



African Natural Capital Alliance Annual Summit Concept Note
Tuesday, 28th May 2024
Radisson Blu – Upper Hill

Theme	<p>Harnessing Nature for Africa's Sustainable Transformation: Building Resilience in Africa's Financial Landscape"</p> <p>The African Natural Capital Alliance (ANCA) is proud to announce its Annual Summit, scheduled to take place on May 28th, 2024, coinciding with the African Development Bank's annual meetings. Under the overarching theme of "Harnessing Nature for Africa's Sustainable Transformation," this summit will serve as a platform to explore the critical role of nature in shaping Africa's future development trajectory.</p> <p>Against the backdrop of the African Development Bank Group's theme, "Africa's Transformation, the African Development Bank Group, and the Reform of the Global Financial Architecture," the ANCA Annual Summit will delve into the intersection between nature-based solutions and the reform of the global financial landscape. With nature increasingly recognized as a fundamental asset for sustainable development, this summit will emphasize the importance of integrating natural capital considerations into financial decision-making processes.</p>
Organizers and Partners	African Natural Capital Alliance
Session Type	Presentations & Panel discussions
Event Structure & Venue	28 th May 2024 – 9 am to 4 pm Radisson Blu – Upper Hill 150 pax
Key Activities	<p>1. Launch of the Central Banks Stress Test on Nature Report: ANCA will unveil a groundbreaking report examining the impact of nature-related risks on the financial stability of five African countries. This comprehensive stress test aims to assess the vulnerability of these countries' economies to natural capital depletion and environmental shocks, providing valuable insights for policymakers and financial institutions.</p> <p>2. Highlights of ANCA's Progress & Strategic Roadmap: This event will serve as a platform to reflect on the strides made by ANCA in advancing natural capital initiatives across Africa, acknowledging the contributions of stakeholders, partners, and members. From pioneering projects to</p>

	<p>innovative approaches, the Summit will highlight stories that underscore the transformative impact of integrating natural capital into development agendas. Moreover, it provides an opportunity to outline ANCA’s strategic roadmap as it sets ambitious yet achievable goals to further accelerate progress and foster sustainable development across the continent.</p> <p>3. Panel Discussions and Workshops: The summit will feature engaging panel discussions, workshops, and interactive sessions led by experts, policymakers, and practitioners. Topics will range from innovative financing mechanisms for nature conservation to the role of biodiversity in fostering economic resilience and inclusive growth.</p> <p>4. Networking Opportunities: Attendees will have the opportunity to network with like-minded professionals, policymakers, and stakeholders passionate about nature-positive finance and sustainable development in Africa. This platform will facilitate knowledge exchange, collaboration, and partnership-building to drive collective action towards a more resilient and prosperous future.</p> <p><i>Key announcement: Launch of the Central Banks Nature Stress Test Report for 5 African Countries.</i></p>
Run-of-Show	<p>MORNING SESSION</p> <p>7.30 am to 9 am - Press Briefing on Central Banks Nature Stress Test Report</p> <p>9.00 am to 11.00 am: ANCA Executive Assembly</p> <p>Opening Remarks: Mark Napier (10 mins)</p> <p>About ANCA - Our Progress, Achievements and Strategy: Dorothy Maseke (15 mins)</p> <p>Key-Note Speakers</p> <p><u>ORDER OF SPEAKERS</u></p> <p>Mark Napier – Opening Remarks</p> <p>Dorothy Maseke - About ANCA - Our Progress, Achievements and Strategy</p> <p><u>TECHNICAL PARTNERS SESSION</u></p> <p>Mr. Antonio Pedro, the Deputy Executive Secretary – UNECA Elizabeth Mrema – TNFD Advisory Council</p>

Olufunso Somorin - Regional Principal Officer, Climate Change & Green Growth, AfDB

ANCA CEOs SESSION

James Mwangi – CEO, Equity Bank – ANCA Member

Arthur Oginga – CEO, Old Mutual East Africa - ANCA Member

Philip Lopokoiyit – CEO, ICEA LION Group - ANCA Member

Fred Kumah, Vice President, African Wildlife Foundation

Tea Break: 11.00 am to 11.30 am

11:30 am to 12.30 pm: Panel Discussion 1: "The Role of Central Banks in Promoting Nature".

- Presentation of Central Banks Stress Testing Report by McKinsey
- Examining the potential role of central banks in mainstreaming nature-positive finance and integrating environmental considerations into monetary policy.
- Discussing strategies for central banks to incentivize sustainable investments and promote nature-based solutions.
- The role of the private sector in nature-finance and market stability.

