Joining forces for climate action –
African and European civil society perspectives
Virtual Conference

On 18 May 2021, Klima-Allianz Deutschland (Climate Alliance Germany) and VENRO are hosting the international conference Joining forces for climate action – African and European civil society perspectives. The event brings together political stakeholders and representatives from academia, civil society and media from Africa and Europe to highlight the urgent need for an ambitious climate policy rooted in solidarity. Relations between the two continents and ways in which they can act together will form the main focus of the conference, along with civil society demands. The following two sets of questions will be addressed:

1. How can we build more sustainable, more resilient societies? What strategies and partnerships – such as the European Green Deal – will be required on an international level?
2. Which role does civil society play in climate cooperation between the African Union and the European Union? How can civil society actors in Africa and Europe be strengthened in order to actively shape climate solidarity?

Germany and the EU announced their intention to prioritise the cooperation with the African continent on economic and climate policy. The EU is committed to a stronger partnership with Africa in the implementation of the European Green Deal and the Africa-EU strategy. In this context, the climate conference Joining forces for climate action – African and European civil society perspectives aims to promote international cooperation and solidarity in pursuit of more ambitious climate goals. Civil society organisations on both continents, in their accompanying role and by bringing forward specific demands and recommendations, can help to shape strategies for climate justice, while ensuring transparency and effectiveness in building society-wide resilience.

WHEN?
18 May 2021
10:30 am –
4:30 pm CET

WHERE?
Online (via Zoom)

REGISTRATION:
We kindly ask for a registration by 14 May 2021 via the following link:
Register here

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**Agenda**

**Facilitation: Christine Mhundwa**

10:30 am  **Technical Check-In, initial networking**

11:00 am  **Launch and welcome**

**Dr Christiane Averbeck**, Executive Director, Klima-Allianz Deutschland

**Heike Spielmans**, Managing Director, VENRO

11:15 am  **Panel discussion**

**Solving the climate crisis and the corona crisis together: pursuing climate goals and strengthening resilience**

**Dr Pierrette Herzberger-Fofana**, Member of the European Parliament, Greens/EFA

**Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim**, President of the Association for Indigenous Women and Peoples of Chad (AFPAT)

**Pia Jorks**, Head of Policy, Klimadelegation e.V.

**Josefa Correia Sacko**, African Union Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture

**Ovais Sarmad**, UNFCCC Deputy Executive Secretary

1:00 pm  **Break**

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2:00 pm  **Workshops**

**Workshop 1**  
*Shaping energy cooperation in Africa to leapfrog towards 100 % Renewable Energies*

**Workshop 2**  
*The hydrogen hype: Neo-colonialism or development opportunities?*

**Workshop 3**  
*More money well spent: Climate finance priorities from an African and European civil society perspective*

**Workshop 4**  
*Climate-induced migration -- Closing the risk gap*

**Workshop 5**  
*Youth activism for climate justice*

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3:30 pm  **Break**

3:45 pm  **Presentation of workshop results**

**Final discussion** on conference outcomes with

**Dr Jürgen Zattler**, Director General, International Development and Climate Policy and Agenda 2030, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

4:30 pm  **End**