



AFTER CARBON

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WORKSHOP BRIEFING NOTE



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BRIEFING NOTE

Thank you for agreeing to take part in the UNU-INRA's two-day interactive workshop. Your attendance will be critical in helping us outline next steps in actualizing the AFTER Carbon initiative.

This document has been designed to provide you with a quick overview of the workshop sessions, providing information on key logistics, a short agenda for the two days, a full list of guest attendees, and questions we would like you to consider ahead of the sessions.

For any information not provided in this document, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your key point of contact.

Thursday, 15th December 2022 to
Saturday, 17th December 2022

WHAT IS AFTER CARBON?

The transition to a post-carbon economy presents Africa with a unique opportunity to plot a new trajectory and shift to being a hero in the global fight against climate change. It is UNU-INRA's ambition to empower African institutions with the knowledge they need to seize this opportunity. However, it is not possible to plan for a post-carbon world without research, yet research infrastructure in Africa is limited and the knowledge that does exist is fragmented and not reaching the people that need it the most.

AFTER Carbon has therefore set out to bridge this gap. A Policy to Research Hub, bringing together a consortium of scientists, entrepreneurs, policy makers and civil society groups within a transdisciplinary research programme to help turn post-carbon transition policy problems into solutions. Put simply, AFTER Carbon is a matchmaking service connecting experts to share knowledge and solve problems, ultimately helping to shape Africa's position on the world stage.

LOGISTICS

DATE

Day 1

Thursday, 15th December 2022

8:00 to 17:30 GMT

Day 2

Friday, 16th December 2022

8:00 to 17:30 GMT

Day 3

Saturday, 17th December 2022

From 8:00 - 14:00 GMT

FORMAT

In-person interactive workshop

VENUE

The Fiesta Royale Hotel,

Accra, Ghana.

13 George W. Bush Hwy, Accra

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OBJECTIVE: INTERROGATING THE STRATEGY AND VISION

TIME	AGENDA	RESPONSIBLE
8:00 – 09:30	<p>INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AND WELCOME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction - Icebreaker <p>SESSION 1: THE RATIONALE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Setting the scene - What is AFTER Carbon? - How does AFTER Carbon operate? - Update on progress made thus far, including outcomes of two roundtables, promotion at COP27, and brand identity 	- Fatima Denton
9:30 – 10:15	Question and feedback	- Chris Gordon
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee Break	

POST-CARBON CHALLENGES

10:30 – 11:30	<p>SESSION 2: IDENTIFYING THE CHALLENGES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General post-carbon challenges faced by African countries - Challenges arising from the field - Policymakers' reaction to policy challenges 	- Ferdinand - Qondi - Thelma - Bruk
11:30 – 13:00	<p>SESSION 3: INTERROGATING THE CHALLENGES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Break-out sessions to interrogate the challenges (40 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •How is AFTER-CARBON best placed to help solve these challenges? •How can AFTER-CARBON best help you? - Share critique and top policy challenges with plenary (30 minutes) - Decide on top challenges that AFTER CARBON will pursue (20 minutes) 	- Chris Gordon
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	

INTERROGATING THE STRATEGY

14:00 – 15:00	<p>SESSION 4: AFTER CARBON ENABLING POLICY INFLUENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Research to Policy Interface – research and policy on parallel courses - Engineering a policy to research shift and creating a unique selling proposition - Unpacking the policy challenge – tradeoffs and opportunities - Creating spaces to affect policy regimes 	- Simon Anderson - Fatima Denton
15:00 – 16:30	<p>SESSION 5: INTERROGATING THE STRATEGY/STRUCTURE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the elements of AFTER Carbon that are most important for each participant? - What are the barriers that they see within this? - Do any of the facets covered feel counter-productive or unhelpful? 	- Zack
16:30 – 16:45	Coffee Break	
16:45 – 17:30	<p>SESSION 6: REFLECTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are we missing anything critical? - Lightbulb moments - What we'll cover tomorrow 	- Chris Gordon
END OF DAY		

