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**Joint meeting - ASC & Africa Conference Advisory Group
PWYP 2023 Africa Conference**

Date: 8 March 2023

Time: 10:00 - 12:00 UTC

Duration: 2 hours

Participants: PWYP ASC, Advisory group, Organising committee.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81834008378>

Objectives

- Share updates from the Secretariat
- Share Africa Conference and EITI Conference plans; and discuss ASC and Advisory Group roles and responsibilities in the Africa Conference
- Brainstorm on the participation of PWYP in the EITI Global conference

Expected results

- ASC and Advisory Group are aware of developments from the Secretariat; and provide feedback
- ASC and Advisory Group are informed and committed to participate at the Africa Conference and related activities; and shared ideas to enrich the plans for the Africa conference
- Ideas on what our participation will look like

Agenda

Time	Topic	Moderator/Presenter
10:00 - 10:10	Welcome, introductions, adoption of the agenda	Fatima MIMBIRE, ASC Chair
10:10 - 10:25	Remarks from PWYP Executive Director, Edwin IKHUORIA: Developments from the PWYP Secretariat; PWYP gender global policy, PWYP next strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Questions & Answers	Edwin
10:25 - 10:30	Introduction of new ME Africa Manager	Felix NGOSA
10:30 - 11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Africa Conference plans (objectives, draft agenda, speaker search, fundraising, delegation selection criteria, review Africa Charter, governance day)● TORs of the Advisory Group● Role and expectations from ASC Q&A and Discussions	Demba SEYDI
11:30 - 11:50	Brainstorming on the EITI Global conference : what do we want to achieve?	Eric BISIL



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>How to bring the Africa Conference discussions in the EITI Conference?</i>• <i>Can we have an exhibition space?</i>• <i>PWYP side event with NRGJ on contract disclosure - What should it look like?</i>	
11:50 - 12:00	Wrap up, next steps and closing	Fatima MIMBIRE

ACTIONS

Action	By when	By who
Propose keynote speaker names, if different to those already proposed	8 March	Advisory group members
Share suggestions of organisations that could lead parallel sessions (in order to increase diversity)	13 March	Advisory group members
Share suggestions of specific themes that PWYP members in Africa should highlight at the EITI conference	13 March	Advisory group members
Update and share draft agenda in writing	13 March	Eric Bisil
Confirm the options for influencing the EITI agenda	11 March	Demba Seydi

NOTES

Fatima MIMBIRE shared the welcome remarks and the agenda was adopted. Papa Fara Diallo presented excuses for Fatima Diallo who was unable to attend due to conflicting meetings.

Edwin noted that the Africa conference is an opportunity to shape the conversations in our movement on energy transition. While several countries are dependent on natural resources, we need to build a relevant narrative on energy transition which is critical for countries in Africa that depend on oil, gas and mining. The level at which we participate and engage in planning the conference is what will make it a success.



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Edwin also mentioned recent developments at the Secretariat, including the recruitment of new colleagues in the Africa and Comms and Campaigns teams. PWYP adopted a new gender global policy. A concrete implementation plan has been circulated today. There are concrete commitments we need to make in it.

Edwin noted that discussions are starting in relation to the next global strategy and will include a wide consultation with all members. Initial work includes a scan of the context in which we work, which will help to inform the consultations and wider discussions. Edwin also noted that the strategy development process will be informed by the mid-term strategy review which was undertaken in 2022 and shared with all members in a webinar last November. The timeline for this process is still in development. It is anticipated that a working group will lead the strategy development in 2024.

Felix Ngosa introduced himself as the new Member Engagement Manager for Africa. He noted his excitement to join the team and to support the work of all 29 coalitions on the continent in the context of the challenges and opportunities presented by the energy transition and climate change. Other new colleagues, Annabel and Naila, were also welcomed.

