

Africa's Resilience and the G20 – Exploring Africa's G20 Agenda

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Location: Hybrid and In-Person (By invitation only, Capital Menlyn Main Hotel, Pretoria)

Agenda

Monday, 29 January 2024

Public Roundtable on Africa's Resilience and the G20 – exploring Africa's G20 Agenda

08:30-9:00	Registration
09:00-09:15	<p>Welcoming remarks Ms Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, Chief Executive, SAIIA, and Dr Chukwuka Onyekwena, Executive Director, CSEA</p> <p>Programme Director: Luanda Mpungose, Outreach and Partnership Manager, SAIIA</p>
09:15-10:00	<p>Opening Panel: Strengthening Africa's Resilience - Exploring Africa's G20 Agenda</p> <p>HE Commissioner Albert Muchanga, Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals, AUC</p> <p>HE Minister Enoch Godongwana, South African Minister of Finance (TBC)</p> <p>Dr Ibrahim Mayaki, AU Special Envoy for Food Systems and Head: SAIIA International Advisory Board</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, Chief Executive, SAIIA</p> <p><i>This session will reflect on how the AU's full admission to the G20 positions Africa to strengthen its voice and agency on the public goods and global governance agenda that require partnership and cooperation with other G20 members to help strengthen the continent's resilience.</i></p>
10:00–11:30	<p>Session 1: Assessing and Building Africa's Macro-Economic Resilience: What are the main drivers of resilience and vulnerability - Insights from the Field</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Chukwuka Onyekwena, Executive Director, CSEA</p> <p>Presentations by: Mr Conrad van Gass, Senior Research Fellow, SAIIA and Dr Eliphaz Ndou, SAIIA CoMPRA Research Fellow</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <p>Dr Max Alier, IMF Representative, South Africa Ms Samantha Springfield, Head of Department, International Economic Relations and Policy, South African Reserve Bank</p>

	<p><i>This session will examine the variety of shocks that African countries have experienced over the last 20 years, including the long-lasting impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. We will introduce a new index developed by SAIIA to assess the various drivers of resilience or vulnerability, including a deep-dive application of the model in South Africa.</i></p> <p><i>The two presentations will be complemented by a discussion of the key issues that G20 members are currently debating around maintaining macro-economic stability and building macro-economic resilience.</i></p>
11:30-11:45	Tea break
11:45-13:15	<p>Session 2: The Role of Socio-Economic Inclusion and Climate Change in Building Africa’s Resilience – New Indices to inform Policy Approaches</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Mavis Owusu-Gyamfi, Executive Vice President, ACET</p> <p>Presentation by Dr Joseph Matola, Senior Researcher, SAIIA</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <p>Mr Saurabh Sinha, Chief of Social Policy Section in Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division, UNECA</p> <p>Mr Neil Cole, Head of Financing, JET PMU, Presidency, South Africa</p> <p>Dr George Kararach, Lead Economist for the Southern Africa Region AfDB</p> <p><i>This session will launch three indices, exploring the drivers of socio-economic vulnerability through the prism of COVID-19, followed by two complementary indices exploring the drivers of climate resilience and climate vulnerability. The indices have a global reach based on data availability and offers useful insights for policymakers and other decision-makers on policy choices that are both climate-friendly and inclusive.</i></p> <p><i>The discussion will reflect on lessons learnt since 2020 on fostering more inclusive approaches to building resilience in Africa. Are there partnerships to be explored across the region and with external partners? What can we learn from the South African JETP? How can we better prepare our region for a very uncertain future?</i></p>
13:15-14:30	Networking lunch
14:30-16:00	<p>Session 3: Building Resilience - Unpacking key shocks impacting Africa from 2000 to 2022 – Learnings from 12 Country case studies</p> <p>Facilitator: Ms Neuma Grobbelaar, Research Director, SAIIA</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <p>Benin and Togo, Dr Ian Heffernan, CoMPRA Country Lead, ASE</p>

	<p>Senegal and Mali, Mr Djibril Diallo, Economist, IPAR</p> <p>Nigeria and Ghana, Dr Chukwuka Onyekwena, Executive Director, CSEA</p> <p>South Africa and Botswana, Mr Conrad Van Gass, Senior Research Fellow, SAIIA</p> <p>Tanzania and Kenya, Dr Oswald Mashindano, Senior Research Fellow, ESRF</p> <p>Uganda and Rwanda, Dr Susan Kavuma, Research Associate, ACODE</p> <p><i>This session will reflect on how resilient African societies have been to the variety of increasing shocks that we have experienced over the last twenty years. How inclusive and climate friendly have our policy responses been?</i></p>
16:00-16:30	<p>Closing remarks by Dr Chukwuka Onyekwena, Executive Director, CSEA and Ms Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, Chief Executive, SAIIA</p>