Discussants:

- *Bank of Zambia – Oswald Mungule*
- *Bank of Rwanda – Ferdinand Murezi*
- *James Mwangi – CEO, Equity Bank*
- *Olufunso Somorin - AfDB*
- *McKinsey Ltd*

LUNCH: 12.45 pm to 2.00 pm

AFTERNOON SESSION

2.00 pm to 3.00 pm: Panel Discussion: "Building Partnerships for Nature Conservation and Restoration".

Led by Dorothy Maseke, Head of ANCA Secretariat

- Highlighting successful partnerships between governments, civil society organizations, and private sector actors in advancing nature conservation and restoration efforts.
- Identifying strategies for fostering collaboration and collective action towards achieving shared conservation goals.

- Showcasing innovative technologies digital solutions and data for monitoring, managing, and conserving natural capital in the context of partnerships on data.

Speakers:

- **Heloise Zimmerman** – Co-Founder, Nairobi Climate Network
- **Peter Minang**- Director for Africa, CIFOR- ICRAF
- **Fred Kumah** – The African Wildlife Foundation
- **Dr. William Biko, Novo Nordisk**, Sustainability Lead Middle Africa

3.00 pm to 4 pm: Panel Discussion: "Nature-Based Financing Instruments and Markets".

Led by Stephen Macharia, Senior Manager FSD Africa Investments

- Analysing emerging nature-based financing instruments, such as green bonds, ecosystem service payments, and biodiversity credits.
- Discussing opportunities and challenges for scaling up nature-positive finance and expanding the market for nature-based investments.
- Providing practical tools and methodologies for financial institutions to assess and manage nature-related risks.
- Sharing best practices for incorporating natural capital considerations into financial risk management frameworks including the TNFD and incoming ISSB.
- Exploring methodologies for quantifying and valuing ecosystem services and natural assets.

10 minutes - Carbon Developers Show Cases

Project showcase: Kijani Pamoja - Sarah Scott

50 minutes - Panel Discussion Speakers:

- **Paul Muthaura** – CEO, Africa Carbon Markets Initiative (ACMI)
- **Simon Zadek** – CEO, NatureFinance
- **Bruno Mweemba** – Technical Advisor on Environmental Finance for the African Region
- **Jack Kimani** – CEO, CAP-A
- **Carol Misiko** – Group Sustainability, Risk and Compliance Executive, Old Mutual EA

4.00 pm to 5.00 pm: Panel Overview: Strengthening Resilience through Nature Positive for Climate Action

Led by: Jane Lumumba, Africa Director, Climate Champions Team

- Strategies to reallocate and increase investments in nature-based Solutions (NbS) to enhance climate resilience, including, opportunities in regenerative agriculture
- Showcasing financial instruments that deliver for climate and nature, including the role of public and private financial institutions (e.g. blended finance instruments, sustainability-linked sovereign debt instruments, potential for nature markets etc.)
- Necessary enabling support required from policymakers, public and private financial institutions, corporates, regulators, and standard setters to catalyse a transformative shift across the real economy and advance inclusive economic growth
- Deliberation on anticipated outcomes on nature from CBD COP16 and COP29, setting a forward-looking agenda for advancing climate resilience through nature-based approaches.

Opening remarks and framing of the session

Dr Mahmoud Mohieldin, Senior Vice President for the 2030 Development Agenda, United Nations Relations, and Partnerships, UN High-Level Climate Action Champion (COP27)

- Overview of the panel discussion while linking it to the event theme
- Highlight the critical role of **finance** nature in enhancing resilience to climate change impacts.
- Emphasise the importance of collaboration between stakeholders, including governments, businesses, and communities, in implementing nature-positive strategies.
- Showcase success stories and case studies demonstrating the effectiveness of nature-based approaches in building resilience to climate-related challenges in Africa.

Panel Introduction: Strengthening Resilience through Nature Positive for Climate Action

Moderator: Jane Lumumba, Africa Director, Climate Champions Team

Overview of expected session outcomes noted in the panel description, including, Nature Positive for Climate Action call to action, Food Systems call to action, reflections from COP28 and the path forward.

Speakers:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lina Osman, Regional Head of Sustainable Finance, West at Standard Chartered Bank (banking perspective and innovative finance for nature) ● Everlyne Nairesiae, Africa Region Director, Landesa (IPLC and policy perspective) ● Jacinda Njike, Managing Director, Ambition Loop (platforms for building NbS project pipelines; Regional Platform for Climate Projects) ● Paul Ohaga, Africa Investments Director, New Forests (nature as an investable asset class) <p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Hassatou Diop N'Sele, Vice-President for Finance & Chief Financial Officer, African Development Bank (instruments for nature and IFI reform)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reflections on session discussions ● Key actions to take forward to set a forward-looking agenda for advancing climate resilience through nature-centric approaches ● Outlook towards CBD COP16, COP29 and COP30 on advancing the nature finance agenda
6pm to 8 pm	Networking Cocktail