Demba shared an overview of the Africa Conference which meets every three years with the objectives of connecting members, discussing strategy and electing ASC members. The Africa Conference will take place from 8 to 10 June in Senegal and has been deliberately scheduled to align with the EITI Conference which will take place the following week in Dakar. This alignment will enable the Secretariat to share some of the costs with the EITI international secretariat. The aim is to host three members of each coalition. Delegations should include women, youth and potentially some community members. The approximate cost is \$300,000 of which the Secretariat has secured \$250,000. The ASC and advisory group is expected to support fundraising for the remaining gap, including at national level.

The theme of the conference is “Towards a Just Energy Transition in Africa”. The conference is taking place at a time when the impact of the climate crisis is already being felt by communities across the continent, and with discussions about the energy transition gathering pace. The theme will be reflected in all the sessions of the event. The first day will focus on plenary learning discussions, the second day on experience sharing and strategising and the third day on governance (elections and report from the ASC).

Demba highlighted the key milestones (logistical, communications, content, governance) and the various organising structures (an organising committee in Senegal, the Secretariat team, and the advisory group). Advisory group members are expected to give at least two hours of their time per month to join meetings and to provide their support on various elements of the planning process. We are expecting from the advisory group to share comments and suggestions on the draft Africa conference agenda as well as to support the ASC election and share thoughts on whether to review the Africa Charter. Edwin noted that the Conference is an opportunity to relaunch PWYP’s leadership on the continent.



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Eric presented the draft agenda, including initial proposals for speakers for some sessions including the opening ceremony and the keynote.

Fatima Mimbire proposed that we have a session at the conference to review the key updates to the EITI Standard and discuss any advocacy messages for the EITI Conference itself. Fatima also noted the importance of having African speakers in every session. She also encouraged the Secretariat to diversify the organisations that are leading sessions.

Christian requested some further time to review the draft agenda in writing to be able to propose suggestions. He agreed that the energy transition is a priority subject but also noted some other issues of importance including civic space as well as implementation and validation in EITI, noting that most participants will be from EITI implementing countries.

Georges noted the importance of communications and requested further details on the communication strategy to publicise the event which isn't very visible at the moment. He suggested that this should be ready by the end of March.

Monday thanked the team for putting together the draft agenda and the work so far. He noted the current gap in providing a space for community voices and perspectives which he thinks should feature in a plenary session.

Bonaventure (in the absence of Victoria Ohaeri) seconded Monday's observation that there should be space for community involvement. He also noted that the energy transition discussion should take place in the context of current realities. He noted that COP 27 discussions focused mainly on financing for African countries, and he encouraged the team to ensure that these perspectives feature in the meeting.

Demba noted that we have highlighted community participation in the criteria shared with national coalitions. The Senegal delegation will include community members. He thanked participants for their comments on the agenda which will be integrated before a written draft is shared in the coming days.

Edwin also thanked the group for their inputs. Edwin highlighted two names among some suggestions for the keynote speaker: Professor Carlos Lopez, former Executive Secretary of UNECA; Dr Marit Kitaw, interim Director of the African Minerals Development Centre (AMDC). He emphasised that the proposed speakers are deliberately not from civil society, in order to bring more diversity of thinking into PWYP's discussions. He invited group members to share their suggestions as well as any concerns about the proposed speakers.

Fatima expressed a preference for Carlos Lopez to deliver the keynote speech. Christian proposed that we consider inviting a Minister from the Senegalese government and Demba confirmed that we are considering this and continuing to discuss who to invite as part of the opening ceremony.



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Fatima also noted the huge impact that the energy transition will have on extractives industries in Africa and cited a recent report by Carbon Tracker on this topic. She noted the imperative for economic diversification on the continent, without ignoring the existing governance challenges.

Demba invited all members to share their thoughts on how PWYP could use the EITI conference strategically. Suggestions included: influencing the EITI conference agenda and ensuring that PWYP members have speaking slots and visibility; prepare our own parallel sessions with specific themes that we want to highlight and share African perspectives; share PWYP's work through different publications and videos etc.