



**COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE ON-LINE LEARNING FORUM:
NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS (NDCS) UNDER THE PARIS AGREEMENT**

PROGRAMME FOR WEEK 3: 18-22 OCTOBER 2021

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The aim of the NDC Community of Practice on-line discussion forum is to provide a platform for sharing of knowledge, resources and best practices amongst African stakeholders, with a focus on forestry and land use in the NDCs. More than 200 participants registered for the discussions on the platform. The programme began on 6 October with a welcome from the Executive Secretary of AFF and from the forum session moderators. Session 1 focused on the broader picture of UNFCCC climate change negotiations and development of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC). The discussion then moved on in the second week to forest-based mitigation and adaptation activities in NDCs.

The final week of the CoP forum has taken a slightly different form. There are live sessions each morning from 10.30 -12 EAT conducted on zoom platform. Each session begin with a short presentation, and is followed by an open discussion. Participants contribute verbally on zoom and /or through the chat box. A summary and excerpts from the sessions is posted to the dedicated NDC CoP webpage at the end of each day. Participants are also invited to continue posting directly onto the web-based platform at any time including after the end of the live sessions.

Programme

| | Presentation topic and focus for discussion |
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| Monday 18, 2021 | Forest-based mitigation and adaptation activities in NDCs. The aim of the session is to enable sharing of lessons and experiences in developing, refining and updating forest-based NDCs. |
| Tuesday 19, 2021 | The role of the private sector and local communities in formulating NDCs |
| Wednesday 20, 2021 | Sustainable financing mechanisms for NDCs |
| Thursday 21, 2021 | Preparations for the forthcoming CoP – sharing information on Key NDCs issues in the programme |
| Friday 22, 2021 | Wrap up and key messages and lessons learnt from this 1 st CoP |