

## FINAL DRAFT AGENDA

Day 1: Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 – Salon II + III at The Dominican Hotel | Brussels, Belgium

09:00 – 09:30 **REGISTRATION**  
Arrival and registration of the participants

09:30 – 11:00 **WELCOME SESSION**  
> Opening remarks by Rashid Ali Abdallah (Executive director of AFREC) and Leen Govaerts (Director Water and Energy Transition of VITO).  
> Keynote speeches by official representatives from Malawi (Hon. Ibrahim Matola), Mozambique (Mr. I.J. Jeremias), and Uganda (Dr. Brian Isabirye).

Coffee break

11:30 – 13:30 **SESSION 1: NATIONAL ENERGY AND CLIMATE STRATEGIES**  
> Presentations by the NDC coordinators from Malawi, Mozambique, and Uganda on their national energy and climate strategies. Moderated by AFREC.

**SESSION 2: NDC SUPPORT CENTER KEY FINDINGS AND BEST PRACTICES**  
> Presentation of the NDC Support Center pilot project and its results by experts from AFREC and VITO. Moderated by VITO.

Lunch break

14:30 – 16:30 **SESSION 3: HIGH-LEVEL MINISTERIAL DIALOGUE ON ENERGY AND CLIMATE STRATEGY**  
> Keynote speech by the Secretary General, Flanders Chancellery and Foreign Office (Mrs. J. Bynens)  
> Interactive discussion with officials from Malawi (Hon. Ibrahim Matola), Mozambique (Mr. I.J. Jeremias), and Uganda (Dr. Brian Isabirye). Moderated by Rashid Ali Abdallah (Executive Director of AFREC).

Official reception at 6:00pm at The Dominican Lounge Bar (invitation only)

**Day 2: Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 – Salon II + III at The Dominican Hotel | Brussels, Belgium**

09:00 – 09:30 Welcome Coffee

**SESSION 4: AFREC X VITO JOINT ENERGY AND CLIMATE STRATEGY**

- > Official launch of the joint strategy developed by AFREC and VITO.
- 09:30 – 11:00 > Presentation of the NDC Support Center 3.0.
- > Donor's session in support of the joint AFREC x VITO Strategy. Moderated by VITO.

Coffee break

**SESSION 5: STAKEHOLDER FORUM – CURRENT PRACTICES AND CHALLENGES**

- > Keynote presentation on international climate support to NDC by David Oehmen from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- 11:30 – 13:00 > Interactive session with national representatives, international organizations, development agencies, policymakers, and researchers. Moderated by AFREC.

Lunch break

**SESSION 6: STAKEHOLDERS FORUM – FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES**

- > Keynote presentation on Capacity Building in Africa by Nolwazi Khumalo from IRENA.
- 14:00 – 15:30 > Interactive session with national representatives, international organizations, development agencies, policymakers, and researchers. Moderated by VITO.

Coffee break

**CLOSING SESSION**

- > Closing speeches by officials from Malawi (Hon. Ibrahim Matola), Mozambique (Mr. I.J. Jeremias), and Uganda (Dr. Brian Isabirye).
- 16:00 – 17:00 > Closing remarks by Rashid Ali Abdallah (Executive Director of AFREC) and Inge Neven (CEO of VITO).

Cocktail at The Dominican Lounge Bar

**CONTACTS & INFORMATION**

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