

R&I Partnership on Climate Change and Sustainable Energy (CCSE) of the AU-EU High Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD) on Science, Technology and Innovation

2nd workshop on climate change and sustainable energy – focus blocks and actions
2 September 2021 (online)



CONCEPT NOTE

Background

This event is organised by the [R&I partnership 'Climate Change and Sustainable Energy'](#) of the [AU-EU High-Level Policy Dialogue on Science, Technology and Innovation \(HLPD\)](#).

The workshop is considered a follow-up of the first CCSE workshop which took place 16 – 17 February, 2021 and focused on climate change and sustainable energy in relation to COVID-19 recovery and resilience packages as well as the health-energy climate nexus. Through the input of eleven keynote speeches and fifteen parallel break-out sessions during the two-day event, the workshop provided high-level expertise and fruitful exchange among the participants. Finally, it led to the identification of future priorities and challenges that should be tackled; e.g. through concrete actions, future research priorities, etc. The report from the workshop is available [here](#).

The CCSE working group followed-up on these results and elaborated four priority focus blocks:

1. Knowledge & research;
2. Technology development and demonstration & innovative markets;
3. Capacity building, social sciences, humanities & resilience behaviour;
4. Good governance and policies.

Objective of the workshop

The workshop will include a panel discussion introducing the field of African-European cooperation in climate change and sustainable energy; it's chances, constraints and needs.

Likewise, the participants will discuss in break-out sessions the necessary actions and responsibilities to tackle in the identified focus blocks. First statements of the specifically addressed funding agencies on the focus blocks will give orientation for future cooperation, to:

- Agree on a common definition of future priorities
- Agree on a common roadmap and responsibilities
- Provide exchange with funding agencies on potential future calls and/or international events
- Define the future agenda and tasks

Participants

The workshop is addressed to policy makers from the African Union Commission and the European Commission, African and European stakeholders, researchers and representatives of governmental institutions, and selected funding agencies in the broad field of climate change and sustainable energy. The workshop is aimed to attract a total number of 80 participants. The participation of African and European researchers, practitioners, policy makers and funding agencies will be balanced.