



“Powering Africa after Covid-19: Options for Energy”

Webinar Series – Concept

The African Energy Commission (AFREC) of the African Union, the South Centre, and the Clean Energy Innovation Partnership (CEIP) are pleased to collaborate in presenting this series of Zoom webinars on “Powering Africa after Covid-19: Options for Energy.”

The imperatives for sustainable development and enhanced energy access in Africa in the context of increasing impacts of climate change continue to be high on the African continent’s policy agenda, even as the continent continues to battle and, in some cases, recover from the Covid-19 pandemic. Its fast-growing population, wide diversity of economies and peoples, and environmental issues provide both risks and opportunities for growth and development in Africa.

Building on the first webinar series that took place in July 2020, this next series will focus on identifying the various energy and development options that are present for African policymakers, drawing on the policy and technical expertise of African and international experts and policymakers.

This next series of webinars will result in collecting comprehensive information and will generate ideas for further work on the strategies development and stakeholders’ engagement that are important and necessary for Africa’s successful energy transition that will meet the needs and priorities of all its citizens and propels its sustainable development.

- The first webinar **“Carbon Trading: Panacea or Placebo for Africa’s Energy and Climate Policies?”** will take place on **Thursday, 8 October 2020 @ 1400 GMT/1600 CET**. This discussion will investigate various perspectives about the potential use of carbon pricing and carbon trading mechanisms in Africa as part of its energy, climate and development policy mix. Experts from Africa and around the world will be invited to look into the challenges and opportunities that carbon pricing and carbon trading policies may have for Africa, drawing on previous experiences with respect to REDD+, the Kyoto Protocol’s Clean Development Mechanism, and other experiences, and on on-going policy discussions with respect to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. Invited speakers for this webinar will be from the African Development Bank, African climate change policy implementors and civil society, and European and Chinese experts in their respective carbon trading regimes.

For each webinar we will invite 4-5 speakers and moderators. Every speaker will have about 5 to 7 minutes for presenting short statement and slides followed by moderated discussion.

CEIP will provide hosting and marketing for the webinars, distribute invitations, etc. Each invitation will include information of session, speakers and moderators as well as Zoom registration links and YouTube channel address, unique for each session.

Webinars will be streamed in Zoom and in YouTube, recording will also be available. The audience, participating via Zoom, will be able to pose questions via moderators, participate in polls, Zoom chats, etc. Those watching YouTube will also be able to send questions via Email in real time.

Duration of each webinar is 120 minutes. The webinars will be held in English.



For more information about this webinar series, please contact:

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WEBINAR 1
“Carbon Trading: Panacea or Placebo for Africa’s Energy and Climate Policies?”

The panel of the first webinar will address the following set of questions:

- Is the carbon trading system sufficient to mobilize resources for Africa’s post-Covid energy transition?
- Africa accounts for only around 2% of international carbon trading. What are the structural barriers for a thriving carbon trading market in Africa and internationally, and how can these barriers be overcome?
- Carbon trading in Africa is largely focused on South Africa and North Africa. Given this imbalance, should more African countries engage in the carbon marketplace and, if so, how can they do so?
- Critics have argued that the price for carbon has been too low to have the desired outcomes. What would be the appropriate price range for one ton of CO2 in the African context so that polluters are incentivized to cut emissions and invest in cleaner technologies?
- Should Africa set up a region-wide regime to govern carbon trading market? If so, what are the institutional structures that are needed in Africa to govern the carbon trading market?

Panelists

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Panelists

Prof. DUAN Maosheng



Professor of Tsinghua University, Director of China Carbon Market Center (CCMC) and Member of the Chinese Climate Delegation

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