OBJECTIVE: ACHIEVING IMPACT AND IMPLEMENTATION

TIME	AGENDA	RESPONSIBLE
8:00 – 10:00	SESSION 1: CREATING IMPACT – BACKCASTING EXERCISE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outlining the short- and long-term vision/mission? - What will policy influence look like? - What will achieving impact look like? (BHAG) - What is AFTER Carbon’s role in the broader ecosystem creating impact? - Breakout session 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Simon Anderson - Qondi - Zack
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee Break	
10:30 – 12:00	SESSION 2: COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who are our key stakeholders? - How can AFTER Carbon speak to the issues they care about most? - What are our key messages by audience? - How can we sell AFTER Carbon? What are the unique selling points? - What is our visual identity? - What communications strategies can we adopt? - What is the flagship campaign? - What should be the first communications products to work on? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zack, Josie
12:00 – 13:30	SESSION 3: PARTNERSHIPS & RESOURCE MOBILIZATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who are our main partners? - What complementarities can we exploit? - What should the partnership structure look like? - What and where are the opportunities? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youba Sokona
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch	
14:30 – 16:00	SESSION 4: OPERATIONAL STRATEGY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What should our operational strategy look like? - What are the short- and long-term steps towards implementation? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jewette Masiinja
16:00 – 17:30	SESSION 5: REFLECTIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is our immediate roadmap for Year 1 (2023)? - What is our 5-year roadmap? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Linus Mofor
END OF DAY		

OBJECTIVE: STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION WORKSHOP

TIME	AGENDA	RESPONSIBLE
8:00 – 9:30	SESSION 1: PRESENT A DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN - Present implementation plan based on inputs through the workshop	- Facilitator
09:30 – 10:30	SESSION 2: VETTING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN - Edits and adjustments - Vetting	- Facilitator
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 12:30	SESSION 3: PLANNING TOWARDS FIRST KNOWLEDGE PRODUCT - Reflections or suggestions on the first research product	- Fatima Denton
12:30 – 13:00	CLOSING	- Facilitator
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
END OF DAY		

QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AHEAD OF THE WORKSHOP

To stress test the AFTER Carbon model and ensure it is fit for purpose, we ask that you arrive with consideration on the following questions.

1. What does AFTER CARBON mean to you?
2. Where do you see as the opportunities moving forward for this project?
3. What do you see as the biggest post-carbon challenges that African countries face?
4. How can the AFTER CARBON concept best help solve these challenges?
5. Are there other organisations already undertaking this work?
6. What does long-term impact for AFTER CARBON look like?
7. How can AFTER CARBON create impact for you?
8. What knowledge products are most useful to you?
9. What inspirational stories can we tell through the AFTER CARBON lens?
10. What partners would you recommend we bring with us on the AFTER CARBON journey?
11. How do we harmonise policy and research? How do we ensure they're aligned and on the same trajectory?

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

1. AMA ESSEL

Dr. Ama Essel is a dedicated Community Health Physician Specialist with a Masters in Public Health and over 20 years of work experience at national, regional and international levels. She is also a key player in the area of Climate Change and Health, Adaptation and Gender contributing to many national and international policies and publications in health and climate change.

2. ANGELA KOKOR APPERKON

Angela Korkor Apperkon is a research associate at the United Nations University, Institute for Natural Resources in Africa (UNU-INRA). She is a final year MPhil Environmental Science student from the University of Ghana and has a Bsc. in Renewable Natural Resources from the University for Development Studies. Angela's research has centered on the just energy transition in the informal sector and the implication of the oil and gas industry on livelihood outcomes in Ghana.

3. ASEYE BANINI

Aseye Banini is a communications intern at UNU-INRA. She has worked as a writer and photographer for the last three years. She obtained her bachelors at Webster University in media and communications.

4. BARBARA BAIDOO

Barbara Baidoo is currently a PhD Fellow at UNU-INRA, working on a WASCAL-funded LANDSURF project. She is also pursuing a PhD at the Geography and Resource Development Department of the University of Ghana. She is a member of the Ghana Geographers Association and has keen research interest in climate change impacts and adaptation strategies. She earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Geography with a minor in Sociology in 2010 and a Master of Philosophy in Environmental Science Degree in 2015 all from the University of Ghana.

