The Paris Agreement – What does it mean for Africa?

The Paris Agreement that emerged from the latest round of climate negotiations “...aims to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change...”. The Agreement represents a turning point in global efforts to limit future temperature rises to well below 2°C in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication. But what does this mean for Africa?

A high-level panel discussion will be held at University College London (UCL) during the evening of 23rd March 2016 to discuss and debate the implications of the Paris Agreement for Africa and its development. The panel will address questions such as:

- Does the Paris Agreement satisfy the African negotiations position?
- What key messages does the science in the IPCC 5th assessment report hold for Africa?
- And, how can we move from political agreement to concrete action?

There will also be a special focus on the African Renewable Energy Initiative (AREI), nationally determined contributions, adaptation communications and how to improve African input to the upcoming IPCC sixth assessment report (AR6).

Recommendations from the high-level panel discussion, and preceding workshop, will shape UCL’s engagement with African partners and other interested parties on issues of climate compatible development. These engagements will generate research in Africa that informs the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) while at the same time mobilising and enhancing research capacity in the UK, France and Africa.

The Panel

Fatima Denton – Director of the Special Initiatives Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
Kevin Urama – Senior Advisor to the President of the African Development Bank
Michel Colombier - Scientific Director at the Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations
Seyni Nafo – Head of the African Group of Negotiators
Youba Sokona – Vice Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

Moderators

Ijeoma Uchegba – Pro-Vice Provost for Africa and the Middle East
Yacob Mulugetta – Professor of Energy and Development Policy at UCL’s Department of Science, Technology, Engineering and Public Policy

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