

Regional seminar: African parliaments for climate action: Reducing methane, promoting development

Regional workshop with African parliaments

Draft programme

15 May 2026: Understanding climate change, methane emissions and the African context

- 8:30 – 9:00 **Arrival at the venue and registration**
- 9:00 – 09:40 **Opening session**
This session will feature high-level welcome and opening remarks from the Parliament of Kenya, the IPU and partner organizations. It will be followed by a group photo.
- 09:40 – 10:10 **Coffee and tea break**
- 10:10 – 11:40 **Session 1: Setting the scene – Understanding climate change projections and impacts in Africa**
This session will provide an overview of climate change trends and impacts across Africa, and explore how climate action can support development, resilience and sustainable growth.
- 11:40 – 13:10 **Session 2: The methane challenge – Speeding up climate action in Africa**
This session will introduce the methane challenge in Africa, examine current commitments and actions, and provide space for parliamentarians to exchange national experiences and priorities.
- 13:10 – 14:15 **Lunch break**

14:15 – 15:45	Session 3: Agricultural systems and methane in Africa This session will explore methane emissions from agriculture, showcase practical solutions, and discuss how parliamentarians can support climate action while advancing food security and just transition goals.
15:45 – 16:00	Summary and closing
16:00	Coffee and tea
18:00	Gala Dinner

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9:00 – 9:15	Welcome and recap
9:15 – 10:45	Session 4: Waste systems and methane – An African perspective This session will examine methane emissions from waste, their links to health and development, and highlight opportunities for parliamentary action and regional exchange.
10:45 – 12:00	Session 5: Decentralized energy systems as a pathway for methane reduction and climate action This session will explore how decentralized energy solutions can support methane reduction, expand clean energy access and contribute to broader climate and development goals.
12:00 – 12:30	Closing Ceremony Presentation and adoption of the Communiqué / outcome document
12:30	Lunch and close of workshop
14:00	Delegate visit to Parliament of Kenya (tbc)

17 May 2026: Optional field visit for MPs organized by Climate Parliament

Participants will visit the Sleeping Warrior Special Economic Zone at Elementaita, a 1,517-acre green industrial park powered by geothermal, solar, and wind energy, which is already home to some of Africa's most advanced climate technologies including multiple carbon capture facilities, agro-processing, and clean manufacturing ventures. The visit will offer parliamentarians a practical example of how an enabling policy environment and special economic zones can attract diverse green investment, lower carbon footprints, and create employment - with lessons directly applicable to their own countries.