5. BETHY BELAY

Bethy Belay is a developmental professional skilled in research and analysis, communications, project design and management. She is interested in energy access, food security and systems, natural resource management, the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and storytelling to create narratives around research findings, amongst others. She holds a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Montpellier I.

6. BRUK TEKIE

Bruk Tekie is an Independent Environmental Policy and Communication expert who has over 10 years of experience in climate change and sustainable development. Bruk has competence in environmental and policy development analysis, knowledge brokering and communications. He has worked on several initiatives and reports dealing with energy and climate change adaptation, climate finance and low carbon development. Bruk co-ordinated and worked on the production of the UNU-INRA's stranded assets report and accumulated an impressive database on stranded assets and examples of green transitions in Africa.

7. CAMILLA TOULMIN

Dr. Toulmin is an economist with particular expertise on dryland Africa, and is a former director of IIED.

She specialises in African agriculture, drylands, tenure and climate change. She became a senior associate at IIED in 2017, after 12 years at its director. She has been appointed Professor in Practice at the University of Lancaster's Environment Centre (LEC) and is currently an associate at the Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET).

Her work has combined field research, policy analysis and advocacy. Her interests include building alliances with those on the frontline of sustainable development and land rights in Africa. Her current work focuses on climate change, property rights, global governance and natural resources."

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8. CHRISTOPHER GORDON

Prof. Chris Gordon is a former director of the Institute for Environment and Sanitation Studies at the University of Ghana and currently the Ghana Country Engagement Lead for the Climate Development Knowledge Portal (CDKN). He has over thirty-five years of experience in teaching, research, and outreach in the areas of Limnology, Aquatic Resource Management, Coastal wetlands, Climate Change, Environmental Science, and Sustainability. He has led the development of documents for the Ghana Government, such as the Climate Change Policy, Biodiversity Policy and the State of the Environment Report 2016. Chris Gordon has won several awards including the Field medal for Conservation Biology (USA) and the Order of the Volta, awarded for service in the area of Development, Education and Research.

9. EMELDA QUAINOO

Ms. Emelda Mabel Quainoo joined UNU-INRA in January, 2019 as a Research and Administrative officer. She has worked with International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and ACIDI/VOCA Ghana, as a Research Consultant and Technical Associate respectively. She also worked as an M&E consultant with ASI/EDAIF. In 2011, she joined Vegpro Ghana Limited, a multinational agribusiness firm as an Administrative Manager. She holds a Master's Degree in Agricultural Administration and a Bachelor's Degree in Agribusiness from the University of Ghana, Legon. She is currently completing her PhD in Migration Studies.

10. FATIMA DENTON

Dr. Denton is the Director of the UN University Institute for Natural Resources in Africa (UNU-INRA). Before joining UNU-INRA, she worked as Director of the Special Initiatives Division and Coordinator of the African Climate Policy Centre (ACPC) at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). Dr. Denton's research has centred on climate change adaptation, focusing on resilience systems in agriculture, water, and energy principally in Africa. She works on the intersections of adaptation and mitigation, focusing on transition theories, not least green transitions, stranded assets, and minerals and extractives.

11. FERDINAND TORNYIE

Dr. Ferdinand Tornyie is a Research Fellow UNU-INRA. He has several years of experience working as a Researcher at Council for Scientific and Industrial Research-Institute of Industrial Research, and as an adjunct lecturer/consultant, at the University of Cape Coast-Department of Conservation Biology and Entomology, Ghana. He has expertise and research interest in clean energy solutions and climate change mitigation, with emphasis on clean cooking technologies and testing, just energy transition and social behaviour change toward clean cooking solutions.

12. FRANCES CUDJOE

Frances is an intern at UNU-INRA. She recently graduated from the Ghana International School and worked as a dance teacher for their summer school.

