threat to development for Africa
 Luc Gnacadja, Executive Secretary of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (tbc)
- 19.15 Engaging African Diaspora in Europe in the development and climate nexus
 Rahime Diallo, African Diaspora Policy Network (The Hague, Netherlands 05 (tbc)
- 19.30 Discussion: Facilitation Sven Harmeling
Interactive, regional roundtable discussions on climate change impacts and adaptation in Western, Southern and Eastern Africa.
Key questions:
1. Which roles Diaspora could play in the development and Climate change debate ?
 2. What are the challenges Diaspora are faced to better get involved in the development of their countries
- 20.15 *Wrap-up and Get together*

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