# Briefing note

**Press Conference**

**Announcing the 2020 Africa Climate Week**

**Date**: 16 January2020

**Time:** 2:00pm

**Location:** Uganda Media Centre

**1.0 Background**

Uganda will host this year’s Africa Climate Week from March 9-13, 2020 with the Support of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and other Global Regional and National partners.

The Africa Climate Week (ACW) is a unique event where both government and non-Party stakeholders gather to address a range of relevant climate issues under one umbrella and inspire individuals and organizations to become part of the momentum created by the global climate agreement in Paris.

Over the years, the ACW has proven its worth by serving as a platform to bring together multiple and diverse stakeholders to accelerate and deliver on the implementation of climate action and ratchet-up ambition in this region.

The overarching theme of the Climate Weeks is ‘’Enhancing partnerships for low-emission and climate-resilient development’’. The Africa Climate week will focus on key areas of Energy, Infrastructure, Transport, Water and Food security, including cross-cutting aspects on Governance, Policy, Finance and Mobilization.

**2.0 Opportunities**

Hosting the Africa Climate Week is a unique opportunity to bring governments, private sector and other non-Party stakeholders to Uganda to discuss the latest developments regarding climate change negotiations and related key themes. The 2020 Africa Climate Week is envisioned as a good platform for deliberations on regional climate action in the run up to the 26th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in June 2020 in Kigali-Rwanda, and the 26th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 26) to the UNFCCC in November 2020 in Glasgow-UK.

The Africa Climate Week is also an excellent opportunity to:

a) Raise our Country’s profile, leading to short and medium-term economic benefits, whilst ultimately bringing innovative pathways for climate action in the region;

b) Raise the profile of Africa’s specific climate change discussions through the High-level segment;

c) Increase our regional recognition by showcasing the region’s Climate related actions;

d) Facilitate the understanding of climate change policies and negotiations;

e) Promote collaboration between several organizations (UN organizations, IGOs, civil society, and private sector)

f) Engage youth leaders in climate action;

g) Secure worldwide media coverage through websites, social media, press releases, and live streaming that showcase the efforts taken by your country and the region to address climate change.

Additionally the Africa Climate Week 2020 will offer opportunities to participants to attend:

* High-level events for collaborative action,
* Workshops, side events, and exhibitions organized by both state and non-state actors,
* Engage in dedicated sessions on technical discussions targeting the region’s most relevant transformative areas,
* Engage with youth and civil society organizations and access opportunities to showcase their work.

**3.0 Who can participate?**

There are several ways organizations can get involved in and be part of the ACW.

Applications for the different opportunities during the Africa Climate Week in Kampala should be submitted at the Regional Climate Weeks Website here: [www.regionalclimateweeks.org](http://www.regionalclimateweeks.org)

Important to note is the registration for the ACW is FREE for all stakeholders and is now open at the link provided above.

**4.0 Conclusion**

To ensure the success of this important edition of the ACW, the support of all of stake holders is critical. So I call upon all Ugandans to participate in this event to give prominence to the happenings being held in our country.

I thank you

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