13. GIFTY AMPOMAH

Gifty Ampomah is a research fellow at UNU-INRA. Prior to joining INRA, Gifty worked as a researcher with ENDA Energie (a Non-governmental organisation based in Ghana). Gifty Ampomah has expertise in climate change adaptation and natural resource management. She is experienced in community vulnerability and risk assessment; sustainable livelihood solutions for rural women; policy and stakeholder analysis. She has recently worked on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking in Natural Resource Management; and Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)- Domestication of Human Rights to Water and Sanitation in National policies.

14. JENNIFER ADU-BOAHEN

Jennifer Adu-Boahen is a Ghana national service personnel working with UNU-INRA. She works with the research team and obtained her bachelors degree from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology.

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15. JEWETTE MASINJA

Dr. Jewette Masinja is the operating unit coordinator of UNU-INRA's operating unit in Zambia. In addition, he serves as a lecturer in metallurgy at the University of Zambia. Some of his interests are in environmental management and mining practices. He holds a PhD in Minerals Engineering from the University of Queensland.

16. JONATHAN FREIKU

Jonathan Freiku is an IT associate with UNU-INRA. With a background in Computer Science and IT he manages the IT infrastructure for the institute. He is currently preparing his MSc thesis with the University of Ghana on Improving Data recovery for UAS through FANETS and IOT implementation for Survey and Mapping Applications. He enjoys using his skills to contribute to exciting technological advances and initiatives. He has experience in web and mobile development.

17. JOSIE WORKMAN

Account Director at Firstlight, Josie works with Zack on the the Net Zero offering.

18. KENNETH AIDOO

Kenneth Aidoo is a PhD student at the Department of Geography and Resource Development in University of Ghana. He is currently working at the United Nations University-Institute for Natural Resources in Africa (UNU-INRA) as a PhD Fellow on the CONCERT Project, funded by WASCAL. He studied Geomatic Engineering as a Bachelor degree and proceeded to do Masters in Photogrammetry and Geoinformatics and also Masters in Environmental Protection and Agricultural Food Production.

19. LINUS MOFOR

Linus is a senior environmental affairs officer leading the portfolio of work on energy, infrastructure and climate change at the African Climate Policy Centre (ACPC) in the Technology, Climate Change & Natural Resource Management Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa.

20. LOVE IDAHOSA

Dr. Love Odion Idahosa is a Postdoctoral fellow at the School of Tourism and Hospitality, University of Johannesburg. Her current research interests are on the broader issues of sustainability and corporate social responsibility in the Tourism industry in the Southern and Western Africa sub-regions.

21. MARIA-ANCILLA BOMBANDE

Maria-Ancilla Bombande is a Research Associate at the United Nations University Institute for Natural Resources in Africa (UNU-INRA). She has BA degree in Sociology from the University of Ghana and an MSc in International Development Studies from the University of Amsterdam. Her area of interest is on issues related to the gender dynamics of natural resource management.

22. MERON TESFAMICHAEL

Dr Meron Tesfamichael is a Lecturer and Senior Research Fellow in Political Economy and University College London.

23. PATIENCE DAMPTEY

Patience Damptey is a negotiator for the Government of Ghana at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and speaks about women's leadership and being part of the Women Delegates Fund.

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24. PHILIPP TROTTER

Dr. Philipp Trotter is assistant professor in Sustainability Management at the University of Wuppertal, and an Honorary Research Associate at the Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment at the University of Oxford where I co-lead the Economics & Policy workstream of the UK's Climate Compatible Growth programme. His work centers on the nexus between energy systems and sustainable development in sub-Saharan Africa, as well as on the role local entrepreneurs and the private sector play in the region's sustainability transitions. He has several years of experience working in the energy sector of emerging economies. Prior to his academic career, he worked with several large-scale energy utilities in Africa, Asia and Europe as a consultant with McKinsey & Company. He is a Globalizer Advisor for Ashoka International, having worked on scale-up strategies for social businesses in Africa, Asia and the US.

