



COP27 Side event on Leveraging private sector development to drive green transition

16:00 – 18:00 EET, 15 November 2022

Sharm El-Sheikh International Convention Center (SHICC), SDG pavilion

DESCRIPTION

The climate crisis is intensifying, and ambitious actions are required to reach net-zero emissions. Although Africa's ecological footprint (3.8%) is small compared to other parts of the world, the continent is one of the most vulnerable regions to climate change. The current economic crisis and increased interest in transitioning to alternative source of energy present to Africa an opportunity to adopt recovery measures supportive of decarbonization targets. African governments are urged to creating an enabling environment and governance framework to catalyze private sector's capacity to mobilize additional resources, knowledge, and innovation to address climate change challenges. To ensure fair green transition, African governments will also need to cooperate to receive adequate share of global climate financing, reflecting both their limited contributions to the climate change challenge while bearing disproportionate consequences. COP27 provides great opportunity to discuss these issues and propose solutions. The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) joined forces to organize this invaluable side event on Leveraging private sector development to drive green transition. This side event will provide a vital opportunity to discuss the information and communication technology (ICT) sector's efforts to drive a green transition and how government can measure and accelerate green growth.

PROGRAMME

16:00 – 16:10	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ms. Zuzana Schwidrowski, Director of UNECA Office for North Africa: <i>"Leveraging private sector development to drive green transition"</i>▪ Mr. Malcolm Johnson, Deputy Secretary General, ITU: <i>"Accelerating Sustainable Digital Transformation through international standards"</i>
16:10 – 18:00	Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dr. Hussein Abaza, the Advisor to the Minister of Environment: <i>"Greening of Africa as a Tool for Addressing Climate Change and Achieving Sustainable Development"</i>▪ Mr Philippe Tuzzolino, Senior Vice President, Orange: <i>"ICT Sector's role in reducing carbon emissions"</i>▪ Dr. Ehab Shalaby, Chairman, DCARBON, Driving Sustainable Transition: <i>"The Role of the Financial Sector in Scaling Up Private Finance; Opportunities, Barriers, and Innovative Solutions"</i>