25. QONDI MOYO

Qondi Moyo is a development economist specializing in political economy, development economics, green transitions, rural development, food policy and agriculture. Currently, she works as a research and communications associate at UNU-INRA. Prior to that, she was a research analyst at the International Food Policy Research Institute where she worked on agricultural value chain analysis and an analysis of government subsidies. Moyo has recently been working on UNU-INRA projects related to stranded assets and just transitions. She has an MSc in Political Economy of Development from the University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS).

26. R. OHENE OFORI

Mr. Ohene is a Planner (MGIP), with 10+ years of public policy experience in local governance and decentralisation, urban planning and Local Economic Development (LED). He previously worked at the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development.

27. ROSE MENSAH-KUTIN

Dr. Rose Mensah-Kutin is the Director of the Accra-based West African Regional Office of ABANTU for Development, a women's rights organisation promoting women's rights and gender justice in policies in Ghana, Africa and beyond. ABANTU hosts the Women's Manifesto Coalition (WMC) and the Gender Action on Climate Change for Equality and Sustainability (GACCES) both in Ghana.

28. SARAH-JANE DANCHIE

Sarah-Jane Danchie is leading TSIC's Ghana country program and supporting the Managing Director to establish TSIC's work in Africa and TSIC's global agenda on diversity and inclusion.

Sarah brings 15 years of experience on sustainable development issues; an overview of her skills and experience includes policy analysis, strategy design, business and industry environment analysis and reform, impact measurement and public and private sector policy design and implementation

29. SELAM ABEBE

Dr Selam is a legal advisor to the Africa Group Negotiators (AGN) for the negotiations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). She coordinates negotiations under the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and led legal and procedural negotiations of the Paris Agreement for the African Group. Selam is also a member of the Article 15 Committee of the Paris Agreement, that facilitates the implementation and promotes compliance with the provisions of the Agreement.

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30. SIMON ANDERSON

Simon is currently working on monitoring and evaluation for learning, gender equality and issues of sustainable development universality. His work includes ways to transform experiential learning of sustainable development into evidence for policy. Simon is co-chair of IIED's gender equality champions network. He is exploring how to use realist approaches to learning at the interfaces of gender equality and universality.

31. STEPHEN KANSUK

Dr. Stephen Kansuk is an environment and climate change specialist with UNDP Ghana. His interests are in climate change, renewables and Law. He holds a PhD in Climate Justice and Climate Finance from Glasgow Caledonian University.

32. THELMA ARKO

Thelma Arko is a Research Fellow at the United Nations University Institute for Natural Resources in Africa (UNU-INRA) working. She has extensive experience as an educator, a researcher, a business person and administrator from both local and international organizations. Thelma has completed her PhD in Environmental Science, focusing on the ecological footprint of charcoal. She has recently worked on projects related to just transitions in the informal sector and stranded assets.

33. THERESE ISSEKI

Therese Isseki is a media practitioner, communications consultant and journalist. In a previous post, she was the director of the communications unit for the Mediator of the republic of Benin, and the Analyst Department of the High Authority of Audiovisual and Communications. Therese Isseki has 26 years' experience in journalism, 20 years' experience in media regulation and 15 years' experience in communications respectively.

34. TONI AUBYNN

Dr. Anthony Aubynn has over 20 years of Senior Management experience spanning the mining industry (both gold mining, oil and gas). He has demonstrable management experience in both policy formulation and regulations. He is currently the President at African Institute of Extractive Industries (AIEI)

35. YACOB MULUGETTA

Yacob is a Professor of Energy and Development Policy at the University College London. He is a founding member of the African Climate Policy Centre (ACPC) at the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) based in Ethiopia where he worked as Senior Climate & Energy Specialist.

36. YOUNBA SOKONA

Dr. Youba Sokona is currently the Vice Chair at the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). With over 35 years of experience addressing energy, environment and sustainable development in Africa, Youba is a well-known, leading global figure.

37. ZACK KING

Director at firstlight, a consultancy based in London. Zack heads their Net Zero practice and leads the Climate Crisis Advisory Group project. Prior to joining firstlight he lived in Nairobi where he worked with a number of NGOs in the climate and agri space.



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